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# WD Says 650,000 ETO Discharges After VE-Day ly Drive Takes Pilsen

## May Wait Year Before Trip Home

By William R. Spear

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau
WASHINGTON, May 6—Only about
650,000 soldiers from the ETO are
ticketed for discharges with the end of
the war in Europe, the War Department
announced last night, and it will be as long as a year until they all get home and

The number of troops in the ETO never has been officially disclosed, but most unofficial estimates put the number at 4,000,000 and the War Department's statement hinted that the figure was about right. Viewed mathematically, this would mean that 65 out of 400 men would be discharged. discharged.

All the rest in the ETO will be needed in the Army—and officials still stick to a year and a half or two years as the minimum estimate of the time it will take to lick Japan, notwithstanding Iwo Jima, Okinawa and the B29s.

Many troops going to the Pacific will get no furloughs home in between. About one-third of the combat troops and "the larger proportion" of the service troops slated for the Pacific will go direct from the ETO; service troops will be needed in a hurry to build communications lines, bases, airfields and other facilities for armies coming later.

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But about two-thirds of the combat units going to the Pacific will be staged through the U.S. and these men will get farloughs home.

These cold facts of the Army's redeploy ment plans were made public officially for the first time last night in a War Department press release (complete release printed on page 2), although some of the details previously had been reported by unofficial sources. The plan had been outlined by members of the General Staff Friday at a closed session of the House Military Affairs Committee.

The Department said it had "desired to delay any public statement in this matter until several basic factors had been cleared with overseas commanders," but it was issuing the statement now because of incomplete accounts of testimony which had become public.

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The Department said that the Army's present strength was 8,300,000. It (Continued on back page)

## French Leaders Among Freed

Two French wartime Premiers, Edouard Daladier and Paul Reynaud, and Gens. Gustave Gamelin and Maxime Weygand, former French Commanders-in-Chief,

interaced from a German prison camp in the Alps, SHAEF announced yesterday. Lt. John G. Winant Jr., son of the U.S. Ambassador to Great Britain, Gen. Bor-Kormorowski, who led the Polish Warsaw uprising shortly before the city fell to the Russians, and a group of relatives of pro-minent Britons were

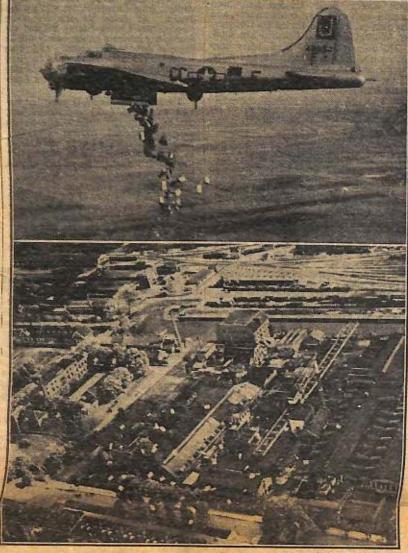
LT. WINANT

released by the Germans to the Allies. Meanwhile, an American correspondent with the British 2nd Army broadcast that the body of Field Marshal Fedor von Bock, German commander on the Eastern Front until about two years ago, had been found. The broadcast said he had been killed when a British fighter plane strafed a column of retreating Germans.

Newly-captured Germans are, said to include: Barons Hans von Machensen and Constantin von Neurath, former German Ambassadors to Italy and Great Britain, respectively; Hans Frank, former Governor-General of Poland under the Germans; and 63-year-old former Ger-man Crown Prince Wilhelm, son of the ex-Kaiser.

A SHAEF dispatch said Winant and the others of his group reached a 103rd Div., 7th Army, CP after an 85-mile drive in German motor vehicles under Swiss

diplomatic protection. Kurt von Schuschnigg, former Austrian Chancellor, and Leon Blum, pre-war Socialist Premier of France, were said to be among the prisoners removed from one camp a few hours before American troops arrived. However, reports of Schuschnigg conflicted



#### MANNA FROM HEAVEN FOR THE DUTC DUTCH:

Crews of the 8th Air Force, accustomed to high altitude bombing, skimmed in low over Dutch cities to drop hundreds of cases of ten-in-one rations to the beleaguered civilian population. These pictures show a 385th Bomb Group Fort dropping its "mercy cargo." On each of the first three days of May approximately 400 B17s sent 800 tons of food down toward areas carefully marked off by the Dutch and just as carefully pin-pointed by the airmen.

## Okinawa Attack Costs Japs 3,000 Killed, 168 Planes Lost

GUAM, May 6 (ANS)—Adm. Chester W. Nimitz yesterday announced the loss of five light American naval units, the killing of 3,000 Japanese and the destruction of 168 enemy planes following the first major counterassault of the Okinawa campaign last Friday, during which the Japs hurled amphibious forces, suicide boats and planes and pilot-guided rockets at the American fleet and ground forces off the land

since the Okinawa campaign began." Amphibious forces which attempted to land behind American lines were trapped and were being wiped out, while American troops resumed their southward advance.

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Loss of the five surface units to Jap aircraft, presumably operating from Kyushu airfields, brought the cost of U.S. units in the last month to 20, including five destroyers. Despite this comparatively heavy loss, naval officials in Washington expressed confidence that what Adm. Nimitz called "effective methods" of dealing with the problem of suicide planes would prove successful. Nearly 1,000 Jap aircraft were shot down last planes would prove successful. Nearly 1,000 Jap aircraft were shot down last

month during these actions, Superforts, meanwhile, made their first triple attack on Japan in one day, about one-third of a force of nearly 300 striking Kyushu airfields, 325 miles north of iwa, a larger force of from 150 to 200 blasting a naval aircraft plant on Honshu and a third group hitting airfields

on northern Kyushu.

Summing up personnel losses on Okinawa, Nimitz said 33,462 Jap troops had been killed and 462 taken prisoner—figures which were more than double the total U.S. Army, Navy and Marine casualties and 11 times as great as the number of Yanks actually killed.

### Shipyard Workers Quit To Find Post-War Jobs

PORTLAND, Ore., May 6 (ANS)-Shipyards here are faced with new man-power shortages following an exodus of more than 16,000 workers during the last three months for their former homes and jobs offering more post-war security.
Officials at Henry Kaiser's Swan Island yard said that they had been forced to merge swing and graveyard shifts with day crews.

# U.S. 10th Army doughboys, who broke up the coordinated attacks on land and sea, enjoyed the "best day of Jap killing" For More Help

By Jack Fleischer

GEN. BRADLEY'S HQ, May 6 (UP) -Allied Military Government in Germany is crying for more men.

Countless German villages and towns are without a single representative of Military Government or even an Allied soldier

AMG personnel in Germany are over-worked. British Maj. Douglas Macolive, commander of Military Government at Bielefeld, admits that nearly all his time is taken up, not with governmental matters, but with the thousands of dis-placed persons pouring into the city.

So acute is the shortage of AMG men that many German towns and villages are being administered by Allied fighting men who have had no Military Govern-ment training. One officer said: "I have not even a copy of the regulations I am supposed to enforce."

The fact is, Military Government has not enough men to do its job. Belatedly, steps are being taken to get more recruits. A Military Government training center has been set up east of the Rhine, which is giving an intensive two-week course to 302 officers, 23 warrant officers and 486 enfisted men.

Some men were chosen, others volunteered, from front-line forces. They are expected to know something about public safety, health and finance. Knowledge of German is considered helpful, but not

Military Government officers say that when hostilities cease there will be enough men free for occupation purposes, and that the experts can be set aside for Military Government. In the meantime, Military Government is just scraping through.

## Czechs in Revolt; int War's End

Gen. George S. Patton's 3rd Army was on the march along a 110-mile front yesterday into Czechoslovakia, as Czech patriots broadcast appeals for assistance in their week-end uprising against the Germans in Prague, capital of the only central Europe country where the enemy maintains some vestige of power. Pilsen, 50 miles from Prague, was captured. Soviet forces were closing in through Moravia for an all-out assault on Bohemia, where Prague stands.

With the Germans left to be conquered only in Czechoslovakia and Norway and in small areas of Germany, there was speculation that an official proclamation declaring all organized enemy resistance in Europe ended was now being drafted.

Resistance on the southern front had ceased Saturday when German Army Group G, including the 1st and 19th Armies, surrendered to Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, 6th Army Group commander. Gen. Eisenhower in a statement at SHAEF Saturday cited as an example of the enemy's disintegration and demoralization the fact that the German officer who negotiated the surrender with Devers could not accurately say how many troops were involved, but believed that between 200,000 and 400,000 men

### 4 Million PWs Pose Problem

WASHINGTON, May 6 (ANS)—Faced with the unprecedented problem of handling nearly 4,000,000 German prisoners of war until a government is set up in defeated Germany, Allied military authorities are wrestling with the choices of disarming and "turning them out to pasture" in a chaotic Germany or retaining, them in camps until order returns. returns.

No matter which alternative is picked, officials indicated that approximately 400,000 German troops would remain in the U.S. for an indefinite period.

Under the Geneva Convention, the Allies are required to conduct orderly demobilization of surrendering armies, feed, shelter and clothe them, and then negotiate with the defeated enemy government for their return to civilian

status.

The Russian government, a non signee of the Geneva Pact, has served notice that it intends to take the "sweat of German work battalions" as part of the reparations it will exact.

At San Francisco, French Finance Minister Rene Pleven said France wanted the services of 1,000,000 German and Italian workers as part reparation for the devastation wrought on his country by Axis armies. Survey of war damage showed that rehabilitation would require 20 billion work-hours—equivalent to 20 billion work-hours—equivalent to 2,000,000 men working four full years, Pleven said.

Although under the Geneva Convention

prisoners must be liberated within a specified time after hostilities end, Pleven said the French government believes it can recruit a large number of war prisoners who would consent to repair the damage at current French wages. He explained that France would offer pay-He ment in German marks.

were affected.

On the northern front Allied troops were expected to march soon into the ports of Rotterdam, Amsterdam and Utrecht, in Holland, and Emden, Wil-helmshaven, Bremerhaven and Cuxhaven, in northwest Germany, a dispatch from 21st Army Group HQ said. Terms for the surrender of the enemy forces in these areas and in Denmark had become effec-

tive Saturday morning. All Quiet in Copenhagen

Reports received at 21st Army Group HQ said all was quiet in Copenhagen, but that important problems were raised by the presence of numerous German civilians who had fled from the Reich into

Denmark. A number of important enemy political and military notables were believed to be at large in the country.

Capitulation of German troops in Norway, coupled with movement of enemy forces in the northern part of the country to surrender in Sweden, was concountry to surrender in Sweden, was considered imminent by informed observers in Stockholm. Such a surrender pact may be signed soon, it was said. The Germans were said to be seeking assurances that their forces in the north would not be forced to surrender to the Red Army. It was thought that Grand Adm. Karl Doenitz and the remnants of the Reich government might be in Norway. Reich government might be in Norway, but nothing definite was known of the whereabouts of the Nazi leaders.

Vidkun Quisling, Norwegian puppet Premier, in a broadcast over Oslo Radio, said his government was the only legal authority in the country and that it must be obeyed, warning the people against turning the country into a scene of civil

There was general jubilation through-out Denmark at news of the country's liberation from Nazi rule. At some points, however, bloodshed marred the festivities as German troops and Dutch SS clashed with the patriot Danes. Gestapo groups holding out in Copenhagen (Continued on back page)

And a Good Time Is Had by All

## Bradley Decorates Koniev

By Dan Regan Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

AT MARSHAL KONIEV'S HQ, May 5 (Delayed)—Gen. Omar N. Bradley today awarded the Legion of Merit, commander's degree, to Marshal Ivan S. Koniev as the two leaders met for a conference and lunch east of the Elbe River about 35 miles from Berlin.

This was the first meeting between Bradley, commander of the 12th U.S. Army Group, and Koniev, commander



BRADLEY

of the 1st Ukrainian Army Group. Brad-ley and his staff were met at Torgau bridge by Gen. Petrov, Chief of Staff to Koniev, and escorted to Koniev's CP.

KONIEV

As the American party drove along the road, Russian troops and guns were moving mostly in horse-drawn vehicles or afoot. The most striking thing of the entire trip through Russian territory was the complete absence of German civilians. In American-held German territory, German civilians walk about freely and children play.

As the two military leaders met, Bradley presented the 12th Army Group flag to Koniev and received in return the 1st Koniev and received in return the 1st Ukrainian Army Group flag. Bradley presented a brand new jeep to the marshal as a gift from the soldiers of all four armies under his command. He received a gift of a riding horse from the Russians. The luncheon offered the Americans was sumptuous. Banquet tables literally groaned under the load of food and drink.

—there were huge flagons of vodka and several bottles of wine at every place. Caviar, red from Siberia and black from the Caspian, sturgeon, smoked salmon, and a myriad of other appetizers opened the meal. Then followed roast beef, cold fried fowl, and other cold meats and salads. Hot creamed chicken, steak, rabbit with vegetables came next. Ice cream for dessert, capped with champagne

and Russian cigarettes.

The meal was followed by Russian entertainment presented by the Red Army equivalent to American USO shows. It included a half choir, dancing girls and men, a pantomime and an orchestra. Brad-ley and Koniev sat in the front row and appeared to enjoy the show immensely.

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### Congress To Germany

Apr. 30, 1945

To the B-Bag:

There was a time when a goodly number of Army men here assumed a cynical attitude about "atrocity" stories, dismissing them as "Russlan propa-ganda." Now that we've overrun Germany these same men know those stories

were plain, unvarnished truth.

The proof of the crimes of the German people must be brought home to the peace-makers. Only a well-conducted tour through Germany and its once-occupied territories is capable of making any impression. Some Congressmen, I know, have made the trip. But that's not enough. Every legislator concerned with the peace should be made to tour. with the peace should be made to tour Germany-now.-Lt. E. E. O., MAC.

### Power-Mad People

Apr. 28, 1945

To the B-Bag: Despite what Dorothy Thompson said in B-Bag, we can't hand over the German people its own government. Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness can't be given them—not for a long time. Life, which the Germans hold so cheap Liberty, which they never respected. And the Pursuit of Happiness, which makes no sense to a power-mad people.—S/Sgt. H. S., AAF.

#### GI Bill and Older Men

Apr. 28, 1945

To the B-Bag: The GI Bill of Rights may be a good deal for young men who have no taxes worry about and can take advantage its educational possibilities. What about us older men of 30 or over, with families, who can't benefit? For instance, I look forward to a large

tax bill and my bank account is now nil And how far can mustering out pay go? Our family responsibilities will force our noses to the grindstone immediately upon repatriation and the aforementioned Bill will mean nothing to us .- Pvt. G. H.,

### Retaliation

Apr. 27, 1945

To the B-Bag: Now that the irrefutable evidence of Nazi crimes has been made public, the cry is for retaliation. Of course, retaliation; but punishment must be meted out to those primarily guilty. Everyone will agree that top ranking Nazi officials should be made to pay. But what about the element that is rarely mentioned—the men in high places, economically and socially, who financed Hitler's rise to power. The smug, genteel people like Von Papen.—T | Sgt., D. E. K., ADG.

### WAC Recruiting

Apr. 29, 1945 To the B-Bag:

About those circulars urging wives and mothers to join the WAC which the government is sending along with allotment checks, I think that's going too far. The government is putting out enough posters and other recruiting propaganda for women to have to go to such extremes. -An ex-combat GI.

### First In, First Out

May 4, 1945

To the B-Bag: In Stars and Stripes we notice that Sen. Johnson advocates discharge on a "first in, first out" basis. This would meet top approval with us, providing it was altered to where overseas time counted double.— Sgt. Hansel S. Love, 46th DRS.

### Bonus

Apr. 28, 1945

To the B-Bag:
In regard to the educational clause of the GI Bill of Rights. What of the men too old to go to school and those who. having wives and children, want to start on civilian jobs immediately upon discharge? Let's fight for a bonus now and not have another deal like there was after the last war.—M/Sgt. G. Cunningham and 100 others, 364th Fighter Group.

Apr. 28, 1945

To the B-Bag:
The fascist thugs back home are already trying to recruit suckers for their subversive purposes by advocating king-size bonuses. They're already spreading disaffection at home by a false show of sympathy with returning GIs. We have fought fascist gangsterism abroad. Can we recognize the home-grown variety? Even when he seems to be a regular guy, has his own stock of war anecdotes (second hand) and really is hot for the \$7,800 bonus?—Lt. R. B. G., CWS.

## Hash Marks

Somebody asked Bob Hope what went Somebody asked both through his mind when he got his first through his mind when he got his first twiew of Dorothy Lamour in a sarong, "I never gave it a second thought," Bob cracked. "I was too busy with the first

Pvt. John Ellison hopes that the elevator boy at Berchtesgaden understands English. When Ellison sez, "Top Floor, please," one of these days he wants

"What's your job, sailor?"

"Navy locksmith, sir. "Then what were you doing in the



galley when the captain raided the dice

"Making a bolt for the door, sir."

It looked strange to see the WAC getting off a No. 11 bus backwards, until she explained. Somebody told her, she said, that they were going to grab her seat when she got off. Incidentally, her face was her fortune, but you could see that she had something to fall back on,

This one, which comes from J. C. Gilbreath, is a new low in something. J. C. ran into a chaplain's assistant who was busted for inefficiency.

D. T. Moffat says you shouldn't hit your gal with a shovel. You're liable to make a bad impression.

Gracie Allen says that on going through George's wardrobe to pull out something for the National Clothing Collection she came across the old blue serge suit he bought in the Hoover era.

"It would have been eaten long ago,"
Gracie said, "but it was so shiny the moths couldn't get a foothold."

Next time the Jap cabinet quits it will be reformed in a revolving door.

Overheard in a Stockwell bistro: A horse is an animal that was once tied to a stake and is now made into one.

From Ed Moore: The first lie detector was made out of the rib of a man. No improvement has been made on the

From our spy in the Pacific: Two U.S. Indians were sweating out an air raid in an Okinawa foxhole. "The way I figure



it," said one redskin, "when they smoked the pipe of peace in 1918, nobody in-

Jean Brody says that a modest girl never pursues a man. Mouse traps don't chase mice, either.



"Gee, I wish I had a library card-some swell books here!"

As the end of the war in Europe approaches, public interest is turning to the problems involved in defeating Japan and the size of the Army required to accomplish this job. Yesterday members of the War Department General Staff appeared before the House Military Affairs Committee to discuss our plans in executive session fully and frankly.

Information presented has appeared in the press in partial and garbled form. Therefore, as it is of most intense interest to every soldier, and to our citizens gener-ally, the following is released.

The War Department did not intend to delay any public statement in this matter until several basic factors had been cleared with overseas commanders and the plan presented to the entire Congress by Admiral King and General Marshall.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff, after con-sultation with Gen. MacArthur and Adm. Nimitz, have made a preliminary estimate of the troops and equipment needed to crush Japan in the shortest possible time and with the smallest cost in American lives. Similar calculations were made for forces provided Gen. Eisenhower.

#### Past Estimates Quite Accurate

Their estimate of needs in Europe and Africa was quite accurate, the last divi-sion to arrive in Europe having gone into action in April.

Our Army is now 8,300,000 strong. Under an approved plan we are now engaged in working toward an Army strength of 6,968,000 a year from now that will give us all the strength we believe we can deploy effectively against

believe we can deploy effectively against Japan and will also enable us to meet our occupation responsibilities in Europe and to maintain necessary training and supply force in the U.S.

Although we were able to hold to the plan we made for the war against Germany, the development in the war is a matter which cannot be mathematically predicted with accuracy.

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Our best judgment is that we can defeat Japan quickly and completely with an Army which a year from now will be 6,968,000. This figure is given to the American people with the assurance that they shall be told later on of any changes the process of the war makes. changes the progress of the war makes possible or necessary.

The Japanese have a military force of more than 4,000,000 men and many millions more men that can be utilized for service forces or for combat if need be. The numbers we can deploy in the Pacific with limitation of shipping and base facilities would not appear on the face of it sufficient to insure that preponderance which brings victory swiftly and with low

But the Japanese forces are divided Some are in the home islands, some in China, some in Manchuria. They have remnants of garrisons in many parts of the Pacific and the East Indies. Our control of air and sea makes it possible for us to keep these forces apart and choose the time and place of our attacks. We have the opportunity to strike with over-whelming power as soon as we get our bases established and our armies deployed.

### Aim to Give Help Rapidly

It is our aim, together with our Allies, to give the men under Gen. MacArthur and Adm. Nimitz all the help we can give them just as rapidly as we can move it into the Pacific.

We can meet only a part of the needs of this Pacific war from men still in this country. Many of the troops now in Europe must also go to the Pacific to take their place beside those who have driven the Japanese back from the threshold of Australia to the inner zone of their own defenses.

Every physically fit soldier in the U.S. who has not yet served overseas will be assigned to foreign duty when he com-pletes his training or if he is performing an essential administrative or service function as soon as he can be replaced by a returning veteran. The War Depart-

War Department press release on redeployment:

As the end of the ment has been making a systematic and successful effort since the start of the war for get all qualified men overseas. There to get all qualified men overseas. have for several months been no combat divisions left in this country and few smaller tactical units of any character. Moving our forces from Europe to the Pacific involves the greatest transporta-tion problem that has ever been undertaken in war.

### Speed Essential Matter

Distances are tremendous. From-Europe to Manila by way of Panama is 14,000 miles. From San Francisco to Manila is 6,771 miles and speed is essential for it is vitally important we do not give the enemy time either to rest or reorganize his defenses.

Consequently many troops will go Consequently many troops will go straight from Europe to the war against Japan. As many as can be taken through the United States without reducing our pressure on the enemy will be brought through this country and given furloughs enroute. Some must be given retraining after their furloughs for fighting the Japanese is different from fighting the Japanese is different from fight-ing the Germans.

The need is particularly great for service troops to build communications, harbors, bases and airfields essential to sharply expanded combat operation.

Many of the service troops will have to
go direct to the Pacific to prepare the
way for full application of our ground
and air strength.

More than half of the men to go to the Pacific will go by way of the U.S. The proportion will be substantially lower than this among service units attached to air and ground operations and higher among combat units. The great bulk of combat units will be staged through the

Still others of the troops now in Europe will have to remain there for occupation duty to make certain that the menace of Nazi aggression is permanently eradicated and that seeds of a new war do not take root even before this one is ended. number assigned to this duty and the length of time they will be needed will depend on the situation in Europe and the nature of our international commit-ments. For a considerable period of time the actual number of soldiers in Europe will exceed requirements, due to limitations in shipping.

#### Army Fully Shares Desire

We are mindful of the desire in the heart of every soldier and every citizen to have as many of our soldiers as can be spared without diminishing the force our blows against Japan return to civilian life as soon as possible. The War Department fully shares this desire. The Department strongly urged Congress to provide in the War Mobilization and Reconversion Act of 1944 that no one should be retained in the Armed Forces after he was no longer needed for the prosecution of the war. This requirement is now the law of the land and the War Department will live up to it in every

The reduction in size of the Army from 8,200,000 to 6,968,000 represents a drop of a little over 1,300,000 in total strength and this will not be sufficient to permit the early discharge of all of the finen we consider should be returned to civil life as a result of their extended overseas and combat service.

Consequently, it is planned to hold Selective Service calls after V-E Day at a level above that necessary to replace men lost through battle and normal attrition and thus make it possible to release more men with a record of long and arduous service. This procedure of releasing a maximum number of veterans and their return to civil life will permit the call into service of those men who have heretofore been deferred for one reason or another.

### Some Releases to Continue

We will at the same time continue the We will at the same time continue the release of men because of sickness, wounds, age and such other factors which prevent their effective use in service. During the last 12 months, discharges from all these causes totaled about 450,000 and it is expected that discharges of this kind, in addition to those made of men with extended overseas service, will result in extended overseas service, will result in release from the Army during the next year of about 2,000,000 men.

With the exception of men to be re-leased for specific disabilities, those who will leave the Army in the next year will be selected from all parts of the world— the Pacific as well as Europe—on the basis of impartial standards recommended by enlisted men themselves.

### AFN Radio Program

American Forces Network-With the AEP on the Road to Berlin

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1300-World News
1310-American Sports
1315-Music from Movies
1400-Village Store
1430-Let's Go to Town
1500-World News
1510-Melody Roundup
1530-On the Record
1630-Strike up the Band
1700-Jack Carson
1730-Great Moments in
Music
1755-Mark up the Map
1800-World News
1810-GI Supper Club

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2115-Top Ten
2145-Johnny Mercer
2200-U.S.A. H'me N'ws
2255-Fred Waring
2300-World News
1005-Sign oil.

### Tuesday, May 8

0755-Program Resume 0800-Combat Diary 0815-Personal Album 0830-Modern Music 0900-World News 0910-Spotlight Bands

0925-Music America Loves Best 1000-Canadian Band 1030-Strike up Band 1100-USA Home News 1106-Duffle Bag

Beating Japan Comes First, Then Demobilization The whole aim of the system that has been developed is to insure that those men who have been overseas longest and have who have been overseas longest and have fought hardest and those who have children get first consideration in demobilization. That is the way our soldiers believe in should be and that is the way it will be subject only to the continuing page. be, subject only to the continuing necessity of keeping in service until adequate replacements can be found, those men needed to defeat Japan.

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A preliminary survey made by the War
Department on the basis of one-sixth
demobilization of the Army indicates that
all but two per cent of the men to be
released will be men who have served
overseas and that these two per cent
will be fathers who have been in the will be fathers who have been in the Army a long time.
About half of the 1,300,000 who will

About half of the 1,300,000 who will be eligible for release from the Army due to long and arduous service are now in Europe and about one-third are in the Pacific. Most of the others are now in this country, having been returned under rotation after serving full tours of duty overses.

overseas.

How soon the men to be demobilized can be brought home will depend on the availability of shipping and air transport after the requirements of war against Japan are met. Transportation of those eligible for discharge must be considered in connection with the whole transportation problem. In the last war it took a year to bring back the 2,000,000 in the AEF, with no problem to meet in the Pacific save for a small force in Siberia. Today we have the problem of moving out of Europe almost double that force, a large number of whom must be transa large number of whom must be trans-ported over 14,000 miles of ocean to the far reaches of the Pacific.

### Cargo Ship Need Trebled

We must transport to the Pacific vast tors of equipment and supplies both from the Continental U.S. and from Europe, so that our forthcoming operations may be carried out in accordance with our standard practice of using semmenting air power and material to ammunition, air power and material to the utmost to save lives. The soldiers who fight Japan will have all of the superiority in firepower and equipment that we can provide, but it will impose a heavy strain on shipping to give it to them. The supply lines to the Orient are so long that it takes three cargo ships to do the work one was able to do in supplying troops in Europe.

We have about 70 combat divisions in Europe at the present time, exclusive of hundreds of thousands of combat troops assigned to Corps and Armies and a huge force of supply and service troops. It takes 15 Liberty ships to move the equipment of a single armored division. That gives you some idea of the transportation

problem we are up against.

First priority must be given to troops and equipment going to the Pacific if we are to win that war in the shortest time and with the smallest cost in casualties. Otherwise, we must slow down the pace of our offensive and run the risk that the enemy will have an opportunity to reorganize for renewed resistance. We will not ask any American soldier to lay down his life in order that another American soldier may return home a few

days sooner.

However, it is not the intention of the War Department to push demobilization to one side during the many months it will take to transfer our main strength from Europe to the Pacific. Demobilization will proceed at the same time as re-deployment, although it will be neces-

#### sarily secondary in terms of urgency. Will Do Everything Possible

We will do everything that can be done

We will do everything that can be done consistent with the effective prosecution of the Japanese war to see that men eligible for discharge do get back home in the shortest possible time.

Every ship that can be pressed into service from any quarter will be used. Arrangements have already been completed for returning soldiers with long European service in converted cargo and grain ships. It is estimated that nearly half a million men can be brought home in such ships by the end of the year. half a million men can be brought home in such ships by the end of the year. Regular passenger ships and troop transports, including the famed British Queen Elizabeth, Queen Mary, and Aquitania, will also be operating on a gigantic shuttle system.

There will be 800 transport planes assigned to this task. Pifty thousand men a month will be brought back to this country by air. To the maximum possible extent, these planes will bring men from combat troops in the very heart of Germany—men with the longest periods of combat service and the most remote from ports. This process will begin promptly after Germany is defeated.

It is our expectation that by ship and by plane we shall be able to bring home from Europe all men to be discharged in about a year's time.

Equal attention is being given to the problem of bringing veteran troops back from the Pacific at the same time the mass movement of additional forces into that theater is under way. The War Department is now shipping to the Pacific every replacement for whom shipping space can be found. By this means a surplus of replacements is being built up so that men of long service can be sent home. Naval ships are being used wherever possible to assist in the return of men from this theater. Unfortunately, while fighting goes on, the rate of return of men from the Japanese war will be governed by the extent to which we can bring in troops above actual battle replacement needs. No man can be released until another man is available to take his place.

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1—We believe that a program which gives us an Army of 6,968,000 12 months (Continued on page 4)



LOOKING IN: It's midnight on Times Square, New York, and the wounded veteran and his lady friend gaze longingly into a restaurant where laughing civilians dine and drink. An Army order bans servicemen from night spots after midnight—even in New York, where the enter-tainment curfew has been extended to 1 AM.

Around the 48 Yesterday

## **Home Front Waits Eagerly** To Throw Its VE-Day Party

NEW YORK, May 6-As surrender followed surrender on European battlefronts, Americans this week end waited expectantly for VE-Day, which they sensed could not be far away.

In the wake of the past week's developments, VE-Day, when it comes, is bound to be anti-climactic for most of the home front. But it nevertheless

will touch off celebrations of one sort or another all over the land.

VE-Day also will bring the end of the brownout in the U.S., War Production

Chief J. A. Krug announced yesterday. This will mean that neon signs of Joe's Bar

and Grill will gleam once more and theater marquees will shine again and Broadway again will be the Great White Way.

Meanwhile, radio stations were set to go on the air with special programs the instant VE-Day is proclaimed. NBC has at least seven hours of celebration programs ready, one of which will be a grand victory concert by the NBC Symphony Orchestra led by Arturo Toscanini.

Thanksgiving will be the theme of Mutual's radio programs, which will feature addresses by religious leaders. CBS programs will dramatize the triumphs of Allied forces against the Axis.

tion program. . Officials here reported that during the last two years \$70,000,000 has been paid doctors and hospitals for 750,000 servicemen's babies.

Bad Boys

ALBANY, May 6 (ANS)—A special grand jury investigating the State Legisla-ture reported that some members, in

turning in expensive accounts, charged for such luxury items as perfumes, flowers and theater tickets. What's more, they

Transport Command will assume

jurisdiction over Fort Dix on June 1 as

THE WORKS: Chief Jimmy Squire Hill of the Iroquois Indians of New York shows off a peace treaty signed in 1795 by his tribe and the British. Hill now is in San Francisco trying to get the United Nations would accurity confer-

United Nations world security confer-ence to restore some of the privileges which he claims his tribe has lost in

Canada.

was announced today.

# New Life for GI Bill CAPITAL RAMBLINGS: Capt. James K. Vardaman, former Missouri banker, has been named new Naval aide to President Truman. He will succeed Vice Adm. Wilson Brown, the late President Roosevelt's last Naval aide. . . OWI announced that the American Broadcasting Station in Europe would be suspended 90 days after VE-Day. Complying with President Truman's request, the House Appropriations Committee voted to cut \$4,000,000,000 from the Maritime Commission's construction program. . Officials here reported

WASHINGTON, May 6—The House Veterans Committee expect to start hearings this week on a series of bills to improve the GI Bill of Rights. The Congressmen contend the bill is too complex and deem't go far enough in states. aiding servicemen.

The proposals include: 1—\$20 weekly

for a year after discharge for all veterans who have served 90 days; 2veterans who have served 90 days; 2—Medical and related care to any honorably discharged vet who needs it, regardless of whether his disability is connected with the service; 3—Manpower and supply priorities for the Veterans' Administration; and 4—Liberalized provisions of laws on veterans' educations, training and insurance,

### Tough on the Old Man

BRADFORD, Pa., May 6 (ANS)— Elmer Blake, a World War I vet, will have to keep the home fires burning by himself. His wife left yesterday for WAC training at Fort Des Moines. Two sons and a daughter also are in service,

Close In on Black Market NEW YORK, May 6 (ANS)-City and War Food Administration meat inspec-

tors blocked 32 entrances to the city yesterday in a search for black-market meat. Six trucks containing some carcasses without required government inspection stamps were seized.

### Snow in Tennessee

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., May 6 (ANS)
-Knoxville had its first May snowstorm in 22 years yesterday. A three-inch fall

### Legion Wants Reporters

KANSAS CITY, May 6 (AP)-The William T. Fitzsimmons American Legion post of which President Truman is a charter member adopted a resolution yesterday proposing that war correspondents be made eligible for Legion membership.

### Judge Forgives Vet

SANDUSKY, Ohio, May 6 (ANS)— Frank Consolo, a discharged World War If vet, escaped a prison sentence yester-day on a grand larceny charge when Judge E. H. Savord ruled that Consolo had paid "his debt to society." Consolo had served as a litter bearer in the Pacific.

### To Export Penicillin

WASHINGTON, May 6 (Reuter)— Penicillin now is available for export commercially from the U.S. to all areas, the Foreign Economic Administration announced today. The FEA will determine how much each country will get.

CI Wins Honor Medal

BALTIMORE, May 6 (ANS)—Pvt.
Paul J. Wiedorfer, who wiped out two
German machine-gun nests last Christmas
Day, has been awarded the Congressional

### Reconversion Given Small Start By WPB WASHINGTON, May 6 (ANS)-To

allow industry to swing into peace-time goods production without bottlenecks cropping up to impede reconversion by causing long shutdowns and idleness, the War Production Board yesterday announced that it had approved well over \$103,000,000 worth of machine tools production and plant expansion for 72 major industries.

industries.

The WPB also announced that it had appointed "reconversion administrators" for each of the industries, but they were not named. Presumably their role would be the same as that of Henry P. Nelson, recently named coordinator of reconversion for Detroit's automobile industry.

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The allotment of machine tools is intended to prepare industries only for a "break even" rate of civilian manufacturing. This is the minimum amount deemed necessary for companies to meet operating expenses.

The automobile industry will be allowed the lion's share of spending—\$85,000,000 because of its economic dominance and its potentialities of layoffs and hardships if retooling is delayed.

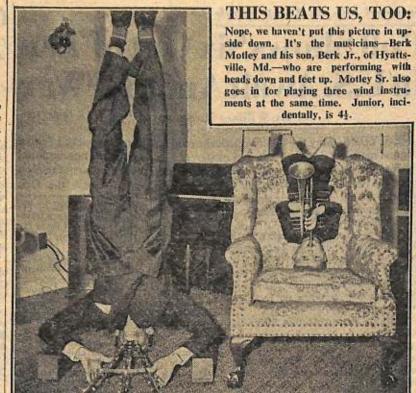
Heavy emphasis on automobiles does not represent discrimination against other industries, the WPB said, asserting that their allotments would cover their smaller needs with equal adequacy.

### Phone Workers' Pay Boosted

WASHINGTON, May 6 (ANS)—The War Labor Board announced yesterday that it had unanimously approved two wage agreements affecting 17,000 employes of the New York Telephone Co. and the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. The agreements were negotiated in conferences among union, company and WLB representatives after the workers had rejected the Board's original award of a \$3 weekly pay increase. The new agreements retain the \$3 boost and also provide other benefits for telephone workers. for telephone workers.

### Job Service Ready for Vets

WASHINGTON, May 6 (ANS)—The U.S. Employment Service will open 696 new local offices throughout the U.S. to help veterans and others find peace-time jobs, War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt announced yesterday. McNutt also said that 800,000 veterans were placed in non-farm jobs in 1944.



What to Do With 2 Husbands-

### War 'Widow' Wonders

LONG BEACH, Cal., May 6 (ANS) -The wife of a B24 pilot, reported killed in action six months ago, today found herself with two husbands following the disclosure that the flier, Harold Goad, of Portsmouth, Ohio, had been found alive in a Rangoon hospital.

Goad's wife, Helen, is now married to Ensign Robert A. MacDowell, stationed at Pearl Harbor—a marriage in keeping with Goad's wishes. He had said he wanted her to marry again if he should die in action, because he wanted her to have security.

According to letters from Goad's squadron, his crew was forced to parachute out while bombing an enemy convoy 60 miles north of Rangoon in October, 1943. None of the members ever was heard from again until Goad was found in the hospital.

Mrs. Goad said that she did not marry MacDowell until she was con-

vinced Goad was dead. She even visited some members of Goad's squadron who were in the U.S. on leave to obtain further information. It was on one such trip—to Miami—that she met MacDowell.

Shortly before her second marriage, she was presented the Air Medal and the DFC, posthumously awarded Goad.

Meanwhile, Judge Martin DeVries said that under California law she was

not subject to prosecution for bigamy since she entered the second marriage innocently. However, it was not legal and must be annulled. Should she wish to legalize it she would have to divorce the first husband and remarry.

### Home on Furlough, Marine Learns He's Dead

VICKSBURG, Miss., May 6 (ANS),
—Marine Pvt. William D. Dennis,
home on furlough after three years in
the Pacific, learned officially today from
Gen. A. A. Vandergrift, Marine Corps
Commander, that he was dead—killed
in the battle of Iwo Jima.

Opening a telegram addressed to his mother, Dennis read the announcement which added that he had been buried on Iwo and even gave his grave number.

Dennis, incidentally, never served on Iwo. His last assignment was in the Philippines.

## WASHINGTON, May 6 (AP)—Sen. dwin C. Johnson (D.-Col.) already has happy chord with hundreds of servicemen now in the U.S., along with wives and parents of servicemen overseas.

Edwin C. Johnson (D.-Col.) already has hit a jackpot of enthusiastic mail with his first in, first out (FIFO) plan for discharging veterans, but he has still to hear from overseas, the Senator revealed today. Johnson said his resolution, which he

## Draft Freeze Easing Looms

WASHINGTON, May 6 (AP)-With a full surge of munitions cutbacks expected after VE-Day several high officials predicted today that current draft regulations freezing industrially-deferred men to war jobs would be thawed somewhat to allow them to turn to civilian goods production.

At present men between 18 and 37 in war plants may change jobs only with permission of their draft boards. Gener-ATC Runs Ft. Dix

ally, the permission is withheld unless the transfer would result in a greater contribution to the war effort.

Layoffs because of war production cutbacks would not mean that released workers would be free to accept new jobs. They must still go into an occupation on the Government's list of essential activities.

### Another Aircraft-Carrier Launched at Brooklyn

NEW YORK, May 6 (AP)—The 27,000-ton aircraft-carrier Kearsarge was launched at the Brooklyn Navy Yard yesterday less than a week after the super-carrier Franklin D. Roosevelt slid into the waters at the same spot. The vessel was built in 14 months at a cost of

### Kid With Toy Gun Helps Nab Escaped Nazi PW

COLUMBUS, Ind., May 6 (ANS)— Jackie McKay, 8, son of the town's police chief, drew a toy pistol and ordered an imaginary adversary to "come out of there" while playing near an abandoned shack near here today.

A man leaped from the building's second storey and fled to the nearby

Jackie went into the house and found several letters in a room which were addressed to Franz Wilming, a German prisoner of war who had escaped from Camp Atterbury several days before. Jackie told his mother and she told his father.

An alarm was sounded, and a moments later the PW was nabbed.

Says FIFO Wins GI Okay

According to Johnson, one soldier

According to Johnson, one soldier wrote: "Certainly hope the powers that be will see it your way. But if I know my Army, they'll turn it down because it would be too simple and easy to handle."

Another writer said that the Army's announced system of discharging soldiers on a point basis "reminds me of the old saying: There's only one way to do things in the Army—the hard way."

Johnson reported there were some dissenters to his plan. A combat infantryman's wife declared the system would let out the "able-bodied desk lizards" quicker than some of the recovered wounded fighters.

Another woman wrote: "You say that

Another woman wrote: "You say that the Army plan contains elements of unfairness. Your plan at least is consistent—it is entirely unfair."

### War Department Cuts **Aviation Cadet Program**

WASHINGTON, May 6 (AP)—The War Department announced yesterday that USAAF's cadet training program was being reduced drastically in view of the European war situation. Affected are pre-aviation cadets, pre-air trainees and members of the Air Corps Enlisted Reserve who are on an inactive status as civilians until they become 18. The Army said that cadets and students

now in training would be sufficient to meet future needs for pilots, bombardiers

## Democrat Groups Start Move For Iruman Ke-Election in

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau fruman, up to his neck in the political and military details of winding up the war in Europe, keeping in touch with the San Francisco Conference and attending to the numerous home front problems thrust upon him with the Presidency, has given much thought to the possibility of running for a second term in 1948, it would be surprising.

But politics takes no holiday in the U.S., come war or peace, and if Mr. Truman himself has done no thinking about a second term there are plenty of people who have.

A few days ago a delegation of Pennsylvania Democrats called at the White House to assure the President of their support if he runs in 1948. Earlier a group of Missouri Democrats had called on a similar errand. Neither group got any word out of Mr. Truman himself.

on a similar errand. Neither group got any word out of Mr. Truman himself. Now Washington columnists and others profess to see a bid for the 1948 nomination in the Chief Executive's appointment of Robert Hannegan, Democratic National Chairman, as Postmaster General to succeed Frank C. Walker. The dynamic 42-year-old Hannegan has long been a close friend of Mr. Truman. It was Hannegan who engineered his nomination for Vice-President, as well as managing the Roosevelt-Truman campaign. Both the President and Hannegan are sticklers for party regularity.

Hannegan's principal work since assuming the National chairmanship has been trying to restore Democratic unity. He has had considerable success so far in uniting the so-called "New Deal" and to be felt among Federal jobholders.

regular" wings of the Democratic Party NEW YORK, May 6-If President His elevation to Cabinet status is comparable to the position held by James A. Farley, who can be expected to assist him But it is questionable how much

patronage Hannegan is going to have at



Robert Hannegan

his disposal. Mr. Truman has embarked on an unheralded economy drive which led off with a \$7,500,000,000 slash in appro-priations, and the effects of this and any further V-E Day retrenchments are bound

## Poll Shows Six Out of Ten College Prof Threw Book In U.S. Await Another War At Nazi Army

By William R. Spear

NEW YORK, May 6-While Americans read and heard last week of some progress made by the San Francisco conference to establish an international organization for peace, a poll by Denver University's National Opinion Research Center showed that six out of ten Americans believe the U.S.

will have to fight another war within 50 years and more than half of these expect it within 25 years,

Americans learned last week that the Nazis surrendered in Italy and Austria and that they surrendered in Holland, northern Germany and Denmark. And there were no celebrations and people asked each other: When do you think we'll have V-E Day?

Americans were told that Hitler was dead. And the general reaction was typified by the comment of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, writing in her newspaper column: "Until I actually see a photograph of Hitler dead I shall feel rather skeptical."

The former First Lady explained her The former First Lady explained her suspicions thus: "The borror of Mussolini's death would, I think, make any German officials do everything possible to escape a like fate. It has often been said that Hitler had a double. Unless one really saw his body and it was identified by people who knew him but who were not his close associates. I think one were not his close associates, I think one would be justified in wondering if he had not killed his substitute and tried himself to escape. It may be that escape is impossible, but one cannot help feeling that these men made their plans long in advance. That they will make every effort to escape seems to be a foregone conclusion."

It was a week of so many sensations that one excited radio announcer inter-rupted a flash for a flash. He broke into a musical program to tell of a report by a captured Nazi officer that Doenitz had instructed the armed forces not to fight Anglo-Americans and halfway through that he interrupted himself to flash the fali of Berlin.

Among the business President
Truman attended to during the week was
displacing Maurice M. Milligan, U.S.
Attorney for western Missouri, who
prosecuted the late Thomas J. Pendergast, Kansas City Democratic boss. As
Milligan's succesor, Mr. Truman
appointed Sam Wear, Missouri Democratic Chairman and Springfield
attorney, who never was associated with
the Pendergast machine. The President
had opposed reappointment of Milligan
when he was a Senator and Vice President. Milligan's term expired in September but he had continued in his post.

months ago, the survey showed 70 per cent approving compulsory military train-ing. The survey just completed finds the idea still favored by 70 per cent.

Shocking Signal Corps films of Nazi prison camps at Buchenwald, Ohrdruf, Hadamar and Nordhausen were released in major newsreels this week and shown Hadamar and Nordhausen were released in major newsreels this week and shown in all their horror to movie audiences all over the country. In New York, all first-run houses exhibited the films except big Radio City Music Hall, whose manager explained he considered them unfit for audiences of women and children. As the grisly record of Nazi brutality and inhumanity unfolded there were audible exclamations of horror and shock from audiences in the darkened theaters and it seemed unlikely that any of the millions who saw the films here could afterwards advocate a soft peace for the Nazis. A special showing was held in Washington for Congressmen and government officials.

Reports of U.S. editors who visited prison camps at Eisenhower's invitation were also widely published. Typical of these was a story by Joseph Pulitzer, editor of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, who said he went to Europe in a skeptical frame of mind, feeling he would find many of the tearible search a bready printed.

frame of mind, feeling he would find many of the terrible reports already printed from correspondents were exaggerations and largely propaganda.

"It is my grim duty to report," he wrote, "that descriptions of the horrors of this camp (Buchenwald), one of the many which have been, and which will be, uncovered by Allied armies, have given less than the whole truth. The brutal fiendishness of these operations defies description."

Pulitzer said that a great majority of the German people must share the re-sponsibility, but that the chief responsi-bility lies with the members of three groups — the German General Staff, the S.S. and the Gestapo. He advocated that these three groups, numbering several hundred thousand, "should be given the benefit of fair trials, the guilty should be convicted and the guilty should be shot."

The June issue of American Magazine, out this week, carries an article entitled, "GI Magicians of the Junkpile," telling how soldiers carried out a vast salvage and reclamation program in the ETO for a saving of \$5,000,000 weekly since D-Day. The article concludes that "salvage is one Army function that for from dent. Milligan's term expired in September but he had continued in his post.

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The week's Gallup Poll indicated that current debate over the question of universal post-war military training had not changed public sentiment. Nearly five



HANDY CABBIE MEN: San Francisco cab drivers Boris Ronloff they place in their cars to indicate that led speak Russian and Norwegian, respectively. They should be helpful to delegates attending the world security conference.



CAMERA HOUNDS: Fala, pet Scottie of the late President Roose-velt, introduces two new members of his family, "Meggie" and "Peggy," to the photographers. They were given their names by the late President following his return from Yalta.

By Howard Byrne

INNSBRUCK, Austria, May 5 (Delayed)-Lt. Gen. Erich Brandenberger, commanding general of the 19th German Army in Austria, walked up the steps of Innsbruck's Landhaus today at 1334 hours and unconditionally surrendered his entire army to Maj. Gen. Edward H. Brooks, CG of the VI Corps, and Lt. Col. Beaufre, representing the 1st French

Behind the surrender story is the tale of the personal heroism on the part of Capt. Alfred G. Pundt, bookish-looking VI Corps staff officer who was formerly professor of modern European history at Penn State. Pundt was selected by Brooks to visit the headquarters of Bran-denberger because of his command of the German language and his encyclopedic knowledge of the organization of the German Army.

Pundt made the trip by foot with four German officers who had approached the American lines asking for an armistice. Because of the roads which were badly cratered by American shelffire, it was necessary to walk 11 miles of the trip into Jerryland.

Pundt told Brandenberger that his re quest for truce had been rejected and that the only way the Germans could stop the inexorable advance of Americans and French was unconditional surrender to be personally signed by Brandenberger in the presence of Brooks within 19 hours. While he German 19th Army staff officers plied Pundt with choice liquor and fine food, Brandenberger quizzed Kesselring over the radio about Brooks' ultimatum.

Apparently permission was received, because the following day at 0700 hours Brandenberger, with a German colonel, two majors, and a representative of the German Foreign Office, returned in a staff car with Pundt. To save hoofing it across the rugged mountain terrain the trip was made the roundabout way by vehicle and it was necessary to travel 200 kilometers along the route below the Italian border.

Pundt said that the Italians in many villages they passed through were aston-ished to see American and German officers riding along together, chatting. Pundt said that they grinned at him and scowled at the Germans.

During the ride the German officers seemed tickled pink that Kesselring had given them permission to toss in the towel. "Now," they said, "when are you Americans going to join with us Germans in the war on the Russians?" The Austrian resistance movement was paid a high compliment by Brandenberger, who said that their activities had caused him an immense amount of trouble. The German officers also joked a good deal about "the redoubt area" which they said existed only in American press dispatches.

The doughboys of the 103rd Division, who formed the guard of honor in the courtyard outside the Landhaus and who stood there during the four-and-a-half hour negotiations, did not complain too much about missing chow. "It was worth it," said Pvt. George Campbell of Marion-ette, Wis.

### **Beating Japs** To Come First

(Continued from page 2) from now will provide an adequate force

2-About 2,000,000 men will be turned to civilian life during the next 12 months.

3-About two-thirds of combat units will come through the U.S. and have furloughs.

4-A larger proportion of service troops, urgently needed in the Pacific, will go there directly. 5-Transportation shortages, even with

the 800 transport planes being used, will not get the last of the men who are to be discharged back to the U.S. before 12 The facts concerning the results of redeployment upon war production in this country will be made public in an early

press conference. The problems involved in transferring our strength to the Pacific and bringing home those men who are no longer needed are more complicated than any we have experienced before. We cannot expect every phase of our plans to work to perfection. We count heavily upon the American people to continue to meet with courage and understanding the tests

that lie ahead, as they have worked, prayed and suffered for the great victories in Europe. For some the end of the war in Europe

will mean joyous reunion, but for many more it will mean a new period of sacrifice and anxiety. None of us can afford to relax our efforts until that anxiety is terminated for every American, at home and abroad.

Our great mission today is to mass against our enemy in the Pacific the largest force that can be effectively employed with every resource and power we can put at its disposal. That process has already begun. It will not stop until we rid the world permanently of this menace.

# The Camera Swings

From Leopards in N.Y. to Cows in Germa



THE SCARF GIRL: Gretchen Houser, of "Laffing Room Only," drapes herself in a French chiffon velvet scarf, a gift from the AAF band boys.





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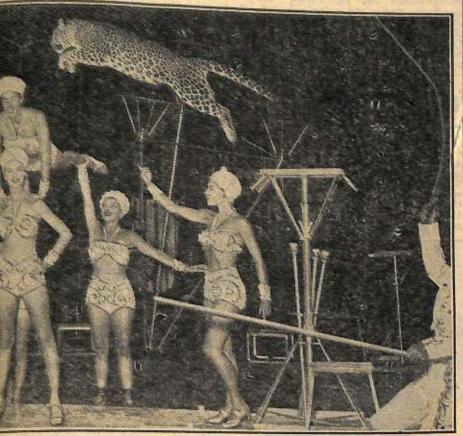
RESCUING AGENCY: A Martin Mariner, the giant flying-boat, warms up of rescuing pilots who had crashed far out in the of especially fishing craft, rely heavily on the service.



FRATERNIZATION: A pair of doughboys somewher foxhole fuzz to link up with

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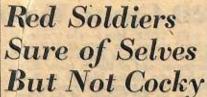
ith a Smattering of Clowns and Scarves



"RAVAGANZA: Back home it is circu: time. The daring "Leopard Ladies" of the Ringling Brothers circus permit the big cat to leap over them in the "Beauty and Beast" act.



A double feature was in store for these Hollywood kids when their hosts, Bud Abbot and Lou Costello, film comics, exchanged jokes with the circus Laugh, clown, laugh. You've got the last one.



By Wade Jones

WITH THE 9TH ARMY, May 6-The 24 hours spent with soldiers whose language you can't speak isn't enough warrant any blanket pronouncements, and the following incidents and observations are presented only for what they are worth:

The first Russians you set eyes on are draped on a Russian tank which is roaring through a town at about 30 miles an hour, directly at your jeep. Forty yards away the tank driver slings his big iron baby into a spin, whirls around four times in the street, and runs up onto the sidewalk, coming to within a half-inch from a building. As the dust settles and terrified spectators and near victims compose themselves the tank drives heave himself. themselves, the tank driver heaves himself up through the turret and salutes, Ameri-

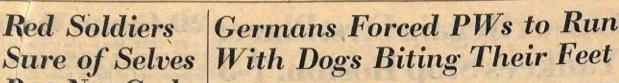
The Russians are supremely sure of themselves without being cocky. They know what they've done and they're proud of it. They all wear their medals and citations and are puzzled because Americans don't.

While at lunch with a tank major, a lieutenant and a girl member of the Russian Army, the major hauled out the girl's medals which numbered three—one for Stalingrad, one for Leningrad and a third for something else which I couldn't figure out. The two officers were very proud of the girl. She had three wound scars—one on her neck, one on her upper right arm and a third on her left thigh. She displayed them all in a matter-of-fact fashion and they were had scars. Then fashion and they were bad scars. Then she tossed off her fourth water glass full of cognac and went over to a bed in the corner and went sound asleep. The Russian took the five silver stars and the regimental insignia from the lieutenant's tunic and pinned them on mine and I gave him a German pistol which he looked at briefly and then put in the sleeping girl's slipper with no explanation.

At one town some Russian tankers were pulling their tank out of a still smoking bomb crater. They said they had just been hit by American planes. Claiming American citizenship at that point may have been foolish, but the Russians only laughed and shrugged and indicated in some manner or other that c'est la guerre.

So motley are the Russian vehicles running up and down the roads that an American jeep with American markings aroused practically no interest simply because it looks to the Russians like something that might conceivably be their own. But when they find you are an American they are all smiles and curiosity. They will show you their artillery pieces and the insides of their tanks and their fighting holes at the side of the road and they are proud of them in a quiet way.

Maybe no two of their uniforms are Maybe no two their uniforms are alike, maybe they drink like nothing human and maybe they appear to fight a war on the casual side, but they get things done. They are a solid bunch.





Actress-Reporter Bebe Daniels with two wounded GIs in a hospital.

Actress Bebe Daniels, one-time Hollywood movie queen, turned to the unglamorous job of war reporting when American troops reached the U.K. three years ago. Recordings of her interviews with GIs under fire in Normandy and Italy have been broadcast to the U.S. In her tours of the front lines and hospitals she has heard of some unusual experiences, among them this story of an airman who was a this story of an airman who was a prisoner of war in Germany for 15 months.

#### By Bebe Daniels

91st GENERAL HOSPITAL, May 6

This is the story of Sgt. William Wells, Baltimore, Md., a top turret gunner who was shot down over Germany and was a prisoner of war for 15 bitter months.

He's here now being treated for mal-nutrition: like a lot of other fellows here, some of whom are pretty badly off.
Bill, however, is one of the "luckier
guys," as he puts it. He's lost only 25
pounds, He can walk around.

Here's what he told me.

After bailing out, the Jerries, who were waiting for us, picked us up when we hit the earth. They took us to a village jail. They searched us and kept us there for 14 hours without food or water.

"A Belgian prisoner gave us some goat's milk from his own rations. It was darned nice of him but there wasn't enough there to even wet our whistles. The Jerries then took us to Frankfurt for interroga-

"I think they were disappointed in our swers. We went from there to a

prison camp where we stayed for five months. If it hadn't been for our Red Cross parcels we would have starved to

death.
"We were again moved because Uncle

Cross parcels we would have started to death.

"We were again moved because Uncle Joe was moving in to threaten East Prussia. They put 50 of us in a box car and sent us to Memel, where they put 1,200 of us into the hold of a coal barge, packed in like sardines.

"The heat was terrific. All of us were lousy and some of the boys had septic wounds. We landed at Stalag Luft 4, where the real fun began. That's where we met the mad captain. He had a lot of young Nazis with fixed bayonets there. And he forced us to run three miles to camp with dogs biting at our feet.

"At camp, we had tents but no cots and a lot of us didn't have blankets or straw to sleep on. Christmas came and we were happy because our Red Cross parcels had arrived. We spread everything out, boneless chicken, jam, canned cherries, fruit cake, cigarettes, candy, butter. It was quite a sight.

"We were about to start eating when 'Big Stoop,' a six-foot-nine guard with plenty of beef in him, and 18 other guards came in. Making some bum excuse about a pass being missing, they turned our cans of food upside down, threw our cakes and butts on the floor. They even tore up our girls' pictures.

"Then Uncle Joe moved closer and we were forced to march for almost 400 miles. It took 52 days. All we had to cat was three potatoes and a cup of hot water a day, if we were lucky. When we got to a reprisal camp, the British arrived and liberated us. I guess I don't have to tell you how glad we were to see them."

### Pieve Hides

By Ed Clark

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

PIEVE DI TECO, Italian Riviera, May 2 (Delayed)—Link-up or no link-up, there's still a hell of a lot of open territory -almost a no-man's land-between the French 1st Army and the U.S. 5th Army in Northern Italy.

But it's the most beautiful no-man's land in anybody's war and a perfect setting for the romance, the tempers and the tragedies of Italian song and opera.

Pieve lies almost hidden in the folds of snow-capped mountains, looking south to the blue of the Mediterranean and north to the greens of the Lombardy plains and the colder snows of the Alps.

Without someone like Alberto, his gray suit and his grease-darkened fedora, Pieve will remain hidden in its valleys.

He'll drag his brown bread from a pocket, offer some, ask "Ingleso, Fran-

Tell him "Americano," he'll look wise the American part way up the mountain the other side of Pieve. go now to town to make the propa-

For a while it'll not be easy to get to Alberto's Pieve His partisan friends have blown all bridges across the steepsided mountain torrents barring the way to town. But Aiberto, who says his com-rades are now rebuilding the bridges but slowly, will rise from his seat with up-raised arms and clenched fists and call over the boys.

Alberto's comrades will guide the jeep down the stream bank, carry it bodily across the water, push it up the opposite bank and then climb on for the ride. Successful conclusion of such a major

feat calls for celebration. The triumphal entry will be made along Pieve's narrow cobbled streets. Clenched-fist salutes of comrades and friends will touch the red bunting and Italian and Allied flags festioned from archways and tiny rialtos.

The heroes of the crossing stop at the principal hotel. Here the party has already started. Tables are crowded with partisans, long-haired, bearded, bright with color of party scarfs and makeshift uniforms, weighed down with personal selections from the wealth of enemy and Allied arsenals. Allied arsenals.

Everybody sings, drinks the wine and me grappa. Americans without greetings the grappa. Americans without greetings from the President or Stalin may go to back rooms for white spaghetti and sauce, steak, salads, the goatiest of cheeses and more grappa.

When it is more than time to go, Giovanni Neri, down from 20 months of guerrilla fighting in the hills, will assemble his feather-decked Alpine hat and guide

Enroute Neri will point out blasted bridges, wrecked roads—his work. He accepts congratulations modestly but asks when he turns back when more Americans will come.

In Pieve, in the mountains, with no more live Germans and only beautiful women, partisan friends, good grappa and cheese and spaghet, Neri says they have been waiting long for the Americans and want them to come soon.

### **Bond Contest Letters** Get Special Handling

Letters entered in The Stars and Stripes War Bond Contest are receiving special treatment at APO 887 in order to expedite their delivery to Contest Committee Head-

APO officers offer two pointers to con-APO officers offer two pointers to contestants: I—In compliance with Army regulations, make sure your name and serial number in the return address and the word "free" in the upper right hand corner of the envelope appear in your own handwriting; and 2—Don't waste your money on air mail envelopes, since there is no air mail service on the Continent.

tinent.

The contest is open to all Army personnel, male and female, in the ETO who have a Class B allotment or have purchased a war bond since May 1, when the competition began. All that is required is a letter of from 50 to 250 words on the subject: "My Savings and Post-War Plan." Ten first prizes of Chevrolet automobiles or trucks are being offered, with Frigidaires as the award for the ten next best letters. the ten next best letters.



THAT N.Y. SKYLINE SETTING AGAIN: Against New York's familiar and eye-Dickson drops in from the U.S. Steel's Federal shipyard at Kearny, N.J., where she was built.



off-shore flight

al vessels, and





From a U.S. Army Signal Corps Motion Picture Strip

with some much-needed cow juice straight from the spigot. The dough on the udder side of the scene gives out with a satisfied expression and a sly wink as he interrupts his milking, at which he seems to be at home.

## Chisox Regain First Place; 20-Game Winners of '44 Off to Slow Start Yankees Stop Boston, 7-3

SPORTS

NEW YORK, May 6-Veteran Tony Cuccinello came through with a single in the last of the ninth to score Johnny Dickshot and defeat the Indians, 3-2, yesterday as the White Sox climbed back into first place in the American League, replacing the winning Yankees by a matter of eight

## **BrownRaiding** Ohio S. Eleven, Widdoes Says

COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 6—Eyebrows of football fans throughout the nation were raised yesterday when Carroll Widdoes, Ohio State football coach, charged that Lt. Paul Brown, who is under contract to coach the Cleveland club in the proposed post-war All-America Football League, has approached Ohio State players for his professional team.

"Brown is trying to sign players from our '42 freshman team who are now in the service," said Widdoes, "and has ap-proached some of the varsity players," Widdoes, who succeeded Brown as head coach at Ohio State, referred speci-





PAUL BROWN CARROLL WIDDOES fically to Lou Croza, of Martin's Ferry, Ohio, and Joe Whisler, of Willard, Ohio, who wrote that they had received a contract to play pro football. Groza was a place-kicking star and Whisler the ace fullback on the '42 Buckeye freshman

For years the National Professional League has had a rule preventing teams from signing a college player until after his class has graduated, and Widdoes pointed out that the class in which Groza and Whisler enrolled has not been

'When he (Brown) was here I heard when he (Brown) was life? I would him in all of his speeches advise boys to get their college education first and then sign professional contracts," Widdoes said. "Now that he is in the pro game he is doing an about face."

### Brown Denies Charge; Attitude Hasn't Changed

GREAT LAKES, III., May 6-Lt. Paul Brown denied having discussed pro-fessional contracts with Ohio State players when informed of the charges made by Carroll Widdoes, his successor at Ohio State.

"My attitude toward boys getting their education first hasn't changed one bit," he said. "Furthermore, I am in the Naval Service and anything to do with contracts is being handled by John Brickles, acting manager of the Cleveland team in my absence. I don't know anything about men being approached with contracts. I haven't talked to any of them."

### Attendance Up 10% In Major Leagues

Exactly 696,404 fans paid their way through the turnstiles in the first 18 days of the season compared to 637,537 for the same period in '44.

The Yankees, of course, lead all clubs, with a paid attendance of 72,251 for their first seven home games. However, the National League has the edge on the American with 365,000 admissions to 331,148. In addition to the paid admissions to the paid admission to th sions the major leagues have entertained over 700,000 servicemen,

MAJOR

The Dykesmen scored a run in the first and another in the fourth, while Thornton Lee held Cleveland to one run in the fourth and was apparently "in" when three straight ninth-inning singles tied the score. The Sox bounced right back in their half, however. Dickshot smacked Reliefer Earl Henry's first pitch for a double, Bill Nagle laid down a bunt as Allie Reynolds took the mound and both runners were safe when Reynolds threw to third too late. Then came Cuccinello's sock.

Rex Cecil had two Yankees out in the first inning at Boston yesterday when the New Yorkers rammed home five runs the New Yorkers rammed home five runs to ride on to a 7—3 victory. Johnny Lindell started the scoring parade by singling home Hershel Martin, then Nick Etten doubled in Lindell, and after Frankie Crosetti walked, Oscar Grimes socked one over the fence to tally three more. In the sixth three straight singles brought the sixth Yankee marker off Cecil and Yank Terry came in to get clipped for a seventh. Meanwhile Walt Dubiel coasted along behind the early lead and in giving eight hits was touched for two runs in the third and one in the eighth. runs in the third and one in the eighth.

Jack Kramer Stars for Brownies

Jack Kramer employed his right arm and a heavy bat to give the Browns a 5-0 triumph over the Tigers and send Dizzy Trout down to his first defeat of

5—0 triumph over the Tigers and send Dizzy Trout down to his first defeat of the season. Kramer held Detroit to four blows while he and his mates collected seven off Trout, four of them for extra bases and good for four runs in the third. Vern Stephens opened the big inning with a homer and then George McQuinn was safe on an error, only to be forced by Gene Moore. Red Hayworth's double put Moore on third and both tallied when Kramer doubled. The Brownie hurler scored on Milt Byrnes' double, and the other St. Louis run came in the eighth when Hayworth's hit sent McQuinn home. Washington poured it on the Athletics twice, edging Connie Mack's club, 5—4, in the first night game of the Capitol season Friday and knocking them off by a 7—3 score yesterday. In Friday's battle (the only major league tilt not postponed) Chick Pieretti was nicked for four runs in the first on singles by Hal Peck, Frankie Hayes, Bob Estallella and Larry Rosenthal, along with a Washington error, but after that he was command and gave up eight goose eggs. Three Philadelphia hurlers meantime were rapped for nine hits, with George Binks and Harland Clift each batting in two runs and George Myatt one. Loser was Lou Knerr.

George Case, whose fame as a baserunner obscures his other abilities, delivered five straight hits and drove in three runs as the Nats won yesterday behind

ered five straight hits and drove in three runs as the Nats won yesterday behind the five-hit pitching of Roger Wolff. Wolff's third straight win was gained at the expense of Bobo Newsom, who was cuffed for a run in the first, three in the second and three in the fifth. Carl Scheib relieved Newsom at this point and white-washed the Senators the rest of the way.

## **Major Loop Heads** Rule on Night Tilts NEW YORK, May 6-Keeping in line

with the national curfew order President Ford Frick of the National League ruled yesterday that National loop games must end at 11.50 and that no inning may start after 11.30.

If a night game is tied and less than

nine innings have been played when the curfew becomes effective it will be rated a suspended game and play will be reattendance charts show an upward trend averaging ten per cent to date over the same period a year ago despite adverse weather that caused postponament of the contest has gone more than nine innings the score rated a suspended game and play will be resumed at that point when the teams meet again. However, if the contest has gone more than nine innings the score rated a tie game.

On Friday President Will Harridge of the American League ordered play in his loop to stop at 11.30, with no inning to be started after 11.20.

### Leahy Goes to St. Mary's

MORAGA, Cal., May 6-Lt. Frank Leahy, Notre Dame football coach on leave in the Navy, has been assigned to St. Mary's Pre-Flight after a tour of duty in the Pacific. Leahy was voted Coach of the Year in 1941 and '43.

NEW YORK, May 6—The true test of a good pitcher, the story goes, is when he wins 20 or more games two years in succession, and of the six major league hurlers who hit the 20-game mark last year two show promise of repeating.

They are Bill Voiselle of the Giants, and Dizzy Trout of the Tigers, each with three wins to his credit. If Dizzy, who lost his first game of the season yesterday, comes through as expected it will mark his third 20-game year in a procession. In 11 row. Voiselle accomplished the feat in his first year in the big time.

Trout's teammate Hal Newhouser, Mort Cooper of the Cardinals, the Reds' Bucky Walters and the Pirates' Rip Sewell are finding the going extremely difficult. Newhouser, who topped all hurlers with 29 victories last season, all hurlers with 29 victories

## Giants Triumph Twice, Stretch Lead



## Horton Smith, Lott Troupe To Make 45-day Tour of U.K.

PARIS, May 6—A five-man GI athletic entertainment troupe will leave the Continent tomorrow morning for a 45-day tour of hospitals and military installations in the U.K.

Two popular golfing veterans, Capt. Horton Smith and Sgt. Chick Harbert, are in the group. Others making the trip are Sgt. George Lott, veteran Davis Cup doubles star; Sol Schiff, national table tennis ruler, and Cpl. Leland Mortenson, horse shoe pitching expert from Des Moines, Iowa. Smith, ranking professional golfer for several years and a member of the 1942 Ryder Cup team and Garbert

team, and Garbert, former Michigan State champion,

will conduct golf clinics and then play exhibition

matches whenever possible. Lott will HORTON SMITH play a series of matches against Sgt. Charlie Hare, ex-British net champion.

In addition to the exhibition matches and sports clinics, motion pictures of out-standing sports events will be screened.

The troupe has an extensive library of films, including a 25-minute technicolor movie of the 1945 Sugar Bowl game and action scenes from the World Series.

Okinawa GIs Praised

handle five or six of those Japs,

By Dempsey on Return

### Pacific Coast Play Below Par

By Bill Becker

Associated Press Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES, May 6-After watching the play in the first month of the Pacific Coast League baseball season observers agree that any similarity to pre-war play is accidental.

With the famine of sprightly rookies, old-timers like Ted Gullic, Frank Demaree and Al Liska of Portland; Ted Norbert and Carl Fisher of Seattle, and Gus Suhr of San Francisco are enjoying great revivals.

The rejuvenation of Liska and Fisher The rejuvenation of Liska and Fisher is of several years standing, so their won and lost records of 5—2 and 4—1 are not outstanding, but Norbert, who hit ten homers last season, already has eight; Gullic leads with 11 doubles; Demaree is second in runs-batted-in, and Suhr is batting a robust .333.

The league's leading hurler, Carl Dum-ler of San Diego, has won eight straight as against a '44 record of three wins and six losses. But pitching on the whole just ain't, as shown by Portland's 21-2 victory over Hollywood, when ten runs were scored in one frame, and an 11-run inning by Los Angeles against Frisco.

It's sandlot play in glamorous surround-

### Walsh Plan for Tipsters Would Net \$100 a Player

CLEVELAND, May 6-The Seventh War Bond Drive which starts soon should be aided greatly by plan of the Cleveland Rams of the National Professional Football League. General Manager Chili Walsh said the club will give a minimum reward of a \$100 bond to coaches throughout the country on each tip on a football player who signs and plays three league games.

Walsh and his brother Adam, All-America center at Notre Dame in the days of the Four Horsemen and now Ram coach, have contacted 200 coaches and will extend the offer to 200 more coaches, sports writers and radio men

### Veteran Arbiter Keeps 25-Year Record Intact

MEMPHIS, May 6-Steamboat Johnson, veteran Southern Association umpire, has upheld his 25-year tradition of being the first arbiter to banish players from a game for protesting his decisions.

He ejected Shortstop Walter King and outfielder Walter Kosman of Mobile for "Kicking and demonstrating on a decision" in a game at New Orleans Wednesday night.

## **Derringer Wins** No. 4 as Cubs Top Cards, 5-1

NEW YORK, May 6—Although Veteran Paul Derringer racked up his fourth victory of the season and pitched the Cubs to a 5—1 triumph over the Cardinals, the rambunctious Giants increased their National League lead to one and a half games over Chicago yesterday, slapping the Braves in both ends of a twin bill, 15—5 and 6—4.

The Giants garnered 11 hits and nine walks off five Boston hurlers in the opener as they enjoyed two big innings and

walks off five Boston hurlers in the opener as they enjoyed two big innings and defeated Jim Tobin. Only Brave to trouble the Ottmen was Outfielder Tommy Holmes, who plastered one into the stands with a man aboard in the third and repeated the performance in the eighth to send Harry Feldman to the showers and bring in Ace Adams. New York climbed on Tobin for six runs in the sixth on three singles, two walks and a homer by Ernie Lombardi, and applied the crusher in the eighth by scoring eight runs on six hits and four walks.

In the nightcap Van Lingle Mungo looked great for eight innings as he held the Bostonians to one counter, but he weakened in the ninth when the Braves tallied three times before Adams made

weakened in the ninth when the braves tallied three times before Adams made his second rescue of the day. Ott gave Mungo a lead in the first inning with a homer off Charlie Barrett and the Giants picked up three more in the third and added a pair in the eighth.

Hopp's Homer Spoils Shutout Derringer allowed only eight hits in stopping the Cards for the second time and only Johnny Hopp's circuit smash in the first prevented the Chicago ace from achieving a shutout. Hopp's four-bagger matched a Bruin run off Ted Wilks in the first put in the third Checkie on the first, but in the third Charlie Grimm's boys picked up three runs in an uprising featured by doubles off the bats of Mickey Livingston and Stan Hack and a single by Phil Cavarretta. They added a fifth run in the seventh and in all made ten hits off Wilks and four followers.

The Dodgers capitalized on loose fielding to defeat the Phillies twice, 10—1 and 12—8, as the Phills made five boots in each game and the Dodgers committed four in the nightcap. Old Curt Davis copped the opener, dishing up only five raps as his mates settled things in the first with five markers and then pecked away for five more to get the nod over

first with five markers and then pecked away for five more to get the nod over Charlie Schanz. Augie Galan got his first homer for Brooklyn in the fourth.

The second game was a pitchers' battle between the Flock's Hal Gregg and Dick Barrett until the latter lost his stuff in the sixth and the Bums tallied four times. Vern Kennedy and Dick Coffman followed Barrett but were treated worse, yielding a run in the seventh, five in the eighth and another in the ninth. Meanwhile Gregg held the Phils to eight hits and one run in the fifth, but he couldn't get'em out in the ninth and was replaced by Rookie Vic Lombardi, who halted the Phillie uprising after seven runs had crossed the plate.

# MIAMI BEACH, Fla., May 6—The old Manassa Mauler, now Coast Guard Commander Jack Dempsey, was back today from the invasion of Okinawa, and when asked if he had seen any heavy-weight material, he laughed, "They all look like heavyweight stuff to the Japs." Lack brought beek glowing exercing in Pennsylvania has been defeated by the House by a vote of

HARRISBURG, Pa., May 6—A bill to legalize horse racing in Pennsylvania has been defeated by the House by a vote of 98—87. One hundred and five votes were

Jack brought back glowing accounts of soldiers, sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen. "They know what might be ahead," he said, "but they go in there fighting. The American fighting man can handle five or six of those Japs." necessary to pass the bill.

The measure proposed to establish a racing commission with authority to locate three major race tracks in areas where local option favored the sport.

## SPORTS

T/3 Joe Duthie chalked up a no-hitter as the 827th Conv. Center softballers topped the 826th, 6—0, in the first game of a twin bill and Pvt. Joe Landry turned in a good mound performance in the night as the 827th repeated, 6-5. S/Sgt. Stretch Smith and Sgt. Red Gritzbaugh homered for the winners in the opener. . . . However, Cpl. Bill Wheatley, of Washington, allowed only three hits, whiffed a dozen and then came through with a double in the ninth to give the 103rd Gen. Hosp. a 4—3 triumph over the 827th. Wheatley's chief batting support came from first baseman Fred Mularski, of Easthampton, Mass.

Sgt. Shirley Emhoff, of Detroit, Sgt. Shirley Emhoff, of Detroil, slapped home six runs with four straight hits, but there weren't enough Shirleys on the Eighth AF HQ WAC softball team yesterday and the Third Division lassies won ou, 7—6. Heroine for the Third was T/5 Imogene Bledsoe, of Kennett, Mo., who turned in the darlingest relief performance and won her

S/SGT. Dick Schwartzoet, of Buffalo, N.Y., struck out 16 men and allowed but six hits yesterday as he pitched the 34th

Gen. Hosp. Convoys to a 5-0 victory over the 140th Gen. Hosp, nine in the first league game for both clubs. Schwartzoet had the 140th under control all the

zoet had the 140th under control all the way and got his chief hitting support from Pfc Ernie Abbott, of Adelle Valley, Ohio, and Cpl. Frank Tepedino, of Brooklyn, who collected three hits each in four trips.

The Combat Support Wing High Circuits, leading the Grosvenor Softball League with six straight wins, knocked off Bud's Sheriffs, 2—1, the U.K. Base Signals, 13—6, and the Hitless Wonders, 9—8, in their latest starts. Winning pitcher in all six games has been 1/Set pitcher in all six games has been 1/Sgt. Clyde Billingsley, of Mobile, Ala.

The emphasis was on the hitting in the 4th BAD League the past week, with the Station Complement team edging HQ Section, 22—21, Section Two whipping an Ordnance outfit, 21—3, and Section Three plastering the 2022nd Truck Company, 16-7. . . . . Pfc Johnny Zabrzensky hung up a nohitter in hurling the 129th Gen. Hosp. to a 13—0 victory over the 109th Gen. Hosp. It was the sixth straight for the 129th.

Friday's Games
Washington 5, Philadelphia 4 (night) Other games postponed, rain, Saturday's Games New York 7, Boston 3 Chicago 3, Cleveland 2 St. Louis 5, Detroit 0 Washington 7, Philadel-Philadelphia 3 Washington 7, Finaldeepels 3
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Detroit 7 5 .883 Boston ...
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American League

Leading Hitters

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Runs Batted In

Etten and Derry, New York, 14; Binks, Wash-

National League Friday's Games Saturday's Games

RESULTS

Chicago 5, St. Louis 1
New York 15, 6, Boston 5, 4
Brooklyn 10, 12, Philadelphia 1, 8
Cincinnati-Pittsburgh postponed, rain.

Leading Hitters

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Runs Batted In
Lombardi, New York, 19; Nieman, Boston, 16;
Ott, New York, and Elliott, Pittsburgh, 14.

## Behind The Sports

ALBANY, N.Y.—When Harold E. Talbott learned that a new state law prohibited a member of the State Racing prohibited a member of the State Racing Commission from entering his own horses in races, he declined an appointment as commissioner. Talbott owns a small stable of steeplechasers. Gov. Thomas E. Dewey expressed regret saying, "I feel racing has been deprived of an outstanding commissioner. You prefer to race a horse rather than to tell somebody else how to race them. This, in my opinion, makes you entirely unique. You are the only man I know at the moment who would rather do something than to tell would rather do something than to tell somebody else how to do it."

SOUTH BEND, Ind.—Notre Dame football fans are mighty glad George Ratterman



ace quarterback basketball star was offered appointment an to the military aca-demy at West demy at Point. I Because Point. Because his-grades run in the 90s, Ratter-man probably will stay at Notre Dame two more vears ROTC

RATTERMAN so he rejected the appointment. Remembering the 59—0 walloping last fall, the Fighting Irish probably feel Army's tough enough even with Ratterman playing for—not against—them. student.

CAMP ELLIS, Ill.—Pfc Ray Hurda, of Madison, Wis., is a paratrooper recovering from wounds suffered in France. To his buddies here he reports, "Being a jump trooper is like going out for a forward pass in football." What he neglected to mention is that in the paratroops you seldom get another chance if the pass is incomplete. . . NEW YORK—Eventually the truth will out. Jimmy Walker, former mayor of New York, admits after former mayor of New York, admits after 20 years that he was responsible for chasing the Gene Tunney-Jack Dempsey fight from New York to Philadelphia. Says Jimmy, "The Commission got the blame, but I used all my influence because I thought Harry Wills deserved a chance at the title."

BROOKLYN—Sports writers take many sly digs at President Branch Rickey of the Dodgers, but probably a new high in the knifing art was this report, "Branch Rickey has agreed to let Brooklyn high school baseball teams play at Ebbets Field when the Dodgers aren't there, disregarding the possibility aren't there, disregarding the possibility that his Bums will suffer by contrast."

WASHINGTON — Sen. Albert B. "Happy" Chandler quickly applied a tested political formula to win the friendship of baseball arbiters following his appointment as high commissioner of the game. The day after he was named he stated "There never has been a scandal involving an umpire. Those boys can't be fooled. There is no more honorable pro-fession."

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International League Friday's Games All games postponed, rain. Saturday's Games Montreal 8. Baltimore 1 ostnoned rain

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All games postponed, rain. Saturday's Games Scranton 11, Wilkes-Barre 9 Hartford 5, Albany 1 Other games postponed, rain, | W L Pet. | W | Seranton | 2 0 1.000 | Hartford | 1 Utles | 2 0 1.000 | Elmira | 0 | Williamsport | 0 1.000 | Wilkes-Barre 0 | Albany | 2 1 .667 | Binghamton 0 |

American Association Friday's Games
All games postponed, rain.
Saturday's Games
Indianapolis 3. Kansas City 1
Louisville 5, Milwaukee 3
Other games postponed, rain.

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Other games postponed.

Saturday's Games

Memphis 3. Chattanooga 0
New Orleans 4. Nashville 3
Mobile 10. Birmingham 6
Atlanta 8. Little Rock 7

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Pacific Coast League

Pacific Coast League
Fiday's Games
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Portland 7, Hollywood 4
Sacramento 3, San Francisco 0
Los Angeles 10, San Diego 2
Saturday's Games
Portland 10, Hollywood 4
Oakland 4, Scattle 2
San Francisco 8, Sacramento 5
San Diego 5, Los Angeles 4 (10 innings)
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Pete Gray, ON THE HOP: one - armed

Brownie outfielder, demonstrates at Chicago's Comiskey Park how he fields a grounder. Starting at the top, Pete races in to take the ball on the hop, then races in to take the ball on the hop, then with the ball nestling in the narrow pocket of his glove, he tosses it in the air and drops the glove. As the glove hits the ground, Gray catches the ball in his bare hand, gets a good grip on it and winds up for the throw to the infield. - With Time and a Half for Overtime? -

## CIO Gets Plan to Unionize Baseball

By Vincent X. Flaherty

WASHINGTON, May 6-CIO President Phillip Murray has taken under advisement a proposal to unionize professional baseball.

A gentleman, properly identified by the ClO of the Middle West, stepped into Murray's office the other day and dis-cussed the probability of setting up a

committee whose function would be to investigate base-ball and sound out certain sources here and there.

The gentleman, former president of minor league, and founder of one league, came to Washington as the result of players from the St. Louis Cardinals, the Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Yankees sounding out the ClO on the possibilities of unionized baseball.

The visit of the players was spurred by the old and unhappy lament that basefounder of of one came to

the visit of the players was spurred by the old and unhappy lament that base-ball is unjust to its hired help. And so the wheels are under way toward organiz-ing baseball's hired hands. I asked the gentleman from the Middle West (who wishes to remain anonymous) what he planned to do about professional foot-

'We'll Get Around to Football'

"Oh," he said, "if things work out all right for us in baseball, we'll get around to football. Football players are underpaid anyhow."

That's just about all I have to report, in actual fact. The CIO is interested in baseball. The movement, started by the

players, is under way, and that's that. But once the CIO makes up its mind, here's what might happen: Ticket takers here's what might happen: Ticket takers and ticket sellers, employed at five bucks per day, will be rounded up, unionized and upped to ten bucks per day. The union will get to the ushers and take them in tow. After that, the rest is simple. If some of the players get balky and don't want a union card, the ushers, ticket takers, etc., will walk out; the electricians will turn out the

Supposing all of this comes to pass. Here's what one might expect: A 5 o'clock whistle on the center field fence; time and a half pay for the players for extrainning games; vacations with pay; sick leave; pensions; grievance committees (like the Cooper brothers); real contracts, and, of course, dues.

Can you imagine Joe McCarthy protesting to the chapter president that Dutch Leonard can't pitch for Washington on some specific day because his dues ain't paid? Or the players walking out in high dudgeon when Bill McGowan rules one against them? Sit-down strikes?

lights and everybody'll go home.

Guys with big signs will immediately start parading up and down in front of the gates of big league ball parks, proclaiming to the world that baseball is unfair, etc.

Time clocks?

Or what about a rule against extra innings? Score tied 0—0 in the ninth, the crowd is cheering wildly, the whistle blows, the ball players pocket their unfair, etc.

I don't know what would happen in the case of double-headers. Hour for lunch? Or, maybe, the boys would get together and knock off on national holidays and go fishing on the Fourth of July. Rube Waddell did that once, you

### Crossword Puzzle

Across 1-Pictured U.S. man, Lt.-Gen. -

11—Anger. 12—Plant part. 13—Girl's name. 14—Alaskan city. 16—Lion's neck hair. 17—Dill.

18—Patterns.
10—Farm attached to a mansion house (Scot.).
22—Compass point.
23—Fish.
24—Insert.
26—Dormouse.
29—Company (ab.).
30—Symbol for nickel,
31—Muse of poetry,
35—Storms. Company (ab.).

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39—Exist.
40—Encourages.
42—Parts of plants.
44—Type of thread.
45—Peel.
48—Window ledge.
50—Before.
51—West Indian shrub.
52—Negative word.
53—Essentials.

Down

-Be victorious, 2-Metal. 3—Acid fruits. 4—Limbs.

5-Extinct Inrd. 6-Male offspring, 7-Newspaper paragraph.

8—Transgressor 9—Poems, 10-Burmese wood spirit.

15—Sea eagle 17—Assistant.

17—Assistant.

19—Encountered.
21—Be indisposed.
24—Frozen water.
25—Neither.
27—He commands — of the armies of the U.S.
28—It is (contr.).
32—Goes at an easy gait.
33—Ardinous journey.
34—Hops' kin.
35—Rodent.
36—War god.
37—Sign of the rodise.
40—Ventilates.
41—Petty quarrel.
42—Vend.
43—Wild plum.
44—Observe.
46—Blackbird of cuckoo family.

family. 47—Narrow inlet. 49—Lieutenants (ab.)

### Terry and the Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate

## By Milton Caniff IN SPITE OF MY OPINIONS, I ONLY STARVE WOMEN ON ALTERNATE THESDAYS... EAT HEARTY, CHINA DOLL! ANOTHER CARRYING BOTH OF US



By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune

PRETENDING TO BE LEAVING THE APARTMENT ACROSS THE HALL HE STOPS ON THE STAIRS.

G'BYE, CHARLIE-THANKS

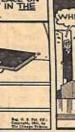




Dick Tracy

AS PAPRIKA STARTS BACK UPTHE STAIRS TO GET THE RATION BOOK SHE HAD FORGOTTEN, TRACY HAS TO ACT FAST.

MEANWHILE, BAT RETURNS THE MEANWHILE, BAT RETURNS THE





Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features

By Al Capp











Male Call

DON'T LOOK SO NERVOUS, MEN! DO YOU WANT TO OKAY, TAKE







Blondie

WHAT ARE YOU MAKIN POP?

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## U.S., Britain Ask Soviet **Explain Polish Arrests**

SAN FRANCISCO, May 6-Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Ir. and British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden have refused to continue their discussions with Soviet Foreign Commissar Viacheslav Molotov on the Polish government question, and have demanded a "full explanation" of the arrest by the Russians of 16 "prominent Polish democratic leaders" while attending conferences in Poland.

The leaders of the Big Three delegations to the San Francisco United Nations Con-

ference have been attempting to smooth out the squabble over the Russian-spon-

sored Warshaw government which the U.S. and Britain do not recognize. An

participation in the Conference.

Molotov's bland announcement to Stettinius and Eden that the 16 Poles had been arrested for "diversionist activities against the Red Army" came after weeks of fruitless diplomatic inquiry about their "disappearance"

"disappearance."
"We told Mr. Molotov of our great concern on learning, after such long delay, of this disturbing development which has a direct bearing on the working out of the Polish problem," Stettinius said in a formal statement. "We have asked Mr.

Molotov for a complete list of names of

those Polish leaders who have been arrested and a full explanation of this

action. Further discussion must await a

that "details will come out at the trial." Reports from British circles here said that inclusion of at least three of the

arrested men in the prospective Polish government was considered essential by Britain and the U.S. if the new govern-

ment was to be broadeneld in accordance

with the Big Three Yalta agreement.

The official Russian new agency, Tass, said that 15 political leaders had been asked to the Polish conferences but that actually 16 arrived, headed by Gen.
Okulicki.

"Gen. Okulicki's group, and especially he himself, are accused of preparing diversionary acts in the rear of the Red Army 2s a result of which more than 100 officers and men of the Red Army lost their lives." Tass said.

"This group of 16 person did not diversity to the result of t

Meanwhile, it was announced over Moscow Radio that Edward Osobka-Morawski had been relieved, at his own

request, as Foreign Minister of the War-saw government. He was replaced by Wincenty Rzymowsky, former Minister of Culture. Edward Zaleski, former Minister

of Justice, replaced Rzymowsky, in a Cabinet shuffle announced by President Boleslaw Bierut, Moscow Radio said.

Molotov was said to have stated here

disappearance.'

Pilsen Taken By 3rd Army; Czechs Revolt

(Continued from page 1) were beginning to give up. Stockholm dispatches said 400 British airborne troops had arrived in Copenhagen to assist in carrying out the terms of the German surrender. An Allied military mission was said to be in the city.

The Dutch government issued orders to the population in Holland to keep calm until Allied troops arrived and in the meantime avoid acts which might lead to bloodshed. Allied planes and trucks con-tinued to carry food into the areas where starvation had been rampant during the

German occupation.

One SS group holed up in a forest north of Hamburg told the British to "come and get us." The British notified the German commanders that it was up to the Germans to reduce this pocket of resist-ance under the terms of the surrender of

all forces on this front. Flensburg Radio, in Denmark, broadcast an announcement from Doenitz which asked all Germans to abstain from "werewolf" or other operations because of the "truce which has meanwhile been put into effect."

Nazi broadcasters continued to praise the Germans' fight against Bolshevism and claimed that they had left their Western Front open to the Allies in order to save Europe from the Soviet armies.

Mountains Affect Drive The American drive into Czechoslovakia was affected more by the moun-tainous country and bad roads than by enemy opposition, dispatches said. The "little Maginot Line" was broken and the troops swept on 16 miles to Pilsen, site of the Skoda arms plants.

Patton's front stretched from Linz, in

Austria, to Cheb, near the western tip of Czechoslovakia. From the south, troops of the U.S. 5th Army entered Austria at two points, advancing through the Alpine passes. As yet, the British 8th Army has not entered Austria in its drive northward.

Paris Radio broadcast otherwise unconfirmed reports that Russian para-troops had been dropped north of Prague

soon after the Czechs in the city had radioed appeals for help.

Paris said the revolt in Prague began Saturday with the Czechs gaining control of the city. Presented with an ultimatum, the German commander in Prague agreed to an armistice. Then, during the supposition of overetien, the ing the suspension of operations, the Germans counter-attacked with powerful forces. The Czechs then appealed for aid from outside. A German station at the same time said that rumors of an armistice in the Czech capital were unfounded and that the people should remain calm. A dispatch from the U.S. 9th Army

front said the withdrawal of American troops toward a previously selected line of demarcation between them and the Soviets has begun, with the first move calling for evacuation of the Elbe river bridgehead, thus making the river a temporary line between the two armies

Russians Still Seek Hitler's Body

MOSCOW, May 6 (AP)—The court-yard of Hitler's Chancellery in Berlin the German General Staff, leading stormtroopers and other leading Nazis-all of whom had committed suicide-but not the corpse of Hitler, a Red Star dispatch reported today.

There has been no indication that any of the bodies are those of Hitler or Goebbels, but postmortems have been ordered for closer identification.

A dispatch to Prayda, which told of the "stacks" of bodies of Germans in the courtyard, said nothing about their idenof the General Staff and "leading SS members and other war criminals."

### Reds Find Wire Pulse Of Nazi General Staff

MOSCOW, May 6 (Reuter)—Miles of wire and a huge battery of teleprinters, over which the German General Staff received and transmitted orders to all parts of Europe, were found by Soviet forces when they unearthed the secret under-ground HQ of the German General Staff

Zossen, ten miles south of Berlin. The Germans had built a subterranean town, and it was here that the actual work of the General Staff was done, though the HQ was nominally in Berlin.

London Officers' Clubs **Ouit Serving Meals** 

As part of the Army's food conserva-tion program in the U.K., the serving of meals at the senior and junior officers' clubs in London will be discontinued effective today, U.K. Base HQ announced yesterday. The move does not affect other facilities of the clubs. All officers will be served at "Willow Run"—the consolidated mess at Grosvenor House.



A HEP-KITTEN FROM RUSSIA: This little Russian boy at a displaced persons camp near Dusseldorf prepares to drum out a little jive on the kettle drum of a U.S. infantry band which played American and Russian selections at a May Day celebration.

He Gets Their Flag

## Sy Charles F. Kiley Stars and Strices Staff Writer a white sheet and red and blue watercolors.

By Charles F. Kiley Stars and Stripes Staff Write

SHAEF, FORWARD COMMAND POST, May 6-The four American soldiers who first linked up with the

Russians at Torgau on Apr. 25 yester-day presented to Gen. Eisen hower the makeshift American flag they used to identify themselves.

The four men, a second lieutenant, a corporal and two privates first class, walked into the Supreme C o mmander's office and six minutes later came out as a first

ROBERTSON lieutenant, a sergeant and two corporals, after one of the swiftest promotions on

and men of the Red Time.

lives," Tass said.

"This group of 16 persons did not disappear, but were arrested by military authorities of the Soviet command and are now in Moscow pending investigation of the case. All these persons—or some of them as investigations may warrant—will be committed for trial."

Meanwhile, it was announced over After listening to their reports on how they went out to meet the Russians while on a reconnaissance patrol, the General told one of his staff officers to see that the men, all members of Bn. HQ., 1st Bn., 273rd Regt., 69th Inf, Div., were advanced one grade in rank immediately.

The lieutenant, William D. Robertson, of Los Angeles, led the four-man patrol which made the link-up and also directed the making of the improvized flag from

The others, with their new ranks, were Sgt. James J. McDonnell, Peabody, Mass, and Cpls. Frank B. Huff, Washington, Va., and Paul Staub, New York. French, Czechs Ask End to Reich Arms

SAN FRANCISCO, May 6 (ANS)-France and Czechoslovakia have taken the lead at the United Nations conference in demanding establishment of international control over all large armament industries and total elimination of Ger-man arms plants. The international conproposals would also apply to Czech and French war plants,

Rene Pleven, French Minister of Finance and National Economy, urged the United Nations to order the destruction of all German arms factories and forbid reconstruction of the devastated Krupp works in the Ruhr.

Pleven proposed that the Ruhr industrial basin be demobilized and that heavy industries there be transferred to Holland, Belgium, Luxemburg and France, where production can be kept under government and United Nations control.

Jan Masaryk, Czechoslovak Foreign Minister and chairman of his country's delegation at the United Nations conference, termed private ownership of armament industries "highly immoral." He said there should be international supervision of war plants under givern-

## French Urge Italy Get Back Her Colonies

SAN FRANCISCO, May 6-French circles at the United Nations Conference today suggested that most of the pre-war

Italian empire be turned back to Italy as the trustee power, pending Italy's admission to the United Nations.

Under this scheme, the United Nations would assume the title for Libya, Eritrea, Rhodes and other former Italian possessions, then designate Italy as the trustee.

Exceptions to the plan would be Rhodes Exceptions to the plan would be Rhodes and the Dodecanese Islands, where Great Britain and Greece have claims, and Somaliland, where France and Britain have interrets have interests.

The whole plan, of course, would have to await the formal signature of peace treaties between Italy and all of the Allies and the resumption of normal diplomatic relations.

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The question of trusteeships has brought a clash between Britain and the U.S., stemming from the U.S. plan to divide territories into "strategic" and "economic" dependencies. In the British view, final responsibility for the mandated areas—strategic or otherwise—should rest with the world security council. The U.S. wants strategic areas to be closed off from any control by the trusteeship council.

Lord Cranborne, British Dominions Secretary, in describing the British opposition, said that the British plan "meets any possible chance of annexation, or infringement of the Atlantic Charter."

Soviet Russia is opposing an amendment, put forward by the U.S. with the agreement of Britain and China, which gives the assembly power to review peace settlements, including treaties such as the Franco-Soviet pact, concluded in war-

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Soviet Foreign Commissar Viacheslav Molotov was reported to have said that Russia agreed with France that mutual defense pacts between countries bordering Germany should be considered in a different category.

### Japan Claims Nazis Pulled Double Cross

SAN FRANCISCO, May 6 (ANS)— Japanese Foreign Minister Shigenori Togo yesterday accused Germany of "extreme violation" of the Axis tripartite pact in offering to surrender to the U.S. and Britain while continuing the war with

"In view of Japan's neutral relation-In view of Japan's neutral relationship with the Soviet Union and state of war against Britain and the U.S., Japan finds itself at variance with the war aims of Germany," Togo said, according to a Tokyo broadcast.

He added that, "should this situation be confirmed, the Japanese government will reserve the right to act freely on the

will reserve the right to act freely on the tripartite pact and all political agreements entered into between Germany and Japan."

## Horthy Pleads He Was Duped

By Louis Lochner Associated Press Corre

Associated Press Correspondent
WITH 7TH ARMY, May 6 (AP)—
Adm. Nicholas Horthy, fallen 77-year-old
Regent of Hungary, pleaded with Allied
correspondents yesterday to "understand" Hungary's position and help give her a decent place in the post-war world.



Horthy, spirited away to Germany after he had failed last year in an attempt to take Hungary out of the war, was taken into custody by the 7th Army this week.

Speaking in English, he read aloud a letter he had drafted to send to ADM. HORTHY Pres. Roosevelt before he died. It attempted to justify Hungary's entry into the war as an event which Germany had forced upon her. He said he intended to revise the letter and send it to Pres.

He said: "Under pretext of securing permission to bring back four Hungarian divisions fighting in Russia, I went to see Hitler (in March). While I was with him, his armies invaded my country and took

it over.
"Only after I had agreed to a form of government to the Nazis' liking was I allowed to return home.

"The Nazis occupied and looted the royal capital. Leading men were arrested, including famous Jewish professors. Later I publicly requested an armistice with Russia. I knew this would mean my arrest.

"I was taken seven months ago to Waldbichl Castle, near Weilheim in Bavaria, with my wife, daughter-in-law, and my four-year-old grandson. There I remained until three days ago.

"It is a funny thing the Germans arrested me," he said, "because they said I was friendly toward the Allies and now I am—well, I don't know what my status is—nesumably I am America's prisoner." was taken seven months ago to

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An American officer then interposed.

saying: "Your are merely under pro-tective custody." "It amounts to the same thing," Horthy replied.

LaGuardia Won't Run Again

NEW YORK, May 6—Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia announced today that he would not seek re-election as Mayor for fourth term in the elections next November.

### Re-deploy - - -(Continued from page 1)

figured a strength of 6.986,000 would be enough to beat Japan, meet occupation responsibilities in the ETO and maintain the necessary supply and training forces in the U.S.

in the U.S.

So the reduction in the size of the Army will permit 1,332,000 of those now in uniform to be released. But in all, 2,000,000 men will be discharged during the next 12 months, among these 2,000,000 being those who normally get discharges for wounds, age or other factors which will prevent their serving effectively. Discharges for these causes in the last 12 months totalled about 450,000.

Also among these 2,000,000 will be comparatively few men—the Army figures them at two per cent of the total to be released—who have never been overseas but who will be eligible for discharges under the point system simply on the basis long service plus fatherhood.

Men with overseas service who will be getting discharges under the point system on four factors of time in the Army, time overseas, combat credits and awards and fatherhood — are estimated at 1,300,000. The Department says about half of these, or 650,000, are in the ETO. About one-third, or 453,000, are in the Pacific. Of the others, 217,000, some are in other theaters but most are overseas veterans who have already been returned to the U.S. and assigned jobs in this

ountry under rotation plans.

But priority on all transportation will go to troops and supplies bound for the Pacific and to the wounded. So the Department warns it will take a year to bring home the last of the men due for discharges. It pointed out that it took a year to bring home 2,000,000 men in the AEF of the last war without any problem to meet in the Pacific.

How many points a man will get toward discharge for each of the four factors on which the discharge plan is based will be announced after VE-Day is officially proclaimed. It will also be announced how many points a man will need for discharge.

Tarakan Being Cleared

MANILA, May 6 (ANS)—Australian and Dutch East Indian troops on Tarakan Island off northeastern Borneo have cleared the southern and eastern parts of the island and taken two districts in the town of Tarakan, Gen. MacArthur an-

nounced today.

Naval and air bombardment silenced enemy positions. Planes and patrol boats ranging Borneo's coastal area sank 19 small freighters, two river steamers and numerous smaller craft.

## Surrendered Germans Salute As 5th, 7th Armies Link Up

By Howard Byrne Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE 103RD DIV., May 4 (Delayed)-The long looked-for link-up between the 7th and 5th American Armies came today at 11:15 hours when elements of the 103rd Div., 7th Army, met a jeep column of the 88th Div. 5th Army, at Colle Sarco, Italy, eight miles below the Italian border. Innsbruck was scarcely taken last night when the 1st Bn. of the 103rd Div.

roared out of the town at 2000 hours and roared out of the town at 2000 hours and raced with glaring headlights toward Brenner Pass. The 1st Bn. is commanded by Maj. John E. Rhea, of Corpus Christi, Tex. By 0200 the following day the battalion had reached Brenner and the motors

Heldin Jan Deal were switched off until dawn.

During a four-hour dash at top speed not a single shot had been fired by German soldiers, who snapped to attention and saluted as the eight-mile-long column of 1st Bn. armor and other vehicles rolled across five bridges which lie between Innsbruck and Brenner Pass, none of which had been demolished.

The armored car leading the column flew an American flag from the wind-shield as a safeguard against being fired on by elements of the 5th Army who might be farther forward than expected.

In the leading vehicle was Col. Donovan Yeuell, of Hardinsburg, Ky, who commands the 103rd's 411th Regt. Thousands of prisoners were seen stream ing northward over the Italian hills toward Innsbruck, but the 1st Bn. had no time even to stop and collect their

At 1000 hours today Yeuell received orders to proceed southward from Bren-ner as far into Italy as necessary to link ner as far into Italy as necessary to link up with the 5th Army. At 1040 four jeeps, two tanks and one armored car moved southward through heavily falling snow and drove eight miles below the Italian border to Colle Sarco, where two jeeps from the 5th Army were sighted. The jeeps proved to be from the 88th Div. and in them were Lt. Col. Haines, of Orlando, Fla., executive officer of the 349th Regt., Maj. Gerald Munn, of Akron, Ohio, and Pfc Barney Beadle, of Weatherford, Tex.

The first representatives of the 5th and

The first representatives of the 5th and The first representatives of the 5th and 7th Afmics to meet were Sgt. John Lovold, of Kansas City, Kan., and Haines. Lovold jammed on the brakes as the vehicles touched noses and leaped out and embraced the Colonel. The Colonel didn't seem to give a tinker's damn that the Sergeant hadn't saluted.

Heldin Jap Deal

WASHINGTON, May 6 (ANS)-Two or Philippines President Sergio Osmena's sons were arrested on his order, his secretary disclosed today, on charges of 'selling goods to the Japanese and otherwise dealing with the enemy" prior to the recapture of Manila. Osmena's two sons, Nicasio and Sergio Jr., were being held at Bilibid prison in Manila for trial with other Filipinos similarly accused.

Hospitalized here for routine examina-Osmena announced that he had asked U.S. Army authorities to treat his two accused sons "like any other sus-pects."

He said he was satisfied that his sons would be given a fair trial and added that he would be content with whatever disposition the Army makes of the case. He had not heard from them since their arrest and did not try to get in touch with them when he returned to liberated Manila.

Two of the President's other sons have been shot by the Japanese for guerrilla activity. His remaining two sons, Ramon and Victor, are attending schools in the

### Todd Succeeds Anderson In 8th AF Operations

Maj. Gen. Orvil A. Anderson, former 8th Air Force deputy commander for operations, has left the 8th for another important assignment, USSTAF announced yesterday.

He has been succeeded by Brig. Gen. Walter E. Todd, former deputy chief of staff for operations.

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