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Which is the road to Berlin?

# Philippines Invaded, Japs Say

## Bloody Stepping Stones Dot the Long Road Back

## Landing On Central Isle—Tokyo



SAIPAN



GUAM

An American landing in the Philippines was reported by the Japanese last night.

The report, if confirmed, would represent the first time U.S. troops had set foot on the islands since they fell to Japan in the early months of the war, plus the fulfillment of Gen. MacArthur's vow to return which he made upon reaching Australia by PT boat and plane, at President Roosevelt's order, shortly before Corregidor collapsed in 1942.

The landing was reported on Suluan Island, on the far-eastern edge of the central Philippines. The tiny, low-lying island, about 420 miles southeast of Manila and some 500 miles west of the advanced Pacific fleet bases in the newly-won Palau Islands, could be expected to furnish airstrips from which land planes could easily operate over any sector of the archipelago and reinforce carrier planes of the U.S. Third Fleet which have been hammering targets in the Manila area and elsewhere.

Japanese News Agency, in a dispatch from Manila broadcast by Tokyo Radio and heard in New York, said the landing was made on Tuesday by American amphibious troops.

Several hours later, the agency said flatly, "The re-invasion of the Philippines has begun." It added that China-based American aircraft, as well as all naval forces in the Pacific except Adm. Marc Mitscher's Task Force 58, were participating.

Almost simultaneously, Japanese-controlled Manila Radio reported that 270 carrier-borne planes attacked the Manila end of Clark Field yesterday.

### Claim 'Interception'

Official Tokyo sources made no immediate mention of a landing—they were still busy blowing up to ever greater proportions the phony "victory" they falsely claimed to have won over the Third Fleet off Formosa.

But the Japanese High Command did announce that "an enemy fleet and accompanying transports invaded Leyte Bay," in which Suluan is situated, on Tuesday and "has been subjecting coastal areas to aerial and naval bombardments." The Japs claimed that "our Navy and Army units in close co-operation are at present intercepting this enemy force."

Japanese News Agency said the fleet which entered Leyte Bay focused its attacks on Leyte Island, between Luzon and Mindanao, "in an attempt to land on the island." The force was identified by the enemy as the U.S. Fifth Fleet under Adm. Raymond A. Spruance and another fleet under command of MacArthur.

While there was no immediate confirmation from American sources of the (Continued on page 4)

## Reds Capture First Town In E. Prussia

Berlin admitted the loss of the first German town on the Eastern Front yesterday in an official announcement conceding that the Russians had "succeeded in penetrating several kilometers into East Prussian territory" after three days of fierce battles which continue "with undiminished fury."

Still another Soviet offensive—which German News Agency said was launched with the ultimate aim of rolling up the Polish Corridor and seizing Danzig—was reported last night by Berlin. The agency said the Russians attacked on a 60-mile front along the Narew River, between Serok, where the Narew enters the Bug north of Warsaw, and Novograd, about 16 miles south of the East Prussian border.

The German communique admitted that the East Prussian border town of Eydtkuhnen (or Eydtkan), a mile inside the frontier, along the Kaunas-Konigsberg road, "was lost," but claimed that a Soviet breakthrough had been prevented.

### Sweep Over Eydtkan

"Swaying battles in East Prussia have swept over Eydtkan and left it behind," another German report said, hinting at deeper penetrations.

While Moscow kept silent, German Overseas News Agency reported that the Soviet assault was on a 43-mile front between Suwalki and Schirwindt, on either side of the Kaunas-Konigsberg road.

The tank battle raging southwest of Debrecen in the Hungarian plain for 12 days reached its climax and began to go in favor of the Russians, by German admission.

The Russians' seizure of the Carpathian passes into eastern Czechoslovakia virtually liberated Ruthenia and put the Red Army within striking distance of the towns of Munkacs and Ungar, which cover the approaches into northeastern Hungary.



TINIAN



MINDANAO



PALAU



These dramatic combat shots show the progress of America's combined sea, air and land forces on the road to Tokyo—via the Philippines, to which the Americans returned yesterday, according to Japanese dispatches. Landings were reported on the small island of Suluan, 420 miles southeast of Manila, in Leyte Bay (as shown in map above). Out of the sandy, coral pinpoints in the vast Pacific expanse, these stepping stones to the Philippines were used: Saipan, Guam, Tinian and Palau. Mindanao, southernmost of the Philippines, has been softened by aerial bombardment.

## Rain and More Rain in Aachen; Big Allied Push in West Looms

By G. K. Hodenfield

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

INSIDE AACHEN, Oct. 19—Less than 300 yards away, machine guns chattered as American infantrymen pushed through the streets. In the courtyard, men filed past a kitchen truck as Sgt. Chester Perry, of Mississippi, dished out slabs of roast beef, and Pfc Alec Nocera, of Newcastle, Pa., loaded mess kits with peaches. The rain came down in torrents.

## Hurricane Rips Into Florida

MIAMI, Oct. 19—A violent tropical hurricane struck the Florida mainland today, and west coast residents from Fort Myers to Tampa rushed for shelter to escape the death and destruction the storm inflicted yesterday in Cuba.

St. Petersburg reported winds of 70 MPH, which left the city without electric power. Tampa had 45-mile winds. Thirty-two MPH winds swept Orlando. The hurricane, which gave Florida keys a severe lashing, caused little damage to Key West.

That's the sort of battle being waged in Aachen. All the time it rains.

In two years of fighting, Bruno Polifront, of Terre Haute, Ind., has seen a lot of prisoners, but those from Aachen rank as "the damndest bunch I ever did see," he said.

Civilian men leaving Aachen generally wear two coats and trousers, and two or three hats perched atop their heads, he said.

Aachen civilians carry away their most valuable possessions, apparently feeling they won't have anything left when they return.

According to Polifront, the general attitude of civilians is one of relief that now the war is practically over as far as they are concerned.

Allied dispatches and Berlin announce— (Continued on page 4)

## Heavies Strike Along Rhine

Rail yards, armored vehicle works, ordnance and oil depots in Mainz and in the Ludwigshafen and Mannheim areas of southwest Germany were pounded yesterday by more than 1,000 Eighth Air Force Fortresses and Liberators.

The heavies, escorted by some 700 Thunderbolts and Mustangs, bombed these targets along the Rhine through clouds.

Eleven bombers and 11 fighters were missing. In support of the U.S. First Army, Ninth Air Force fighter-bombers Wednesday made attacks along the Dusseldorf-Duren-Aachen railway.

### Casualties Since D-Day

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19 (UP)—U.S. Army casualties in France, Germany and the Low Countries from D-Day to Oct. 3 totaled 174,780, the War Department announced today.

## For Each U.S. Gal, Less Than Half a Man

## It's So Tough, Red Riding Hood May Swap Places With the Wolf

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19 (ANS)—Don't worry if your best girl runs off and marries some 4F—there'll be plenty of women around when you get home.

The Census Bureau announced today there were only about 1,700,000 men between the ages of 20 and 34 in civilian life today, whereas there were some 4,000,000 unmarried women in the same age group.

Distilling the statistics, that means there is only one 425/1000th of a man apiece available, if all women have matrimony on their minds, which population experts have little reason to doubt.

Thus, for the first time in the history of this erstwhile he-man republic, there is a feminine majority which, Census

officials state, means a pretty rugged time ahead for altar-minded young ladies. They suggest to girls really fearful of withering on the marital vine that they go west, literally; and to small towns rather than cities. There is always Alaska, where men outnumber women 145.7 to 100.

Here in the nation's capital, competition between gals is keen with only 91.9 per cent men for every 100 women. In New York, things are more favorable—100.4 men as against 100 women, but conditions improve considerably as a girl goes west.

New England averages 97 men for each 100 women, while Chicago has a rate of 102.7, Detroit 110.1, Oklahoma City 102.3 and Sacramento 113.3 men per 100 on the distaff side.

## Tiddim Captured On Burma Border

KANDY, Ceylon, Oct. 19 (Reuter)—The Burma border town of Tiddim was captured by Indian troops.

Tiddim, 20 miles from the Indo-Burmese border, stands at the southern end of the road to Imphal and Kohima. Its capture gives the British 14th Army control of the road.

### Stork Notes

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Oct. 19 (ANS)—Scarcity note: Richard Arens passed out matches instead of cigars in announcing the birth of a daughter.



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We Fight for Freedom

Oct. 18, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes, That one man quoted in Bud Hutton's 'Report from Home' is really hitting the ball when he reminds civilians that 'making guns, planes and tanks isn't enough.'

There would be no striking, scrambling for conversions to peace-time production or capitalizing on war-time needs. In fact, there would be more instruments of war and more shipping to enable us to divert considerable supplies to General MacArthur's forces and the embattled Chinese Army.

If all manpower and industrial power were conscripted for the duration, the story everywhere would be lots different. Then we all would be in the same boat and probably would begin to feel that way.

A parting shot to fellow soldiers—firing guns, flying planes and driving tanks may not be enough, either. If we're not doing our stuff because we are 'against tyranny and prejudice and intolerance and brutality' and because we want to live in a free country and in a free world, then we're phonies, too.

He'd Simplify Our APOs

Oct. 10, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes, My present army address requires seven different lines of facts and information that runs the average civilian crazy copying it (they seldom get it right) and wears my arm out putting it on each letter.

By giving each company (or battery) an APO number, instead of each division, a much simpler and more efficient system would result.

She Made a 'Home' for GIs

Oct. 14, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes, I notice that Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Silver claim to be Pop and Mum to more than 200 American soldiers. I, too, was stopped by two American soldiers and asked if I could tell them of somewhere to sleep, and after that I billeted officially a great many.

I have a visitors' book and have all their names and addresses, and have their home addresses also. I write to their parents and wives and I have had dozens of beautiful answers. Some are in the fighting line and they all write to me regularly. I sent on average 14 letters a week—every week.

Make Nazis Rebuild USSR

Oct. 12, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes, In regard to the 17-year-old Nazi whose photo appears in the Oct. 7th Stars and Stripes. You ask what to do with him. We needn't attempt to re-educate him; he is too far gone.

Above all, we must give him absolutely no undeserved favors, and we must make him know that he and all other Nazis have been complete failures in their attempt to Nazify the world.

Hash Marks

The other day we had a report about diapers showing up in a company's laundry. T/Sgt. Harry Henry has topped that. When he picked up his 'clean' garments at the supply room of his Mustang fighter group there was a note attached: 'Why not pick a girl whose lipstick doesn't come off so easily?'—Betty.

Confusion at a Base Behind the Lines: Routine gas-mask drill had been called and being a well-disciplined unit every man put on his mask—even a guy sitting in the barber chair, and the barber continued nonchalantly with his scissor work.

Daffynition of the Week: An Army airfield's newspaper, The Casual Observer, defines a chow line as 'The men behind the men behind the men behind—'

We heard a couple of Chaplains chuckling over this incident. An OD making his rounds, surprised one of the sentries by asking him quickly for the 10th General Order. The sentry, startled, replied, 'Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife.'

The QM boys had a man AWOL, see, and their 1/Sgt. on his way to town saw this AWOL standing along the road, not harming anybody, only waiting for a



hitch-hike in a nice way. Well, OK—it's the Army—the AWOL gets picked up by the 1/Sgt.

But this 1/Sgt. didn't have twopence to phone the base for the MPs to come after the AWOL. So, and this is on the word of the QM boys, who ought to know, to throw the AWOL into the clink the 1/Sgt. asks the AWOL for twopence. We are waiting, QM boys:

1—To hear exactly what the AWOL replied to the 1/Sgt.

2—To print it.

There Will Always Be An England. A lieutenant stood at the docks of a busy port nervously watching his vehicles being hauled aboard a transport. Just as his jeep was whisked off the ground the winches stopped, leaving his vehicle spinning perilously close to the sides of the ship. 'Tea-Time!' shouted a worker. The jeep was not lowered to the ground or lowered into the hold. It was just left swinging in mid-air till tea-time was over.

A corporal in the Air Force got quite a shock when the following epistle showed up in his fan mail: 'Dear George, I enjoyed the dance Friday night and thanks for the stockings. I have to return them, however, as they hardly come up to my expectations. In fact, they hardly come up to my knees.'

The Bear, Alaska's GI newspaper, made this terse comment about atmospheric conditions: 'The Weather—It's good to grind the Axis.'

Overheard at the Front: After reading forecasts of ETO men going to the Pacific a Pfc yawned, 'Ho hum, here today—Guam tomorrow.'

Add names of Jeeps. Today we saw some medics bouncing along in a vehicle labeled 'Quack Hack.'

PRIVATE BREGER



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How U.S. Helps Vets Build Homes

Guarantees \$2,000 Loans to Buy, Build or Improve

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19 (ANS)—The Veterans' Administration today issued regulations governing procedure under which returning servicemen may obtain loans for purchasing homes in accordance with the GI Bill of Rights.

In an accompanying statement, Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, Veterans' Administrator, said:

1—The Veterans' Administration does not make loans, but guarantees loans made by banks or kindred businesses.

2—Loans must be used for purchasing or for payments for constructing or improving real property to be used as a dwelling, although such property may also be a site of business.

Who Is Eligible

Regulations define as eligible servicemen who were in active service on or after Sept. 16, 1940, 'and before the officially declared termination of World War II'; those who are discharged or released from active service 'under conditions other than dishonorably' after 90 days' active service, 'or because of injury or disability incurred in service in line of duty irrespective of length of service.'

Veterans may apply 'within two years after separation from the military or naval forces or within two years after the officially declared termination of World War II, whichever date is the later.'

The regulations define eligible lenders as 'persons, firms, associations, corporations and governmental agencies and corporations, either state or federal.'



The regulations also state that the loan property must be of a 'reasonable, normal value.' The veteran may obtain more than one loan, but the total which the government will guarantee is only \$2,000. Two or more eligible veterans may sign the same application and in such cases they shall be 'conclusively presumed' to be borrowing 'an equal proportionate part.'

What the Air Force Men Are Doing

Von Kluge No Riddle; HQ 'Riddled,' Says Ninth

PERSISTENT accounts of the death of the Nazi Gen. Gunther von Kluge, who commanded the decimated Seventh Army in the Normandy fighting, have helped to substantiate the claims of Ninth Air Force Lightning fighter-bomber pilots of the group commanded by Col. Howard F. Nichols, Grand Rapids, Mich., who attacked and destroyed the German commander's headquarters on Aug. 25.

The Lightning attack on von Kluge's headquarters was planned and staged by 15 pilots of the squadron commanded by Maj. Joel A. Owens, Slatook, Okla. In a 60-second, two-wave assault, the Lightnings timed their attack to come at 12.15, the hour best calculated to catch ranking German officers at ease in their mess hall. Capt. Charles D. Wickliffe, Calumet, Mich., led a four-plane attack with 500-pound bombs on the headquarters building, followed by a tree-top level attack by a second element under Capt. Robert L. Ramsey, Charleston, W. Va.

Ramsey's group got 20 direct hits out of 22 bombs dropped in the 200-yard square target zone. A new type incendiary was used.

Although von Kluge's reported death is wrapped in mystery, Ramsey said that 'everybody in that area has had it. If von Kluge was there, he's had it too. I notice that Jerry has been making a lot of varied explanations on how von Kluge happened to die.'

One of the oldest in the Eighth Air Force, the Fortress squadron commanded by Lt. Col. Earle J. Aber Jr., of Racine, Wis., marked a double-header celebration—completing 200 operational missions on its second anniversary in the ETO.

COL. Hubert Zemke, of Missoula, Mont., now flies a P51, rounding out his combat experience with the fighter trinity of P38 Lightnings, P47 Thunderbolts and P51 Mustangs.

He is the only group commander in the Eighth Fighter Command who has led units of all three types. At present, he commands a Lightning-Mustang group.

The 30-year-old colonel's individual record of 19½ enemy planes destroyed in the air and 8½ on the ground places him

among the top fighter pilots in the Eighth Air Force. He holds the DSC, Silver Star, DFC with seven clusters, Air Medal with three clusters, and the British DFC.

Col. Frank P. Hunter Jr., Fortress group commander from Roanoke Rapids, N.C., has been awarded the DFC for extraordinary achievement.

It took two years and four invasions before Lt. Willard H. Wildbur, of Stamps, Ark., and Lt. Ellen B. Holcomb, an Army nurse from Reno, Nev., were finally able to marry here in Britain. They first met at a London Red Cross club shortly before the North African invasion, in which Wildbur took part. Then he fought his way through the Sicilian and Italian landings, and last January flew to England



Lt. and Lt. Wildbur

on a duty status. Shortly before his return he and Ellen were engaged.

On D-Day in southern France he landed with his unit, but although he had applied for leave to be married, it wasn't until he had reached Paris that his application papers finally reached him—with 18 endorsements. Even then he had to fly to Naples to receive final approval of his leave, but with the assistance of Col. Elliott Roosevelt, who flew him across the Channel, he finally arrived in England and he and Ellen were married Oct. 5.

Major James N. Wood, of Rogers, Kans., an Eighth Air Force Thunderbolt pilot, was a little late for supper not so many nights ago, and the mess sarge was getting a little peeved. But he thawed out when he heard the major's alibi. Wood had been leading his squadron on a strafing mission over Holland. His plane had been badly hit by flak, and he was forced to crash land in Belgium on a field crowded with C47s. A few minutes after he had managed to crawl from the wreckage of his plane Wood was offered a ride in a cargo plane carrying wounded back to England. He took the lift. Thirty-five minutes after the rest of his group had returned from the mission, Wood showed up for supper.

RADIUM is now being used to spot invisible flaws in aircraft equipment at a Northern Ireland modification depot of the Air Service Command. Picked technicians, shielded from the element's dangerous rays by heavy rubber-lead clothing, operate the radium apparatus which takes only a fraction of the space needed by heavier X-ray equipment.

Plane parts which have passed the minute probing of the radium tests are ready for combat, guaranteed to stand up under anything the Nazis can throw. The radium used weighs only 100 milli-

grams—less than .004 of an ounce. When not in use, it is encased in a 150-pound lead cylinder. Periodic blood counts by medical officers safeguard the health of the men.

A flight of six homing pigeons is now winging to and from the railroad at an ammunition depot, carrying bills of lading to expedite convoy shipments of ammo to combat air bases. The pigeons have replaced six jeeps and are covering their regular five-mile route in three minutes. Sgt. Andrew S. Toth, of Metuchen, N.J., originated the pigeon message service.

WHEN Congressman J. Prioleau Richards, of Lancaster, S.C., recently visited the Thunderbolt fighter base commanded by Col. David C. Schilling he met a former law school classmate, Maj. David W. Robinson, group intelligence officer from Columbia, S.C.

Majs. Leslie C. Smith and Harold E. Comstock, P47 squadron commanders at the same base, were classmates at Fresno State College, Fresno, Cal.

Formerly executive officer, Lt. Col. Joseph J. Kruzel, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., has been named commanding officer of a Mustang fighter group.

WITH football in the air, there's something familiar about the Thunderbolt that bears, proudly painted on it, the names 'O'Gladych, O'Moffat, O'Kolenda and O'Bochicchio.' It's one of the Eighth Air Force P47 group commanded by Lt. Col. David C. Schilling, of Traverse City, Mich., and the 'Fighting Irish' who man it include Maj. Michael B. Gladych, a crack Polish pilot who has been an ace in four different air forces; S/Sgt. Richard C. Moffat, an Irishman, and crew chief; Sgt. Florian J. Kolenda, another Pole, assistant crew chief; and Pfc Frank Bochicchio Jr., Italian, armorer. With only one genuine Irishman on the team, the question comes up, why 'Fighting Irish'? Gladych explains, 'Moffat's bigger than the rest of us.'

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"This is gonna hurt me more than you, but here goes!"



# Once Over Lightly

By Charlie Kiley

NEW YORK, Oct. 19—If your civilian occupation was that of a football coach it would be the very last job you would expect the Army to have on its TO for you. And for a buck private at that. But that's what happened to Pvt. Stewart Holcomb, who gets 50 bucks a month for coaching—at West Point no less—the power-laden team which this year may well walk off with the mythical national championship.

Of course, Holcomb isn't the head man of the Army's gridiron warriors. That post is ably filled by Lt. Col. Earl "Red" Blaik. But he is one of the colonel's right bowers, which is to say he is end coach.

Holcomb was languishing in an Army outfit out west when Capt. "Specs" Moore last winter left the Point on a trip which subsequently led to France. Moore was Blaik's wing instructor at Dartmouth as well as the military academy. Searching for a suitable replacement, Blaik discovered Holcomb's whereabouts and eventually arranged for the private to be transferred for duty at West Point. The colonel didn't have to look at Holcomb's record because he was well aware of his ability as the University of Miami's head coach, which incidentally is Blaik's alma mater.

Until Pvt. Holcomb gets into ODs you wouldn't recognize his rank, as he sits in the football office on equal terms with colonels, majors, captains and lieutenants.

There's a mysterious "woman in red" who is splashing a lot of red ink on the ledger of New England race tracks, particularly one containing Rockingham Park figures, and track officials confidentially wish she'd "go away."

The mystery woman plunged \$25,000 to win \$2,500 in show bets within the last few days. She has been observed cashing handfuls of tickets, and one witness says she has yet to lose on a race. Her system is sticking to the favorites to show. Her two big wins occurred when she wagered \$15,000 on favored Johnny Junior to show in a Rockingham feature. Her profit was \$1,500. Two days later she plunked ten grand on Side Arm, one-to-three favorite. Only a whip-ride in the stretch brought the nag in third to return the wager plus \$1,000 to the lady.

**SHORT SHOTS**—It seems that players, not coaches, make the football teams. The Pitt eleven, coached by Clark Shaughnessy, leading exponent of the T-formation, has been whaled by Notre Dame (38 to 0) and by Army (60 to 7), both of which employ "Tee" tactics.

It now develops that Father Divine's angels invested 15 thousand moolahs in Saint Thomas' chances to whip Melio Bettina, which may explain why the Saint may lose his harp again.

Fresh from a newly dug latrine is a monthly rumor that the Yankees will have new owners by Election Day. Jim Farley, the old politico, is said to have uncovered an angel with millions and millions. . . . Army officials assert that Capt. Jimmy Braddock is not involved in court-martial charges facing his ex-manager, Capt. Joe Gould, despite whispers to the contrary. . . . Hillhouse High in New Haven will draw 20,000 Saturday with Hamden High, or twice as many as the Yale-Columbia fuss drew. One of the attractions is Levi Jackson, sensational Hillhouse Negro back, slated for Cornell.

## Daley Signed by New Pro Loop

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 19—The recently organized All-America Football Conference was the winner today in a battle of dollars with the National Football League as Bill Daley, former All-American fullback at Minnesota, signed with the New York club of the All-America loop after outbidding the Pittsburgh Steelers-Chicago Cardinals for his services.

Bert Bell, co-owner of the Pitt-Cards, revealed that Daley, one of the most brilliant backs to come out of the mid-west in recent years, phoned him from Florida and told him what the New York club had offered. When Bell offered to meet that offer Daley called Chicago to talk to Arch Ward, president of the All-America conference, and decided to sign with New York.

Bell said Daley had been picked in the college draft of '42 by the Pittsburgh club. The price that the New York club offered Daley wasn't disclosed, but the chances are that he won't be collecting on it for some time to come, because right now he is serving with the Navy's amphibious forces.

## Bill Alexander Views Navy Tilt With Sad Eyes

ATLANTA, Oct. 19—Bill Alexander, Georgia Tech football coach, is indulging in that old pastime of coaches this week and weeping copious tears over the fate that he feels certain is to befall his Yellowjackets Saturday when the Navy hits town.

"Our chances are about one in ten," Alexander mourns. They are at least three touchdowns better than we are."

Commander Oscar Hagberg, Navy mentor, says he thinks one touchdown would be more like it, explaining that he feels the Yellowjackets are about on a par with Duke, whom the Middies beat, 7-0, last Saturday.

The teams have switched their formulas in training for this game with Navy going all out on the offensive and Tech concentrating on defense. Heretofore Navy's forte has been a rocklike defense, but Hagberg is readying Hal Hamberg and company to run wild, while Georgia has offset its dazzling array of offensive plays to stress just how they are going to keep the fleet under control once they hit port.

Four Alabama team mates will oppose each other in this game. Tech has Phil Tinsley at end and Bill Chambers taking care of a tackle post, while Navy banks heavily upon Tackle Don Whitmire and Bobby Jenkins, running back.

Tech goes into Saturday's clash with a 51-0 romp over Clemson, a 28-0 win over North Carolina and a 27-0 victory over Auburn, while Navy has the triumph over Duke and a 35-0 shellacking of Penn State to its credit since being upset in its opener by North Carolina Pre-Flight, 21-14.

## NBA Demands Title Defenses

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19—Abe Greene, president of the National Boxing Association, has notified lightweight champion Juan Zurita and featherweight champ Sal Bartolo to prepare to defend their titles soon, and added that both boxers had notified him they would be ready after a couple of warmup bouts.

The ultimate aim of the NBA, Greene said, is to bring about a match between Bartolo and Willie Pep, who is listed as the outstanding challenger. "If Pep's sponsors will not impose impossible barriers it will then be possible to break up the dual championship claims," Greene said.

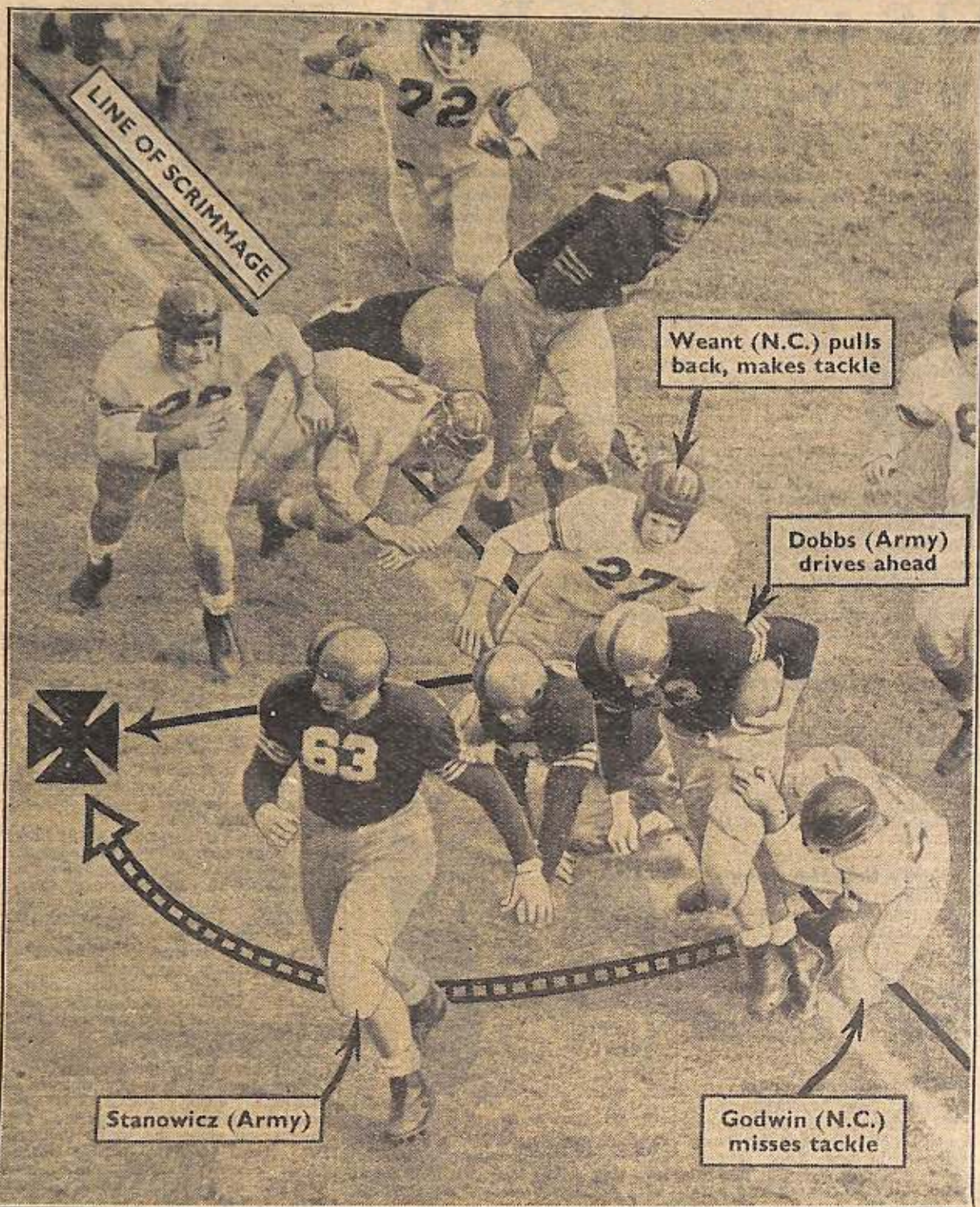
Lou Viscusi, manager of Pep, who is the New York Athletic Commission's featherweight champ, said today that Pep will "defend his title against any worthy opponent any commission selects, including Bartolo, whom he's beaten twice."

George Parnassus, Zurita's manager, said the Mexican would put his crown up either in New York or Los Angeles. If Zurita fights on the coast it will be John Thomas, recent conqueror of Henry Armstrong, and if he fights in New York he will meet Pep.



BILL DALEY

## Army's Powerhouse Picks Up Ground Against Tarheels



LINE OF SCRIMMAGE

Weant (N.C.) pulls back, makes tackle

Dobbs (Army) drives ahead

Stanowicz (Army)

Godwin (N.C.) misses tackle

Small gains like this by Back Bob Dobbs of West Point's grid combine added up in the end to a 46-0 triumph over North Carolina.

## Uclan Pounds Out Yardage at Better Than Ten a Minute

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 19—Johnny Roesch, UCLA's 160-pound 19-year-old halfback sensation, has but two more games to go before being transferred by the Navy, but he means to leave his mark before departing, and his awesome yardage totals will stand quite a while before they are challenged. Although he has played about one-fourth of the time in the Uclan's four games, he has gained 631 yards, or better than ten per minute.

Roesch has caught six passes for 135 yards, has tallied seven of his team's touchdowns, two on passes, three on runs, one on a punt return and one on an interception; he has returned three punts 122 yards and two kickoffs 47 yards and he ran 56 yards to a touchdown after taking a lateral from Bob Waterfield, who had intercepted the ball.

The Beverly Hills flash has done all this in exactly 59 and a half minutes of play.

### Larry Gilbert Retires

MEMPHIS, Oct. 19—After two decades as manager in the Southern Association, Larry Gilbert, who led the Nashville Vols to a playoff victory over the Memphis Chicks this year, has retired.

### Dick Tracy

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune



### By Chester Gould

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Life in Those United States

WLB to Speed a Ruling On Pay-Limit Formula

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19 (ANS)—The War Labor Board decided yesterday to expedite consideration of Labor's demand for an upward revision of the Little Steel wage-ceiling formula.

The board voted unanimously to divorce its findings on the relationship of wages to the cost of living from other phases of its wage stabilization report and submit them to the White House as soon as practicable.

CAPITAL RAMBLINGS: Film actress Bette Davis is Washington-bound to see President Roosevelt, reportedly at the Chief Executive's request.

The War Production Board, apparently interested in seeing women with beautiful hands, has OK'd the manufacture of manicure sets.

Rationing officials admitted the sugar situation in the U.S. was tight, particularly in the Midwest, but said they weren't worried.

Knight Buys Chicago Paper

CHICAGO, Oct. 19 (UP)—The late Col. Frank Knox's controlling interest in the Chicago Daily News has been sold to John S. Knight publisher of The Detroit Free Press.

Liberty Bell May Ring

CLEVELAND, Oct. 19—So that the cracked and thus "long hushed" Liberty Bell which pealed out American Independence in 1776 may once again ring on V-Day, electrical engineer W. J. Conley urged today that the bell, housed in Philadelphia's Independence Hall, be given a rush arc-welding job.

Oppose Peace Draft

NEW YORK, Oct. 19 (ANS)—More than 150 pastors and laymen attending the Synod of New York of the Presbyterian Church in New York yesterday adopted a resolution urging its members to protest against any peace-time draft.

Prof Wants a Skirted Boss in White House

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Oct. 19 (ANS)—Prof. Ernest A. Hooton, noted Harvard University anthropologist, said today he would like to see a woman become President of the United States.

"Females of our species have certain qualities that ought to render them superior to males in statesmanship," he said. They're more honest, too, their greater honesty springing from their lesser ability to befuddle their own consciences with specious excuses and fallacious reasoning.

Hooton emphasized the "magnificent forthrightness" of women, stating that great statesmanship called for simplicity.

"It requires perfect transparency of character that does not deviate in thought and action from the course set by principles of right," the prof. continued, "and to my mind such character is more common in women than in men."

Shirley Temple Speaks

NEW YORK, Oct. 19 (ANS)—Shirley Temple yesterday told The New York Herald Tribune Forum that through motion pictures a new world of democratic ideals may be opened up for Nazi and Fascist-indocinated youth.

"All over the world boys and girls are forming their viewpoints from what they hear and see in American films," 16-year-old Shirley said. She added the films would be able to provide education "so exciting and so interesting that it will make people less willing to be treated like a flock of sheep."

Their Guilt Was Too Much Love Stay of Execution Too Late; 2 Pups Join Master in Death

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 19 (ANS)—The only real pals Monsell Bell, a hotel clerk, had were his two little fox terriers—Wilbur and Dizzy.

Ten days ago, Bell fell asleep in his apartment while smoking and his clothing caught fire. He died at a hospital as his pups sat close by.

Just before his death, Bell made a last request: That his dogs be executed and cremated and their ashes be placed in an urn with his to be sent to his home town of Keyser, W. Va. Yesterday, the request came before Superior Court Judge Timothy J. Fitzpatrick, who turned it down.

"I'm not going to sign such a cruel order," the court said. "Those dogs have a right to life and a good home. They will be kept at the pound until a home is found for them."

However, the stay of execution came too late. The Society for the Prevention

Doodad Deductions

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19—Army and Navy brass got a break today from the Internal Revenue Bureau, which ruled



that high-ranking officers who wear braid, lace shoulder marks and other doodads now may deduct their cost from tax returns as "legitimate business expenses."

Santa Takes Care of Santa

SALISBURY, N.C., Oct. 19 (ANS)—Sgt. Allen R. Hartman, home on a 30-day leave from Trinidad, is one GI who's sure he'll get some Christmas packages. Yesterday Hartman helped his wife pack and then cart parcels—all addressed to himself—to the postoffice. The wife, however, kept the contents a secret.

Beware the Good Earth

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J., Oct. 19 (ANS)—The Associated Women of the New Jersey Farm Bureau yesterday urged that inexperienced veterans wishing to take up farming "be forewarned of the limiting factors in agricultural life."

Bogart, Wife to Separate

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 19 (Reuter)—Humphrey Bogart announced today that he and his third wife, Mayo Methot, had agreed to separate. They were married in August, 1938.

Whistle Away



Herewith Muriel Blum, a Pfc in Air Service Command and another entry in The Stars and Stripes photo contest to select the Prettiest WAC in the U.K. Details: Age 24, home town Oakland, Cal., and married to a Marine sergeant. Backers insist the Pfc stands for Pretty Fair Chassis. Could be, could be.

Rain Drenches Aachen Battle

(Continued from page 1) ments were in agreement yesterday on one theme: An expected massive attack by the Allies to force a quick decision on the Western Front.

From the Aachen sector, where First Army troops destroyed many pillboxes in advancing against strong opposition, it was reported that the Americans apparently were liquidating the old Siegfried Line defenses before tackling entrenched Nazi positions beyond.

The present interval of comparative quiet is obviously being used to bring up supplies to support a concentrated offensive once it starts to roll, dispatches said. Official German statements warned of an impending major blow by the Allied armies on the borders of the Reich.

A spokesman for the German High Command, quoted in enemy broadcasts, declared: "Enemy preparations are mounting in intensity in Holland, the Vosges and along the whole southern flank. There is no doubt that Gen. Eisenhower is getting ready to launch a new and still more violent assault before winter sets in."

This expected attack, he said, would "surpass anything that has happened so far in this campaign."

'Fox' Enters His Last Hole

Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, hailed in an order of the day by Hitler as "the first soldier of the German Army," was given a state funeral Wednesday at his native Wurtemberg, German News Agency announced yesterday.

Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt, commander-in-chief in the West, represented Hitler at the funeral. Hitler's order announced Rommel had been given the Reich's highest military decoration, the oak leaves with swords and diamonds to the knight's cross of the Iron Cross.

24 Killed When Lib Explodes, Crashes

The bodies of 20 of 24 Liberator crewmen—all killed when the B24 in which they were flying exploded in the air and crashed Wednesday afternoon in open country near Birkenhead—were identified yesterday. Cause of the accident is undetermined.

The 24 were returning from a ferrying mission to Ireland.

Berlin Abandons Hope Of Split Among Allies

After harping for months on the possibility of a split between the Allies, German propaganda changed its tune yesterday with a remark by a semi-official Wilhelmstrasse spokesman that "the German government is convinced that no clash between the enemies of Germany will develop."

"In Germany," he said, "no one is suffering from the illusion that a military decision can be avoided."

Dewey Scores FDR's 'Secret' Foreign Policy

NEW YORK, Oct. 19—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey sharply criticized President Roosevelt last night for "handling foreign affairs on the basis of personal and secret diplomacy."

"The result is that no one knows what our policy is regarding Poland, France, Germany, Rumania and other countries of Europe or, for that matter, South America," the Republican Presidential nominee told the New York Herald Tribune Forum.

Lack of an intelligent program for Germany and the disclosure of a scheme to carve up the Reich, Dewey declared, has led the Germans to fight with "the frenzy of despair" and "we are paying in blood for the failure to have an intelligent program ready."

"Persistent refusal" to recognize the DeGaulle government in France, he continued, was contributing to "increasing chaos behind our lines at a critical time."

And the Italian people, he said, deserved "something better than the inefficient administration they are getting."

"Mr. Roosevelt has not yet even secured Russian recognition of those whom we consider to be the true government of Poland," Dewey remarked. "Neither was it possible to save that immortal group of Polish patriots led by Gen. Bor who struck, as they believed, in co-ordination with Russia, only to be abandoned."

Boston to Hear FDR

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19—The White House confirmed today that President Roosevelt would deliver a campaign speech at Boston sometime around the weekend before election day, Nov. 7.

GI Editors Answer Stars

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 19—CBI Roundup, the Army paper in the China-Burma-India Theater, today answered criticism by film stars Ann Sheridan and Joe E. Brown of its recent editorial asserting they cut short their entertainment tours in "overseas theaters."

Commenting on Miss Sheridan's statement she ate C or K rations more often than not, the newspaper published in New Delhi, India, said "facts of the matter were that Miss Sheridan ate the best food available anywhere. If and when she ate C or K rations, everyone else was eating it."

Answering complaints in the States that CBI Roundup shouldn't have expected women stars "to stand up under strenuous conditions" in CBI land, the Roundup said, "But Army nurses seem to manage all right."

Regarding Joe E. Brown, the paper said, "Old Cavern-mouth probably was the best-liked entertainer who ever hit the China-Burma-India Theater. However, Army records indicate he contracted to play 120 days in the CBI. He only played 37."

Germans Quit Thebes

Berlin yesterday admitted the evacuation of Thebes, 35 miles northwest of Athens.

Artificial Harbor Wrecked By Gale, but Landings Went On

HQ. U.S. NAVAL FORCES IN EUROPE, Oct. 19—Violent gales which swept the Normandy beachheads in a four-day storm last June almost destroyed the American "artificial harbor," one of two brought piecemeal from England, it was disclosed here yesterday.

But despite high seas and northeasterly gales which raged from June 19 to 22, combined Army and Navy forces managed to reopen the Normandy end of the cross-Channel supply lines within hours after the storm subsided.

The American makeshift port, lacking protection, suffered more than its British counterpart, which lay behind a reef. Huge 6,000-ton concrete blocks, which made up the breakwater, disintegrated under the pounding surf, and a floating metal outer breakwater was battered into twisted wreckage.

So great was the strength of the storm that an old battleship, sunk as a block ship, was nearly split in half.

Salvage work went on even during the storm, as crews of small boats on rescue work also carried cargo from floundering ships in to the beaches.

Because of extensive damage to the American harbor, it was decided to work in the future without it. Usable components were moved to the British beachhead some miles away to replace its damaged parts.

Two 'Scapegoats



The saying that goats will eat and swallow anything, regardless of consequences, is borne out by this picture of two of them encountered by American troops in Aachen. The one on the left swallowed whole Hitler's pill of power and came to the same end as his non-healing companion as they sought shelter from the tumult of battle.

Philippines Invaded—Japs

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long-awaited Philippines invasion, pledged anew by President Roosevelt following his Pearl Harbor conferences with MacArthur and Adm. Chester W. Nimitz last summer, and presumably mapped in further detail at the President's recent Quebec meeting with Prime Minister Churchill, at least two factors tended strongly to lend credence to the enemy report:

1—A landing on obscure Suluan would be characteristic of MacArthur's earlier strategy in New Guinea and elsewhere. His troops usually have landed at unexpected places, taking the enemy by surprise and carving out an airfield from which they went on to larger goals. No air attacks have previously been reported on Suluan and all the central islands have been almost free from bombing.

2—The Third Fleet's virtual mastery of Philippine waters, demonstrated in last week's Formosa operations to the north, when the Japanese fleet poked its nose into the area but then turned tail and fled without fighting, appeared to indicate that an outpost in the Philippines could be established and consolidated without a serious sea-borne challenge from the enemy.

But MacArthur's communique yesterday dealt solely with various aerial operations against Japanese targets at Borneo, Halmahera, the northern Philippines and other islands.

Meanwhile, the Japanese radio reported that an Allied task force, presumably British, had been bombing and shelling the Nicobar Islands in the Indian Ocean for the last three days. The group of 12 inhabited and seven uninhabited islands, about 1,000 miles east of Ceylon, lies across Lord Louis Mountbatten's pathway back to Singapore.

British Unions Back Red Plan

The British trade-union movement yesterday approved the Russian proposal that German labor help rebuild the countries which Germany has devastated.

Meeting at Blackpool, the Trades Union Congress supported a declaration that the entire German people be held responsible for crimes committed in their name.

V-Weapons Over Sweden

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 19 (AP)—For the second time in a week, rocket or robot planes flew over parts of southern Sweden today, Swedish authorities reported.

