

## Allies Push Entire Italy Line Ahead

### Nazis Pull Back Toward Garigliano River; 8th Takes San Stefano

Against stiffening enemy resistance the Fifth Army drove forward anew yesterday from the Volturno in its advance toward the Garigliano River, 20 miles from the Volturno and the next likely point for a German stand. Farther east the Eighth Army, pushing westward toward the Fifth's right flank, advanced four miles to capture San Stefano after beating off a number of heavy enemy counter-attacks. A total of 23 towns and villages fell into Allied hands in 24 hours and the 100-mile Allied line across Italy was pushed forward a number of miles for most of its length.

#### Eighth, Fifth May Link Up

The right flank of the Fifth, battling east of Capua, moved ahead four miles and thrust across the Tevere River. This progress may soon bring Allied troops on to the high ground which dominates the Garigliano, and continued advances also may bring a link-up of the Fifth's wing and the Eighth Army.

After falling back from the Volturno, retreating Nazi forces were trying to hold up Allied progress with long-range artillery and machine gunning, obviously attempting to reap a big dividend for the smallest number of casualties.

German resistance has been increased in the San Stefano area, and capture of the town came only after bloody fighting. At one time the Eighth had a number of enemy units still resisting behind its own lines, but these were mopped up one by one. Near the Adriatic coast, the Eighth pushed into the small town of Monte Cilfone.

#### Strong Allied Air Support

Allied planes continued to give sweeping support to the ground forces, while air attacks in the Mediterranean area spread yesterday for the first time to Jugoslavia. Medium bombers blasted the railway yards at Skoplje, in southern Serbia, which is on the only railway between Belgrade and Athens.

Fighters strafed airfields near Rome, while medium and light bombers raided Isernia, Frosinone and Casino, all in an area about 40 miles north of Naples.

## DSM Presented To Gen. Devers

Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, ETO commander, yesterday was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for his "services as chief of the Armored Force from July 17, 1941, to May 7, 1943."

Gen. Devers was awarded the DSM by Gen. George C. Marshall, U.S. Army chief of staff. The presentation was made by a high ranking general.

At the same simple ceremony in ETO headquarters, Maj. Gen. Idwal H. Edwards, ETO chief of staff, was also awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

As chief of the Armored Force, Gen. Devers took up the problems of organizing an armored striking force for the United States following the death of Lt. Gen. Adna R. Chaffee, who first organized this branch of the Army.

Emphasis on armored warfare had made Gen. Devers' position into one of the most important in the Army. Commanding the Armored Force Replacement Training Center, the Armored Force School, the Armored Force Board and the numerous armored divisions his headquarters activated, Gen. Devers made the Armored Force a tough, hard-striking, two-fisted organization.

A leading exponent of aggressive offensive armored warfare, Gen. Devers, as commanding general of the American forces in the ETO, heads perhaps the greatest potential striking force the United States will introduce into the war.

The award to Gen. Edwards followed the receipt of a cable from the War Department authorizing the presentation for "services as assistant chief of the War Department General Staff G-3 (operations) from May 16, 1942, until May 15, 1943."

## Morgenthau in Algiers On Tour of War Fronts

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19—Secretary of Treasury Henry Morgenthau arrived in Algiers Friday on an aerial tour of the war fronts, with the monetary expert, Harry D. White, and his confidential assistant, Fred Smith.

No further information is available at present on their whereabouts or itinerary. The tour is expected to last several weeks.

## Germans' Secret Bomb Tested in Britain Raids

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 19 (AP)—Germany's new secret bomb weapon has already been tested against Britain and is now ready for reprisal aerial warfare against the British, the Berlin correspondent of "Aftonbladet" said in a dispatch today.

Details of the weapon were not disclosed, but German military experts told the correspondent that tests showed the new high explosive caused 90 per cent destruction in target areas.

The bomb was invented by Col. Dimplinger, a friend of Hitler's, the dispatch said. It added that only a few of the bombs have been dropped on Britain so far and the weapon was used once in the Mediterranean area.

## Larger Checks For Soldier Kin Voted by House

**\$30 for First Child, \$20 For Others Provided; \$50 for Wives**

Special Cable to Stars and Stripes WASHINGTON, Oct. 19—An increase in the allowance to dependent children of U.S. service men was voted unanimously by the House of Representatives yesterday.

The bill, which already had been approved by the Senate, was returned to that body for concurrence on amendments. It was indicated unofficially that quick approval there was certain and that the bill would soon be on the President's desk for signing.

The House version provides increases from \$12 to \$30 monthly for the first child and from \$10 to \$20 for each additional child. Thus a wife with two children would receive \$100 monthly compared to the present \$72, the \$50 monthly figure for the wife alone having been left unchanged.

Virtually the only objection to the bill as reported out by the House Military Affairs Committee was that it failed to increase dependency allotments enough. However, an amendment offered by Rep. George Sadowski (D-Mich.) calling for payment of \$55 to a wife with no children, \$35 for the first child and \$30 for each additional child was voted down, 140-48.

The higher allowances will not take any bigger bite from the service man's pay check. Under the bill men who hold a rank below a T/3 will continue to contribute \$22 monthly to the support of his dependents.

Rep. Charles Clason (R-Mass.) offered the amendment calling for the \$30 figure for the first child and \$20 for additional children. The amendment was approved by a bi-partisan vote of 163-46, while the bill in its final form won unanimous endorsement, 189-0.

## Yank in RAF Squadron Destroys 3 Locomotives

F/O Herbert Wagner, 22, of Garrison, Md., the only American in a South England Spitfire squadron, destroyed three out of four locomotives attacked by himself and another pilot in France last week, it was revealed yesterday. Wagner is a former Baltimore newspaper reporter and insurance salesman.

## Hull, Eden, Molotov Present As Moscow Conference Opens

MOSCOW, Oct. 19—Secretary of State Cordell Hull, British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov today in the Kremlin held the first business meeting of one of the most momentous consultations of the war.

Although no detailed statement on the aims of the conference was issued by the participants, observers speculated that the main item on the agenda would be Russian arguments for a second front.

Hull and Eden and their staffs arrived here by plane yesterday. They were greeted by Molotov, Maxim Litvinoff, former Russian ambassador to the United States, and other high Soviet officials.

With the secretary of state were Averell Harriman, new U.S. envoy to Russia; Maj. Gen. John Deane, secretary to the combined Anglo-American chiefs of staff in Washington; Green Hackworth, the State Department's legal adviser; James Dunn, the department's political adviser;

# Smuts Predicts U.S. Doughboys Will Lead Way in Blasting Open 2nd Front in Europe Next Year

## Bound for All Points North



A two and one-half tonner serves as transportation for U.S. troops going through the shell-torn streets of Naples on their way to the Volturno front. That's a jeep bringing up the rear as Italians watch the Americans go past.

## Big RAF Fleet Jolts Hanover

### 17 Bombers Lost in Raid Which Ends 10-Day Lull for British

After ten days of inactivity, RAF heavy bombers made a strong attack on Hanover, the leading railway center between Germany and the Low Countries, Monday night, it was announced yesterday.

The attack on the industrial city of Hanover, which has a population of 500,000, lies about 380 miles from Britain, cost of the RAF 17 bombers. Accurate observation of the results of the raid, officially described as "in strength," was prevented by clouds.

RAF Mosquitos dropped bombs on targets in Berlin and Western Germany Monday night, the Air Ministry also reported. It was their fourth raid of the month on Germany's leading city.

Hanover, site of the great Continental Gummiwerke, where much of the Nazi war machine's finished rubber products are manufactured, has had 52 Allied aerial attacks. It was last raided on Oct. 8, when the RAF wiped out several industrial areas while losing 31 bombers.

The Air Ministry announced that Coastal Command Beaufighters yesterday attacked enemy shipping off the Dutch coast, including the German merchant vessel Strasburg, which has been aground for some weeks, and was in tow. Several hits were scored on the ship, and three of the escort vessels were damaged. One British plane was lost.

## Soviets Pierce Nazi Kiev Line

### Heavy German Air, Tank Opposition Fails to Halt Russian Onslaught

MOSCOW, Oct. 19—Despite heavy German tank and air opposition, Soviet infantrymen today were reported to have made their second major breakthrough north of Kiev, last Nazi stronghold in the Ukraine, since crossing the Dnieper in strength.

Farther south, Russian units engaged in fierce street-to-street fighting in Melitopol, key city of the Crimea, to capture three-quarters of the metropolis. The Nazis were putting up strong resistance to allow their Crimea forces time to evacuate to other sectors.

The Russians were reported within ten miles of the important railway line running between Krivoi Rog and Dnepropetrovsk, from which the Germans have pulled out their main units to escape entrapment. The Russians claimed advances by tanks on all fronts, indicating that the Red armored forces have crossed the Dnieper's right bank in full strength.

In making their breakthrough north of Kiev, the Russians forced the Germans to retreat west and southwest, although the Luftwaffe made several thousand attacks against their lines for several days. The Nazis, it was reported, counter-attacked as many as ten times a day, but could not hold back the Red offensive.

This rout has placed the German defenses around Kiev in a dangerous position. The Russians are developing their old tactics in preparing an offensive against a major point. They are throwing one arm around Kiev to the northwest while preparing to make the knockout blow from the east—in this case the islands of the Dnieper—and the south.

However, there is no indication that the Nazis intend to give up the Kiev sector without a terrific battle. Observers believe that the days of the continued German retreat seem to be ended, at least temporarily, and that their tactics now seem to be to move back a short distance and then fight again.

## Give Fighting Men A Say On Peace, Senator Urges

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19—Sen. Alex Wiley (R-Wis.) has declared that the "buck private, the corporal, the sergeant, and the officer who do the bleeding, sweating and dying" should have representation at the peace table after the war.

"The men who are fighting the war and who are paying the real price of the war should have something to say about making and maintaining the peace," Wiley said. "These much travelled and experienced men in our armed forces will be of a great help with their broadened outlook and their grasp of world conditions and affairs," he added.

## Calls Yank Armies The Key to War's Grand Finale

United States troops will undoubtedly take a leading and decisive part in the "grand assault, by all arms, on Hitler's Fortress of Europe" next year, Field Marshal Jan C. Smuts, South America's Prime Minister, declared yesterday in a London Guild Hall address.

"In view of the intense and prolonged strain and excessive demands upon the British Commonwealth, American manpower had been rightly looked upon as our grand strategic reserve in the west for the final moves of the war," the South African soldier-statesman said.

Smuts said that while every ally would go all-out to bring about the final climax "the U.S.A.—the latest, freshest and most potent newcomer into the field—may have to play the decisive part in the concluding act of the great war drama."

#### 'The Arsenal of Democracy'

He added that such a role by the Americans would be the best justification for the all-important part the U.S. would likely play in the peace and the building up of the new world order thereafter.

Covering the role already played by the U.S. in the war, Smuts said "In spite of its already great contribution, its role in the war has so far been principally what it was originally intended to be—the arsenal of Democracy." The American industrial effort, he said, has been prodigious and is still moving to an almost incredible peak.

"The fall of Hitler in the West will have far-reaching repercussions in the Far East and will probably facilitate and hasten the fall of Japan thereafter," he said. "Indeed the collapse of Germany may mark the beginning of a cataclysmic turn of events in the Far East, and of the early ending of the war thereafter."

#### U.S. Powerful Offspring

Smuts said that the hopes and prayers of the Old World were with the United States, "its most powerful offspring." He added that "for no nation has so great a destiny been marked out by the course of events. None has ever had so high a mission of good and goodwill; on none have such high hopes been built."

Looking back through the months of 1943, Smuts disclosed that the United Nations already had gone farther and achieved more than they had planned to do by next winter. He said that the great turning points of the war were Stalingrad and El Alamein, and while the great American forces would play their decisive part, nothing could rob Russia and the British Commonwealth of the glory and honor of having turned the tide when the enemy was in sight of a colossal achievement.

The general admitted that the Russian contribution to the war had been immense, but said that there had been no greater event in the war than the success of Allied strategy in the Mediterranean.

## Speech Coincides With U.S. Arrivals

Field Marshal Smuts' statement yesterday that Americans would play a leading role in the war was coincident with the arrival of the U.S. Army Air Forces in London.

## U.S. Planes Use New Fire Bullet

BRIDGEPORT, Oct. 19—The Remington Arms Co. announced yesterday that it was making a new type incendiary bullet which was "the most devastating ever produced for aerial warfare."

Gen. H. H. Arnold, commander of the U.S. Army Air Forces, said in the current issue of Army Ordnance that development of the bullet had established the .50 cal. machine-gun as the best weapon to date for airplanes.

The Remington company said that Army and Navy gunners had reported the new bullet caused enemy planes to burst into flames. They reported that U.S. fighter pilots recently destroyed a Japanese freighter by dropping their auxiliary fuel tanks on the vessel's deck and then raking them and the deck with the incendiaries, causing the ship to catch fire.

The bullet was described as particularly effective in exploding self-sealing fuel tanks, since it spreads a sheet of fire on contact, igniting the fuel as it passes through.

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Hash Marks

Why GIs love merry England: "A game of darts, a pint of bitter, and a pack of Woodbines"—what more can a man ask of life?

Say fellows, maybe there's money in kids after all. When doctors at the Massachusetts general hospital removed a nickel which had lodged in the throat of 2-year-old Jean Coppinger, they simultaneously recovered a dime and a penny which no one knew the child had swallowed.

Most surprised man of the week was Louis Ludtke, an Oregon farmer. Driving along the highway he came upon a hitchhiking bear. For curiosity's sake, he stopped his car and opened the door to get a better look at brother bruin. The



bear needed no further invitation—he climbed right into the front seat, tried the steering wheel and blew the horn. Not one to quibble, Ludtke took over with his strange passenger still aboard and drove to the nearest town. Here two soldiers spotted the motorized bear and identified it as their camp pet.

Sad Sack honors of the week go to radio announcer Lee Blaine of Macon, Ga. Blaine became so intent on selling war bonds to his listeners that he rashly offered to wash the dishes for any housewife while she went out to buy war bonds. First to take him up was the duty clerk at a nearby WAC post, and Blaine did KP until two female corporals noticed his acute case of dishpan hands and sent him back to his microphone.

Confusion on the home front. All the dangers of fire-fighting are not at the fire, swear a group of N.Y. firemen, and they know whereof they speak. An alarm went off and they dashed for their trucks via



the time-honored route that all firemen follow—the pole. But this time the saddest plight that could befall a fireman happened—the pole broke, leaving a mass of firemen heaped on the floor. By the time they got untangled the blaze was out.

According to reports from back home messengers ain't what they used to be, and maybe it's due to the manpower shortage. Recently a messenger wandered all over the Grand Island Army air base in Nebraska looking for a "Lt. Snead" for whom he had a package. Finally he stopped a post officer who asked a few questions. The officer looked at the name on the package and said, "You're looking for Lt. Col. Snead, the post commander." "Yeah, I guess you're right," drawled the inexperienced messenger. "I thought the 'Col.' stood for 'Collect.'" J. C. W.

Doctor Turns Machinist To Provide Instruments



U.S. Army Air Force Photo. Capt. Kenneth E. Comer of Mooresville, Ind., takes a final reading on the micrometer after machining his proctoscope. Sgt. O'Dell C. Coursey, Augusta, Ga., station machinist who assisted Capt. Comer, looks on approvingly.

By Sgt. Bud Kane

Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent. A U.S. LIBERATOR STATION, Oct. 19—It isn't often that you hear of a doctor and a machinist working hand in hand on any project, but this war being what it is, that is just exactly what happened at this base recently.

The doctor, Capt. Kenneth E. Comer, of Mooresville, Ind., flight surgeon here, had his hands full of GIs who complained of the same trouble, intestinal.

In ordinary circumstances a "doc" could pull out a few instruments, take a quick gander at his findings and prescribe a remedy. But such instruments are available only in Army hospitals, and these GIs had to be returned to duty as soon as possible.

So Capt. Comer called on Sgt. O'Dell C. Coursey, of Augusta, Ga., and asked him if there were a few pieces of metal that could be spared for a good cause.

Together, Coursey and Capt. Comer drew, to scale, the plans for a proctoscope. This instrument, composed of a metal sleeve and a core, looks like a .50 cal. bullet with a flange fitted to it. But it must fit like a piston in a cylinder.

Machined to size, it was tried out and pronounced a success. Now, cases which formerly were packed off to an Army hospital can be treated right here on the post.

Sgt. Coursey, who has spent no little time at a lathe, was a little dubious about letting Capt. Comer use his machine. He's doubtful no longer.

"Any time that 'sawbones' wants to quit the medical racket," he said, "he can come down to the machine shop. He's got 'savy'."

This isn't the first time that Capt. Comer has shown evidence of that "savy." Several weeks ago he rigged up an airplane inspector's pin-point lamp and attached it to a flashlight battery case fastened to his belt.

By placing this lamp under the frontal bone of a sinus patient in a dark room, he was able to study the extent of the infected area. Treatment was more easily prescribed and the patient returned to duty.

Graduated from Indiana University and from internship at City Hospital, Indianapolis, Capt. Comer practised for several years in his father's clinic. When war was declared he accepted a commission and shortly afterward was on his way overseas.

ASTP Places Over 150,000 In 200 Colleges Back Home

Special to The Stars and Stripes. NEW YORK, Oct. 19—The War Department has revealed that soldiers enrolled under the Army Specialized Training Program now were studying at more than 200 universities and colleges throughout the United States.

According to Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff, ASTP was promulgated to ensure that there would be "no interruption in the flow of professionally and technically trained men."

Any soldier of any age with the necessary education and a score of at least 115

in the Army's general classification test (intelligence and general knowledge) is eligible for the specialized training. If under 22 and having had a high-school education, his chances are good.

Soldiers over 22 need the minimum score and at least one year of college, plus a background of one or more foreign languages or a year of college mathematics or physics. Men having had more than three years of college must have majored in engineering or know at least one foreign language in order to qualify.

More than 150,000 soldiers now are attending school again under the program. They are on active duty and lead a strictly military life. Some are taking courses requiring three months to two years for engineering training. Prospective doctors take the standard curriculum.

Every 12 weeks the university or college reports to the Army on students' progress. If unsatisfactory, the affected soldier is returned to other duty.

Upon completion of ASTP training, the soldier is assigned to a troop unit in his specialized field, where he may be recommended as a technical non-commissioned officer or sent to officer-candidate school.

Many men are assigned to the study of foreign areas and languages for duty with all branches of the Army ground forces, military intelligence, provost marshal's department, Signal Corps, &c.

Men chosen for ASTP spend 17 hours weekly on an assigned language, two hours daily on colloquial conversation sessions and some time in small-unit classes on grammar and language structure.

Ten hours weekly are devoted to studies of France or Russia, and an additional four hours to modern history. Physical training takes up six hours a week, while for five hours the students are given military instruction, including bi-weekly compulsory student speeches on military subjects.

Geographical and historical studies of each country include military features such as terrain, logistics and explanations of the differences between the mapping and surveying procedures in the areas being studied and the United States. Each country's social, political and economic conditions are studied, as well as its customs, institutions, etc.

Because each man already was familiar with at least one other language, one Russian study section alone now has a knowledge of the Finnish, Croat, Swedish, Greek, Polish and Lithuanian languages.

Army Notes In the ETO

T/4 Jimmy N. Jollotta, of Eastport, Me., and a London U.S. Army RTO, has received a personal letter of thanks from Gen. Montgomery, Eighth Army chief, for a congratulatory message on the Eighth's successes posted by Jollotta in July.

Jollotta sketched the general's portrait on a V-mail form in ten minutes one night at the Mostyn club, wrote the message round it, and addressed it to him—"somewhere in Sicily."

But a strange colloquialism in "Monty's" reply, which is dated "Eighth Army, Italy, 15-IX-43," caused a lot of head-scratching among English language experts yesterday.

The General wrote, "Thankya for the airgraph, and the portrait drawing of myself. Quite a good likeness. As ya said in the airgraph, I got to Catania before I received your letter. Maybe I shall be in Rome before you receive this one. Good luck to you. B. L. Montgomery, General, Eighth Army."

No one could figure out whether the "thankya" business was a mistake, or whether the general just wanted to be friendly.

Incidentally, even the Eighth Army leader's mail gets a working over. The letter was stamped "Passed by Censor No. 40."

When The Stars and Stripes last Wednesday published the claim of Sgt. J. P. Buchanan to be the only soldier without a first name (he just shows the initials on his birth certificate), it was not considered unlikely there would be other claimants—now there's a string of them telling J. P. to move over.

Cpl. J. T. Beggs came right out of Buchanan's own base to say that J. T. is all he has in front of his last name. Two of them showed up at the — Bombardment Group, T/Sgt. R. D. Omo, of Three Rivers, Mich., and S/Sgt. 'W. J. Gay, of Dublin, Ga. Gay is a tail gunner on a Fort that also goes around without a name, and Omo is a machine-shop foreman in the engineering section.

The man who handles the payroll at another bombardment group, S/Sgt. Lewis E. Baish, wrote to say that he has a corporal who signs his name with just initials for lack of a first name, J. D. Hicks. Another guy, D. J. Hammack, had the same distinction.

Pvt. J. B. Foote and Sgt. C. B. Carroll are two more of the nameless people, Carroll being the youngest of ten and figuring that the family ran out of names before they got around to him.

Signing themselves "The Boys of the MITU," a group of soldiers ask a place for a buddy, Sgt. O. T. Smith, of Newellton, La., who thinks that the initials stand for Old Testament, but they call him O.T. for short. So, to date, J. P. Buchanan has eight like him in the ETO.

The Texan officers' club organized at an Ordnance depot has a mission—to tell the world about their state. The philosophy of its 20 members is summed up by the organizer, Capt. Fred J. Cox, a typically modest Texan from San Antonio, "I guess we have the reputation for being boastful on account that we have so much to boast about."

The club had its first dinner at a hotel last week and the members took the opportunity to describe their state to interested, if bemused, Englishmen. Texas had, they said, the finest country, the best industry, the prettiest women, grandest climate. They sang "The Eyes of Texas are Upon You" and "Deep in the Heart of Texas," plus a lot of school songs.

And then they went back to their camp, because it was possible that there were a few GIs in the ETO who had not come from Texas, and they would need looking after, naturally.



A Scorcher Returns

Time was, full fifty years ago As proud as any lad could be, That thrill of thrills was mine to know My father bought a bike for me. Soon every riding trick I knew Which brought the plaudits from the stands.

What others did I learned to do, Including "riding without hands." I never saw a daring feat But what I claimed it for my own. A leap, and I was on the seat. Soon as a "scorcher" I was known, Then many a neighbor shook his head As I went racing down the road. That boy will break his neck, they said. He pays no heed to safety's code. Today a bicycle I ride To save the gas, but skill has flown And vanished is the old-time pride. The daring boy has cautious grown. The lad of many a reckless feat Has slipped for ever out of sight, An older on that safety seat. 'Tis strange how ugly knees appear When time has stripped away their grace; How much there is for age to fear Which youth with laughter used to face. The boy who "scorched" in ninety-three And frightened people left and right, Now slowly rides his bike, and he Is hanging on with all his might.

Pvt. Al Cello.

British Courage

We know now why Britain didn't collapse after Dunkirk. It wasn't the Churchill speech nor the great fight of the famous few. It was the supreme courage of the British people, a courage demonstrated anew by Mrs. Edith Durrant, who was rescued yesterday from her London home after being trapped 13 hours in the debris of its destruction.

When the bomb came she was in bed with her baby, and with it crashed down through the dust to the basement below, three storeys of rubble on top. Rescue squads were soon at work, and as they worked she joined with them as they sang to give her cheer. She sang with her baby dead by her side, with her legs smashed and pinned by tons of wood, plaster and brick.

Time passed, at last a tunnel to her side was finished and workmen cut her free. When finally she lay on her stretcher in the daylight, she said: "I'm all right. Sorry I've been so much trouble."

That's why Germany could not win the Battle of Britain. It could not beat a people who refuse to be beaten... whose courage carries them through defeat and disaster to victory... even though death stands in the way.

Indians in the War

"We and the 50,000 people we represent," resolved the Tribal Council of the great Navajo tribe of New Mexico and Arizona, "stand ready as in 1918 to aid and defend our government and its institutions against all subversive and armed conflict and pledge our loyalty to the system which recognizes minority rights and a way of life that has placed us among the greatest people of our race."

This resolution was passed before the Japs struck at Pearl Harbor. It was passed by the Navajos, largest and perhaps least assimilated of all American Indian tribes.

Today, more than 1,400 Navajos are in the U.S. Armed services while other thousands serve in the nation's war industries. Loyalty of the Navajos, together with the marked loyalty of all other American Indians, reflects credit on American democracy.

But Axis agents operating in the United States had worked for and predicted a revolt by American Indians against the government if an attempt were made to draft them into the armed services. The "exploited" Indian, they declared, would form the nucleus for disorders that would spread throughout the 48 states and put them under the protection of the swastika, supervised of course by "superior" Germans. Recognizing the American Indian as a brave and crafty fighter the Nazis forgot that he was also able to reason for himself, and his reasoning led him, 13,000 strong, into the U.S. Army and Navy in large part as a volunteer.

Today American Indians are serving loyally on every front, and the service of many has been brilliant. These soldiers—our "first" Americans—believe firmly in the way of freedom. They fight now to protect their homes and way of life, and in so doing give the world a stirring lesson in democracy.

Gasless Carriages

Gasolineless automobiles and other vehicles run on "producer gas," that is to say on fuel generated by such things as coal, wood, charcoal, corncocks, coffee husks, nutshells and grape seeds, are growing in number in almost every country in the world except the United States. Stern necessity has driven many countries to the use of producer gas-propelled transport because of the lack of petroleum or other types of gasoline substitutes.

The result has not been entirely bad. Farmers have been able to use waste matter for fuel, and vehicles using waste matter have been developed far beyond the experimental stage—850,000 of them are in use on both land and water, most of them in Germany, France, Russia, Sweden, Italy, Australia, Brazil and Denmark. The United States has only six such vehicles, all of them experimentals, while Great Britain has 10,000.

Reports from Britain's "committee on the emergency conversion of motor vehicles to producer gas," which was formed at the beginning of the war, call attention to the value of "producer gas" as a means of conservation. In America like conservation may in time be the answer to shrinking reserves of oil, and in a land where corncocks, coal and wood are abundant "free fuel" is on hand for the taking by millions of our population.

PRIVATE BREGER



"It'll help our morale, if you'd change that to a ONE-year diary!"

# Steuber Leads Grid Scorers With 77 Points

## DePauw Back Has Scored 12 Touchdowns in Three Games

NEW YORK, Oct. 19—Running wild for 25 points against Wabash on Sunday, Bob Steuber, DePauw halfback, boosted his season's total to 77 points and reached the top of the heap of the nation's football scoring list.

Second place honors are held by Steve Van Beuren, Louisiana State backfield ace, who has a total of 64 points.

In three games, Steuber has lugged the leather for 12 touchdowns and booted five conversions. Van Beuren has played in four contests in which he has tallied nine times and added ten conversions.

Broken down into conferences and sections, Steuber and Van Beuren have a wide margin in the Midwest non-conference squads and the Southeastern Conference. Big guns in the East are Army's Glenn Davis and Howard Bloese, of Cornell. In their four games, they each have scored seven touchdowns for a point scoring total of 42.

### Butkovich Tops Big Ten

A Purdue Boilermaker, Tony Butkovich, is top man in the Big Ten. In five games, he has crossed into payoff dirt ten times for 60 points.

In the Southern circuit, three gridders are tied up in a knot with 24 points each. Lloyd Blount, of Duke, Charley Lawler, of Richmond, and Fred Grant, of Wake Forest have racked up four touchdowns each for a 24-point total. Blount and Lawler have played in five games, Grant in four.

Down in the Southwest, usually high-scoring country, Ralph Park, of Texas, heads the list with 39 points on five touchdowns and nine conversions in four games. Big man in the Big Six is Bob Bromley, of Oklahoma's Sooners. His record is four scores and four conversions in four games, plus one field goal for 31 points.

Out in the West, Bob Madelena, of Colorado, has the Rocky Mountain leadership with four touchdowns and nine conversions in four games for 33 points, while Washington's Jay Stoves is the Pacific Coast Conference leader with four touchdowns and four extra points in two games for 28 points.

# Red Sox Drop Al Simmons

BOSTON, Oct. 19—Al Simmons, formerly one of American League's star outfielders, has been released by the Red Sox.

Simmons led the American League batting in 1930 and '31 with .381 and .390 respectively. This year he batted .203 in 43 games after leaving retirement due to the player shortage.

Simmons broke into the American League with the Athletics in 1924 and stayed there until 1933, when he was traded to the White Sox. He also played with Detroit, Washington and Cincinnati.

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### Reunion Dinner

CORTLAND, N.Y., EMs and officers serving in the ETO are invited by the ARC Mostyn club, 16 Portman St., W.I., to attend a reunion dinner there on Friday, Oct. 22, at 7.15 PM.

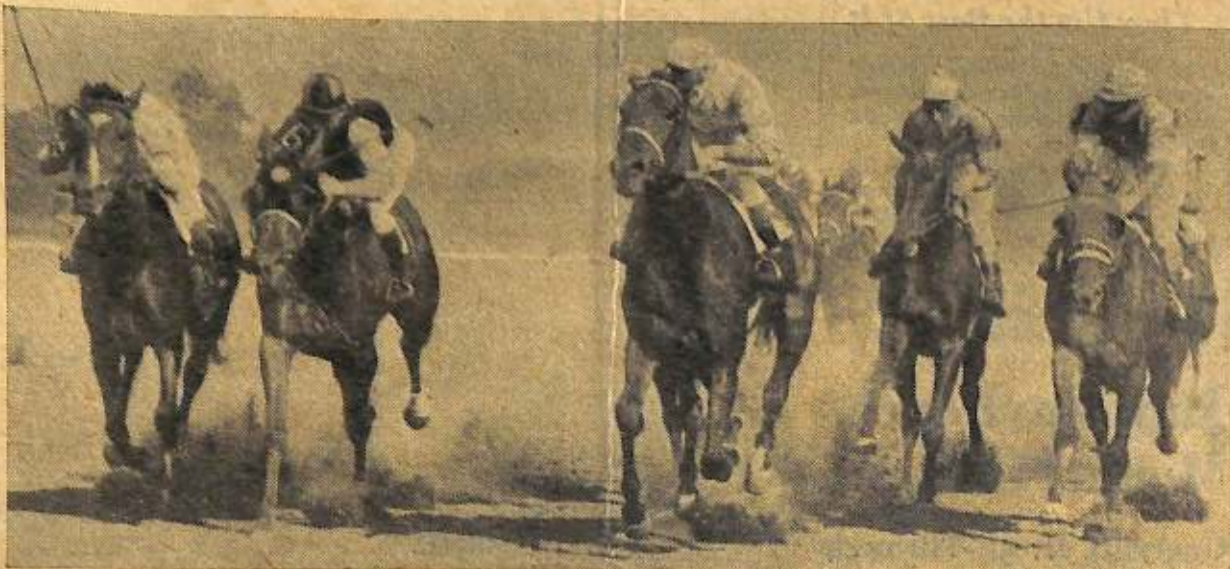
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A SINGLE-STONE diamond engagement ring on Thursday afternoon, Oct. 14. Reward for information leading to return. Contact Help Wanted.

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# A 126-1 Shot Lives Up to Her Name



Walter Chrysler's Speed Streak (center) came home in front in this race at Belmont, the first start for the Chrysler color bearer. She was a 126-1 shot. Frizelle Blue (extreme left) was second and Orange Bowl (second from left) was third. The race was run on the six-furlong straightaway at the Long Island, N.Y., track.

# Draft of Fathers May Force Minor Loops to Shut Up Shop

NEW YORK, Oct. 19 (UP)—The minor leagues face a baseball blackout today, and the principal reason is that their strength has become their weakness.

Drafting of fathers for the armed forces caused this paradox and may be the Achilles heel that will force the minors to close up shop for the duration.

The strength of the minors in recent years has been their inclusion in the major league chain store system with both player and financial aid. But this factor now becomes possibly a fatal weakness to the boys in the bushes if the majors are hard hit by the draft. For the big league clubs will dip into the minor league rosters as hard and as often as necessary to continue the big apple.

The majors are determined to carry on, no matter what the cost, and the cost may be minor league baseball.

William Harridge and Ford Frick, presidents respectively of the American and National Leagues, have voiced confidence that their circuits will operate in 1944. There obviously will be new difficulties and a vastly greater percentage of players lost to the armed forces.

The fatted calves are the clubs that make up the major league teams' farm systems. One of the better minor loops

—the Texas League—was forced out of action last fall when the Detroit Tigers raided their Beaumont farm and the Cardinals clipped the Houston roster.

Nobody can predict how the new draft setup will affect big league baseball squads, but you can rest assured that the majors will be the last to go even if that means suspension of the International and Pacific Coast leagues and the American Association—top wheels of the minors.

Branch Rickey, fast-talking boss of the Brooklyn Dodgers, gives the tipoff on the situation.

"Big league baseball was on very thin ice last year, but the ice is thicker now. People have shown that they want baseball to continue and we will play, as Commissioner Landis said, as long as we have 18 men to put on the field. But on the other hand, the minor league ice looks much thinner as a result of the father draft."

That seems to express the sentiments of every baseball owner in the majors—to keep the big wheel running if the rest of the carnival is closed down. So minor league bigwigs are keeping their fingers crossed until the annual convention of the majors and minors in New York in December. It undoubtedly will be the most critical period in their histories.

# N. Carolina State Seeks To Cancel Two Grid Tilts

RALEIGH, N.C., Oct. 19—Coach Williams Newton, of North Carolina State, has asked the schedule committee to release State from football contracts with Duke and North Carolina this fall.

Newton indicated that if the schedule committee agreed, he would lay the matter before Coach Eddie Cameron, of Duke, and Tom Young, of North Carolina, and other interested officials. State, with a green squad, has lost three and won one. They lost Saturday night to Wake Forest, 54-6.

Newton said, "I see no use in playing Duke and North Carolina. I don't know anybody who would particularly want to see those games."

# Billy Conn Gives Louis His Version of Title Fight

JEFFERSON BARRACKS, Mo., Oct. 19—Pvt. (formerly Cpl.) Billy Conn said to Joe Louis, "I had you licked that night. All I had to do was coast two more rounds and the title would have been mine. I intended to hold it for two years and then give you another crack at it."

Louis yawned, and replied, "How do you figure you could have held it two years, Billy, when you couldn't even hold it those last two rounds."

### Army-Irish Game Sold Out

NEW YORK, Oct. 19—Interest in the gridiron's two main undefeated juggernauts, Army and Notre Dame, has soared to a new high. All tickets for the game between the teams are sold. They play Nov. 6 at the Yankee Stadium here, and 80,000 seats at \$6.60 and \$4.40 are gone.

### Sun Briar Dead

BINGHAMTON, N.Y., Oct. 19—Sun Briar, 28-year-old racing veteran, is dead. The two-year-old champion of 1917 sired Sun Bear III, third greatest money winner of all time. Sun Briar sired 292 foals, including 33 stake winners. All told, Sun Briar's get won \$2,345,412.

# Jacobs to Use St. Nick As 'Feeder' for Garden

NEW YORK, Oct. 19—Fight promoter Mike Jacobs has announced the leasing of St. Nicholas Palace here for one year as "Feeder Club" for Madison Square Garden and other big time arenas. Last feeder club was the New York Hippodrome, abandoned in 1938.

Jacobs also announced a schedule of 16 fights at St. Nicholas Palace and 21 for the garden for the fall and winter season.

### Musial Gets 3-Year Contract

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 19—The Cardinals have announced the signing of Stan Musial, right fielder and the major league's leading hitter, on a three-year contract. Musial, with a .357 average and 220 hits, led both leagues. Although no terms were disclosed, it is presumed that Musial got a substantial increase.

# Scribe Raps Fans' Booming At Dodger Football Contest

By Dan Parker

NEW YORK, Oct. 19—Fans are inconsistent creatures, as they don't have to be reminded.

Nothing enrages them so much as to see a big, healthy-looking hunk of man engaged in the sham battles of sports these days when American manhood is needed for a more important mission.

Yet the booming to which the Brooklyn football Dodgers were subjected during Sunday's game would lead one to believe

# 18 Grid Teams Stay Unbeaten

## Six Service Squads on List; No Southern Elevens Among Select

NEW YORK, Oct. 19—Saturday's football games left 18 teams in the nation's charmed circle of undefeated gridiron squads—and six of them are service teams.

Army, Navy and Pennsylvania lead the East's big timers with perfect records, while Franklin Marshall and Bainbridge Naval are right behind in the minors.

Notre Dame's Fighting Irish are the titans of the Midwest with Iowa's Pre-Flighters, Purdue and Minnesota are right at their heels. All the Southern teams have taken it on the chin at least once—or have not played three or more games—but Southwestern, Texas A and M, Randolph Field and Tulsa are unbeaten in the Southwest.

Colorado University and Colorado College are the standard bearers in the Rocky Mountain group, while Alonzo Stagg's College of the Pacific, Southern California's Trojans and the March Field Flyers have perfect records on the Coast.

# Pro Scorers Led by Hopp

NEW YORK, Oct. 19—Harry Hopp, who made a 70-yard touchdown run to give the Detroit Lions a 7-0 triumph over the Chicago Cardinals Sunday, is the nation's top professional football scorer.

In five games, "Hippety" Hopp has scored 42 points on seven touchdowns. His nearest rival is Wilbur Moore of the Washington Redskins with 30. Moore has played in only two games, however, and scored five touchdowns.

Pass-catching Don Hutson, of the Green Bay Packers has tallied 25 points in four games, 12 by touchdowns and 13 by conversions. Last on the list are Harry Clark, of the Chicago Bears and Augie Lio, of the Lions. Clark has scored 24 points on four touchdowns in four games while Lio has booted 13 conversions and two field goals for 19 points.

# Kahn's Victory Only Knockout On Corner Bill

## Brooklyn Fighter TKOs James Wade in Third Round

It was novice night at the Rainbow Corner last night as Tex Blaisdell presented an abbreviated card of four bouts. ETO welterweight champion T/S Bill Garrett, of Pittsburg, the scheduled headliner, did not fight, as his opponent failed to show up.

Best attraction of the quartette of bouts was the last event, a light heavyweight affair between Sgt. Aaron Kahn, of Brooklyn, and Sgt. James Wade, of Birmingham, Mich. Kahn, making his fifth start in the ETO, racked up his fifth straight TKO. The referee, Lt. Col. Richards Vidmer, stopped the tussle at 2.50 of the third round.

Kahn was never in any trouble. He battered Wade throughout the first round and the Michigan batter was on the defensive from the opening bell. He never got the hang of Kahn's high-level left and was down more than he was up. His victory last night entitled Kahn to a shot at Pvt. Dick Kist next week.

In a slow opener between two novice welterweights, Pvt. Henry Indenbaum, of Bridgeport, Conn., outpointed Pvt. Joe Hirsch, of Loveland, Cal.

Indenbaum, a southpaw with a good short left, dropped Hirsch at one minute of the opening stanza for no count, but from there on it developed into a mixture of rassing and tumbling.

Both fighters have fairly good possibilities. Hirsch is aggressive, has a good left, and is willing to trade punches at any time.

He lacks timing and the ability to find his opponent's weakness. Indenbaum, a hard puncher, should develop when he learns to carry the fight to his opponent instead of waiting for him to bring it on a platter.

Cpl. Keith Voorhees, of Ventura, Cal., used his nine pounds weight advantage to take a decision over Pfc Charles Wohlwend, of Superior, Wis.; the Eighth Air Force featherweight champ.

The first round started slow, but stepped up near the end and both boys were slugging it out at the bell.

In the second, both began landing short lefts and Voorhees had Wohlwend breathing hard at the end of the round.

Early in the third Voorhees landed a stiff right to the nose and took a broad lead in the final round.

The only middleweight scrap of the evening gave Pvt. Henry Ries, of Milwaukee, Wis., an easy decision over Sgt. Ernest Siegrist, of Plainfield, N.J.

Ries, an MP, used both his gloves as clubs. Siegrist backpedaled for three rounds—and there is some question whether or not he threw more than three punches throughout the entire fight.

# Higbe Cuts Short Furlough To Pitch, Then Is Banned

FT. JACKSON, S.C., Oct. 19—This post's reception center baseball team found their ace pitcher ruled off the field due to a technicality and consequently lost the post championship to the 100th Division Lions, 6-3.

Kirby Higbe, ex-Dodger hurler, cut short a 21-day furlough to play with the reception center team in the playoff. The rules say that in order to be eligible for the playoff, a player must have played one game during the regular season.

Now Higbe's team has lost the championship and Higbe lost his furlough.

# Chicago Bears to Lose Bill Osmanski and Siegal

CHICAGO, Oct. 19—The Chicago Bears of the National Football League will lose two more star players after today's game with the Philadelphia-Pittsburgh Steagles.

Fullback Bill Osmanski and End Johnny Siegal are both Navy-bound as junior grade lieutenants. Osmanski reports to the Great Lakes Naval Training Station and Siegal is headed for the Navy's training station at Bainbridge, Md., where Joe Maniaci, former Chicago Bear player, is coach.

### Budge Puts Up Bars

LUBBOCK, Texas, Oct. 19—It is Lt. John Donald Budge now. The red-headed Californian, who once was professional and amateur tennis champion of the world, has graduated from OCS. Budge has been assigned to a college training detachment at Texas Tech.

# Babe Hollingberry Coaching 8th Graders

PULLAM, Wash., Oct. 19—The dean of Pacific Coast Conference coaches, Babe Hollingberry, of Washington State's Rose Bowl gridders, is now coaching an eighth grade team.

Hollingberry remained at Washington State to tutor Army trainees, but a group of fathers asked him to advise the eighth graders. Hollingberry's eighth graders lost their first game 19-7, but Babe has arranged a return game and is confident of winning.

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# 17 Yanks Freed By Germans in Prisoner Switch

## 4,000 Disabled Captives Reach Sweden On Way To British Isles

Seventeen members of U.S. armed forces are reported to be among more than 4,000 disabled prisoners of war, mostly British, who have been brought from Germany to Gothenburg, Sweden, on their way to England.

The Americans will be sent back to their homes as soon as possible after they have reached this country, the British Foreign Office announced. It stated that the small number is explained by the relatively small number of Americans who have been captured by the Germans.

### Arkansas Sergeant 'Made Book' in Prison

ABOARD THE SWEDISH LINER DROTTNINGHOLM, Gothenburg, Oct. 19 (UP)—Sgt. Everett Oglesby, 34, of Manila, Ark., was the only early American arrival among the prisoners of war brought here from Germany.

"Honest Arky," as he calls himself, or "That Yankee racketeer, Arky," as some of his pals prefer to call him, was one of the most popular prisoners at the Lamsdorf prison camp because of his unflinching cheerfulness—and particularly because he was organizer of a softball league and betting pool.

Arky insisted he never could have sold softball to the British without the pool. He was the bookmaker, and paid bets in cigarettes. Since he's a non-smoker, Arky either donated his take to needy buddies or traded them for commodities generally benefiting the camp.

Arky was much calmer than most of his British buddies in commenting on the treatment they received at German prison camps, but minced no words in his views on the Nazis.

"There better not be any Nazis around my home when I get back, or I'll sure be up for murder," he said.

Like almost all of his buddies, Arky proudly displayed a loaf of black German bread, resembling a giant brick, with about the same weight and toughness. All the men said they hoped to have the loaves preserved as souvenirs.

#### Conditions Will be Compared

The men told countless stories of their ability to obtain items such as eggs, sausages, white bread, blankets and knives by trading cigarettes and soap—providing they were able to conduct the bargaining under secret and favorable circumstances.

All the soldiers agreed that when the German prisoner-of-war exchanges are able to contrast the conditions of their imprisonment with conditions in Germany it will provide excellent Allied propaganda.

Arky volunteered for the Essex Scottish Regiment at Windsor, Ontario, on May 27, 1940, "not as an adventurer but because I couldn't stand by and admit that might makes right."

Like other Dieppe prisoners, Arky said the raid was "hell," but considers it was a success.

### Tommies Saw Fort Raid on Marienburg

The Flying Fortress-Liberator raid Oct. 9 on Marienburg, where they were imprisoned, was recalled by some British Tommies, who said they "enjoyed it hugely," according to a press dispatch from Gothenburg.

"Those of us in the work command were being escorted to our jobs by a German guard when the planes came over," an Irish soldier said. "Jerries were watching proudly, and they pointed upward, saying, 'Look how strong our Luftwaffe has become.'"

When one of the Tommies explained that the sky was full of Liberators, not Luftwaffe, the German guard scooted at top speed towards the nearest shelter.

German prisoners of war from camps in the United Kingdom, the United States and Canada have been delivered by a British hospital ship and transport at Gothenburg. British, American and Canadian prisoners will be brought to England from Gothenburg by the two British vessels and a Swedish ship.

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Wednesday, Oct. 20

- 1100—GI Jive
- 1115—Hi Neighbor—News from San Diego, Calif., and music by Charlie Spivak.
- 1130—This and That.
- 1200—Paul Whiteman.
- 1230—The BBC Scottish Variety Orchestra.
- 1300—News (BBC).
- 1310—Barracks Bag.
- 1400—Sign off until 1745.
- 1745—Spotlight on Tommy Tucker.
- 1800—News (BBC).
- 1810—Personal Album—Pinky Tomlin.
- 1825—GI Snapper Club.
- 1900—Sports—Stars and Stripes radio reporter.
- 1905—Symphony Hall.
- 2000—News From Home—Sixty and Stripes roundup.
- 2010—The Fred Waring Show.
- 2025—Miniature.
- 2030—Kay Kyser and his College of Musical Knowledge.
- 2100—News (BBC).
- 2110—Melody Roundup—Leo Carillo.
- 2130—Duffy's Tavern.
- 2200—Lionel Hampton and his Orchestra.
- 2220—Final Edition—Stars and Stripes News.
- 2230—Sign off until Oct. 21 at 1100 hours.

### Generally Speaking, They Get the Best of It

It's cheaper to become a general than a shavetail, a check-up of insignia prices at the London officers' post exchange revealed.

Second lieutenants' bars retail for 1s. 6d. a pair. It costs a halfpenny more to be a first lieutenant. However, a general's stars cost only 1s. 0½d.

Captains' bars are 2s. 2d., majors' gold leaves, 2s. 6d., and the silver leaves of a lieutenant colonel, 4s. 6d. Colonels' eagles sell for 6s. a pair.

## Jugoslav Forces Menace Danube

### Guerrilla Break-Through In Serbia Threatens German Shipping

AN ADRIATIC PORT, Italy, Oct. 19—German traffic on the Danube was threatened today as Yugoslav partisans announced a break-through near the Danube loop in northeastern Serbia following the capture of two towns.

Albanian patriots at the same time struggled against Germans along the Adriatic coast and railroads in the interior.

The Yugoslav guerrillas, who number about 120,000, according to Algiers radio, now hold more than one-third of Yugoslav territory.

As the soldiers commanded by Gen. Mihailovics captured Brza Palanka and Jubukovac, the Nazis launched a fierce aerial campaign against towns held by the people's army.

Albanian guerrilla activity has made the Germans rush reinforcements estimated at more than 35,000 men to fight the forces commanded by Gen. Titos.

In some sections the armies of Titos and Mihailovics were operating around the same towns. It was not known, however, if they were working together.

## FDR Summons Labor Leaders

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19 (AP)—President Roosevelt has summoned labor leaders to a conference on Thursday to discuss labor's demands for higher wages, probably with a view to heading off the threatened nation-wide strike ballot by railway workers.

It was stated in labor circles that the White House had called a meeting of what is known as the "combined labor board," consisting of representatives of the C.I.O., the A.F.L. and the independent railway brotherhoods.

Growing unrest among railway workers over their failure to have wage demands satisfied threatened to develop into an order for a strike ballot soon, but the decision was believed to depend largely on the attitude of five of the brotherhoods whose representatives meet in Chicago later this week.

## Cordell Hull -

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Russians would argue that a large-scale invasion of western and northern Europe could end the war this year.

Politically, Soviet demands will probably be simple. They are expected to insist on their 1941 frontiers and disclaim any intention of destroying Germany politically.

The friendly atmosphere surrounding the first meeting and the prominence with which Russian newspapers played up the reception given the Allied statesmen on their arrival testified to the Soviet government's desire that the conference succeed.

It also indicated Russia's hopes for a solid foundation of military and political cooperation during and after the war.

As the conference opened, the Russian press published a story that the First Polish Division, which is taking part in the Red offensive, was across the Dnieper.

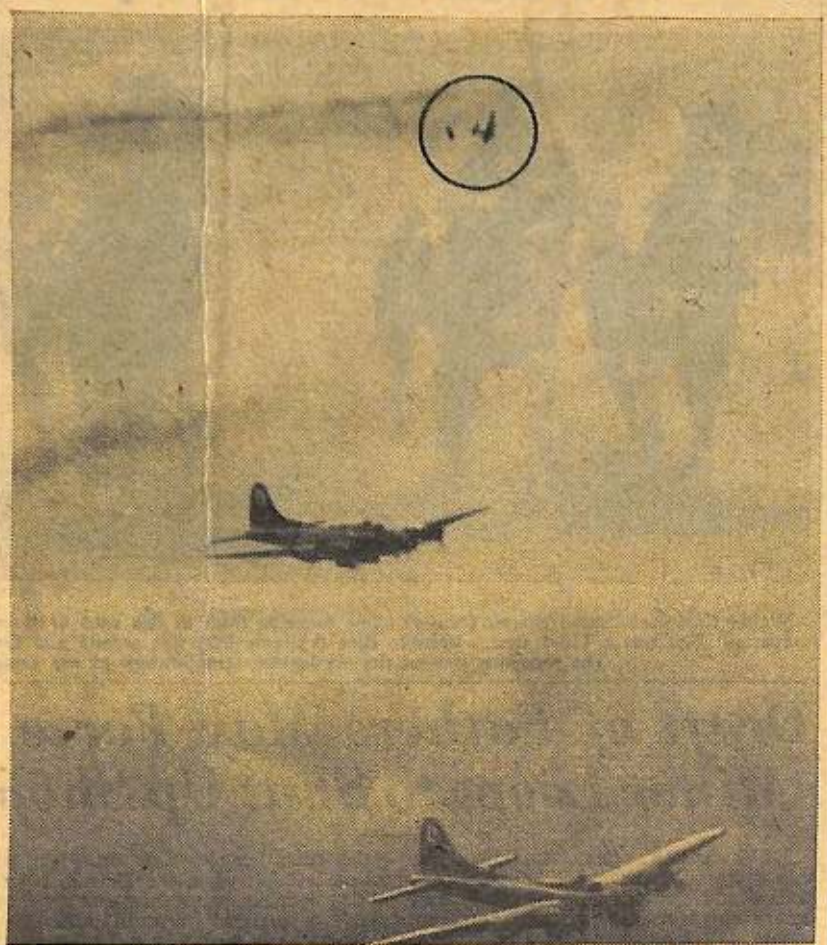
With this statement was an announcement by the Pan-Slav Congress that it was certain that the "Polish armed forces in the USSR will gloriously reach their fatherland by the shortest route."

"The hour of Poland's liberation is near," the Congress said.

### Terry and the Pirates



## Stricken B17 Begins Downward Plunge



With half its wing shot away by German fighters, a stricken Fort begins its downward plunge as other B17s in the formation wing their way toward the target in Germany.

## Japs Land Near Finschafen, May Try to Recapture Base

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Oct. 19—After weeks of half-hearted resistance to the Allied advance in the New Guinea area, the Japanese yesterday landed forces along the coast north of Finschafen, indicating they might be attempting to recapture the base which fell to the Allies three weeks ago.

A large portion of the Jap landing force already has been wiped out and sharp Jap counter-blows south of Finschafen have been hurled back. No Allied ground was lost, according to Gen. MacArthur's official communique.

The troops which repelled the Jap thrust form the right wing of the Allied spearhead pointing toward the vital base of Madang, 75 miles westward along the tricky coast.

Although there has been no fresh news of the progress of this drive, all indications are that the Allies are keeping up a steady pressure on the Japs as they press forward up the Ramu valley toward Madang.

Japanese fighter and bomber forces have carried out attacks on Allied shipping off New Guinea during the past 48 hours, in an obvious attempt to avenge the Jap losses at Rabaul.

The enemy's reprisal efforts proved a dismal failure. Some 35 Japanese planes swooped down on Oro Bay, in New Guinea on Allied shipping lying there. Immediately waves of Allied fighters soared up to meet them and at least 24 Jap aircraft were destroyed, and another six probably destroyed. Only four Allied planes are missing.

### Subs Sink 319 Jap Ships

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19 (UP)—U.S. submarines have sunk 319 Japanese warships since the war began, according to a navy communique issued today.

In addition, 36 are claimed as "probables" and 105 as damaged, making a grand total of 460.

### British Brigade Honors Canadian Tank Squadron

ALLIED HQ, Italy, Oct. 19 (AP)—After knocking out eight German tanks in its first tank-versus-tank clash, a Canadian squadron was honored by a British infantry brigade on the battlefield. A British brigadier-general presented the Canadian commander with a personal pennant.

The Canadians were mainly responsible for beating back a serious German threat to an Allied position during fighting at point-blank range.

### Hitler Sees His Chiefs

Hitler has received at his headquarters his naval and military chiefs of staff and other senior officers, German radio said yesterday.

### Unidentified Seaplane Driven from Hawaii

PEARL HARBOR, Oct. 19 (AP)—The fortress of Oahu island, north of Honolulu, was thrown into an alert before dawn Sunday by the approach of an unidentified aircraft, which turned and sped out to sea when caught by a searchlight.

The plane appeared to be a small float type monoplane. "It immediately dived to avoid the lights, reversed its course and sped seaward" the Navy report said.

### Queen Mary at Gib?

An Italian battleship and a large liner believed to be the Queen Mary escorted by eight American destroyers were reported at Gibraltar yesterday, according to an Associated Press report from LaLinea, Spain.

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part in an assault on Hitler's Fortress of Europe next year came simultaneously with a report that one of the largest contingents of U.S. troops ever to reach the United Kingdom recently arrived at a British port.

It was reported that not a man was lost in the crossing, which was made in record time under the protection of British and American warships.

The contingent, which included a number of Air Force men, was greeted by Maj. Gen. L. I. G. Morgan-Owen, of the British War Office, who said: "We all want to get this war over as soon as possible. May you be the first division to land on the shores of France."

### Mrs. Kelly Explains Marriage

CROZIERVILLE, Pa., Oct. 19—The former Mrs. Colin Kelly, explaining why she had remarried two years after her husband gave his life to drop bombs on the Japanese battleship Haruna, said: "You can never forget the past and the past will always color the present, but I don't think you should let the past affect the present so much that there can be no future."

## NEWS FROM HOME 20% of Alabama Miners Return To Coal Fields

### Back to Work Movement Lags Despite Lewis' Plea to Strikers

BIRMINGHAM, Oct. 19—Seventeen of Alabama's 81 union coal mines were reopened yesterday, but a survey of the coal fields showed at least 80 per cent of the 22,000 idle miners had failed to heed the return to work plea of John L. Lewis.

The Alabama Mining Institute—clearing house for coal mining information—announced on the basis of an earlier field survey that between 2,000 and 2,500 men were at work—approximately ten per cent of the total.

Despite the slowness of the back to work movement, one coal operator suggested that "this is the usual picture after a strike, and on the whole the picture is hopeful."

The strike, which began last Wednesday when Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes returned the mines to their owners, was not authorized by the United Mine Workers.

### Lawyer Held in Son's Death

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Oct. 19—John F. Noxon Jr., prominent attorney and Harvard graduate, was charged with the first degree murder of his six-month-old son. Medical Examiner Albert C. England said his report would state that a wire evidently had been wrapped around the child's arm and that he had been electrocuted. Dr. England said he had been told the child was not normal mentally.

### Industry Needs More Women

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19 (AP)—About 900,000 more women must be recruited for work by July, 1944, according to the War Manpower Commission. This would bring the number of female workers in civilian and war jobs to the unprecedented figure of 18,000,000. About 17,100,000 women are working now, compared with 14,100,000 a year ago and about 10,800,000 in 1940.

### White Slavers Arrested

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Oct. 19—Lee V. Boardman, head of the FBI office here, announced that three men and a woman had been arrested on charges of conspiring to transport women between Youngstown, Ohio, and Honolulu for immoral purposes. Twelve girls are being held as witnesses against the alleged white slave ring which operated from March, 1941; to January, 1942.

### Curley Pleads Not Guilty

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19—Rep. James M. Curley, former Democratic governor of Massachusetts and former mayor of Boston, pleaded not guilty to mail fraud charges against him and five alleged associates. A Federal Grand Jury indictment charged that Curley and five co-defendants had engaged in a "government war contract brokerage racket."

### 7 Ships Launched

NEW YORK, Oct. 19 (AP)—Shipyards have added at least seven fighting ships to the U.S. fleet and set at least one sectional record in the launching of a Liberty ship. The Bethlehem-Fairfax Shipyard of Baltimore claimed a new east coast record with the launching 21 days after the keel was laid of the Liberty ship "Edith Wharton."

### Jack Dempsey Gets Divorce

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y., Oct. 19—Jack Dempsey's interlocutory decree of divorce from the former Hannah Williams became final when his attorney filed a certificate of notice in the office of the Westchester county clerk. Dempsey was awarded the decree, which permits him to remarry but forbids Mrs. Dempsey to marry again without the court's permission.

### Aid to Small Concerns

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19—The Smaller War Plants Corp. yesterday empowered its 14 regional loan agencies to make loans up to \$25,000 to small business concerns producing war materials or essential civilian goods without consulting Washington. The plan will go into effect Nov. 1.

### Railroad Workers Get Raise

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19—A wage increase of four cents an hour for 350,000 operating railroad workers was approved by Fred M. Vinson, economic stabilization director.

By Milton Caniff

