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A JAP NIPS THE DUST: Two Marines on Peleliu watched this Jap emerge from his hole and waited to see what would happen. The Jap, unwilling to be taken prisoner, attempted to get away but one shot from the Marine gun ended his brief adventure. The sequence was taken from the documentary film, "Fury in the Pacific," a record of the invasion and capture of the Palau Islands.

'Lose No Time,' Stettinius Tells World Parley

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 26—Declaring that preparation of the charter of world organization "should not be entangled with the many complex political and economic issues involved in the defeat of Germany and Japan," Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. today called upon delegates to the United Nations world security conference to "lose no time" in their work.

"The imminent collapse of organized German resistance makes it all the more important that a world organization should be established at the earliest possible moment," Stettinius said.

"To deal with these other issues," he said, "there will have to be many other conferences and many other decisions, both national and international."

Stettinius said the Dumbarton Oaks proposals had been submitted "to the most searching examination" by the

FDR's Collection Gets First Frisco Stamps

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 26 (ANS)—More than 1,000,000 postage stamps commemorating the opening of the United Nations world security conference were sold here yesterday, postal officials announced today.

The first stamps were purchased by Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. for the famous collection of the late President Roosevelt now at Hyde Park.

United Nations and that "many constructive suggestions have been made toward their improvement." He added that the final draft of the charter "should be open to whatever later amendment experience may dictate as wise.

"To build only on the collaboration and interests of the major nations would be to deny the community of interests of all nations," he declared. He proposed that United Nations membership be opened to all other nations demonstrating "willingness and ability to fulfill their obligations under the charter."

Plunging into the business at hand, the delegates chose the committees which will

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HEARTHQUAKE: Hitler's Berchtesgaden, the chateau in which he is said to be planning to hide out from the Allies, is indicated by arrow as RAF 12,000-pounders, fused for deep penetrations, burst all around in a raid Wednesday on Der Fuehrer's mountain retreat, with its SS barracks and elaborate refuge on the spur of the mountain.

5th Captures Verona; Say Patriots Take Milan

ALLIED HQ, Italy, Apr. 26—Verona, southern terminus of the rail line through the Brenner Pass and one of the key cities of the Po plain, fell today to troops of the U.S. 5th Army as the Allies continued to drive on against only scattered resistance toward northern Italy where, according to prolific if unverified radio reports from various sources, Italian partisans, finally given the word to strike in coordination with the 15th Army Group, had risen in revolt and liberated Genoa, Milan and Turin.

Rome Radio relayed unconfirmed reports from a station identified as "Free Genoa" that Allied units had landed at Rapallo, on the west coast 15 miles from Genoa and midway between Genoa and the 5th Army's spearheads advancing from the captured Spezia naval base to the south.

Units of both the 5th and British 8th Armies were lined up along the Adige River in the Verona area, and some were already across this stream as the push continued northwest across open country plains, a communique said.

Partisans' Control Reported
There was no confirmation from Allied HQ of reports that the partisans were in full control of Genoa, big west coast port and naval base; Milan, capital of Lombardy and center of Italy's main industrial area; and Turin, home of the great Fiat motor and aircraft works.

Meanwhile, it was announced at SHAEF in Paris that French Alpine troops had driven a two-mile wedge into Italy in a new offensive in the Maritime Alps. A Reuter dispatch said these troops were within 170 miles of 5th Army units on the Gulf of Genoa.

More than 1,150 fighters and fighter-bombers, lending tactical support to the Allied armies, hit rail bridges in Northern Italy and southern Austria while Liberators and Fortresses blasted marshalling yards in Austria, with Linz as the main target. In nearly 2,900 sorties yesterday and last night, the MAAF destroyed five enemy aircraft on the ground and lost 29 aircraft, including 15 heavy bombers.

Report Gen. Vanaman Freed From Nazi Camp

WASHINGTON, Apr. 26 (ANS)—Maj. Gen. Arthur W. Vanaman, Air Corps officer of Millville, N.J., has probably been liberated from a German prison camp.

Reports from Zurich, Switzerland, yesterday said a U.S. Army general had entered Switzerland from Germany, where he had been held as a POW. Vanaman is the only U.S. general captured by the Germans—in June, 1944.

Former commanding general at Wright Field, Ohio, of the material command, has been an assistant military attache for air in Berlin from 1937 to 1941.

U.S. Delegation Tells GIs:

'You Made Frisco Possible'

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 26—In an exclusive message to The Stars and Stripes, the U.S. delegation to the world security conference here yesterday addressed the men and women of the armed forces as follows:

"Today the United Nations conference on international organization begins its work in San Francisco. It is your work on the field of battle that has made this conference possible.

"We are resolved to represent you well and faithfully at this meeting. We shall do our best to find, with our Allies, a sensible, practical method of preventing aggression so that you and your children need never again be called from your homes and fight another war.

"With all our hearts we pray for a swift and final victory—for the day when you will come home to join with us in the building of a peaceful community of nations."

The message was signed by Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr.; Sen. Tom Connally (D.-Tex.), Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee; Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg (R.-Mich.); Cmdr. Harold E. Stassen, of Minnesota; Dean Virginia A. Gildersleeve, of Barnard College, New York City; Rep. Charles A. Eaton (R.-N.J.); and Rep. Sol Bloom (D.-N.Y.), chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee.



Report Goering Quits Air Post

Reich Marshal Hermann Wilhelm Goering, creator of the Luftwaffe, has given up his command and has been replaced by Col. Gen. Ritter von Greim, Hamburg radio reported last night. Goering, who once boasted that Allied bombs would never reach the Reich because his planes would stop all raiders, is suffering from heart disease, "which has now entered an acute stage," said the broadcast, recorded by Reuter.

Goering, who is Hitler's deputy and as such slated to take over command in case anything should happen to Der Fuehrer, asked to be relieved of his command as Luftwaffe leader and of all duties in that connection. Hitler granted the request, the broadcast said, and in naming Greim as new commander promoted him to field marshal. The Luftwaffe, to all intents and purposes, is now virtually nonexistent.

U.S. Casualties 929,373

WASHINGTON, Apr. 26 (AP)—U.S. Army and Navy combat casualties since the beginning of the war now total 929,373, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson announced today. Stimson placed Army losses at 829,001 on the basis of names received here up to midnight Apr. 14.

8th Has Day Off

Heavy bombers and fighters of the 8th Air Force were idle yesterday.

Bremen, Stettin Fall; Redoubt Is Stormed; Resistance Crumbles

A large-scale link-up between American and Soviet forces along scores of miles of the central German front appears to have taken place, a Reuter dispatch reported last night, adding that the official announcement was believed to be at hand. Front dispatches said any delay in the juncture, on which there is a news blackout, was not the result of German opposition between the Elbe River, which Red Army troops have crossed at Riesa, northwest of Dresden and due east of Leipzig, and the Mulde River, where the U.S. 1st Army was drawn up in force with some troops reported across.

A Reuter correspondent with the American units on the Mulde River quoted an officer as saying, "There is nothing of any consequence between us and the Russians. Those Germans who are there are concerned only with getting into American hands before the Russians catch them." Another dispatch from the U.S. 1st Army front said an American patrol in the corridor between the two forces had captured an enemy order directing German troops not to fire on U.S. soldiers. The order was not explained, however.

Meanwhile, Red forces, with more than half of Berlin reported in their hands, shifted their attack west of the city to tighten the ring around the core of resistance inside the capital, while the U.S. 3rd Army plunged across the Danube at three points toward Hitler's southern mountain redoubt and fought to within 11 miles of Austria.

Huge Pocket Seen In Bohemia, Moravia

Doughboys of the U.S. 3rd Army yesterday stormed the moat around Hitler's southern redoubt, crossing the Danube in outflanking moves around Regensburg, while to the southeast American armor drove to within 11 miles of Austria and 110 miles of Red Army units advancing on Linz, Austrian industrial city about midway between the U.S. and Soviet forces. If the Russians, thrusting up the Danube valley from Vienna, should link with 3rd Army forces now pushing down the corridor between the Danube and the Czech border, the juncture would encircle enemy troops in Bohemia and Moravia, creating a pocket described in dispatches as greater than that recently liquidated in the Ruhr.

In the north, troops of two British 2nd Army divisions had cleared the Germans from all of Bremen except the dock area. The defenders of Germany's second largest port city, who had fought hard to bar the British entry, finally broke under the combined weight of infantry assaults and artillery and air bombardments.

Bremen Virtually Destroyed

During the four days up to yesterday Bremen had been hit with 1,500 tons of bombs, virtually destroying the city. Remaining to be finished off by the infantry are the shipyards and submarine pens in Bremen's western sections.

Fighting in Germany has now become a "battle of pockets," War Secretary Henry L. Stimson declared at a Washington press conference yesterday, adding: "There is no doubt that there is heavy and perhaps prolonged fighting yet to be done in sections of the Reich." The pockets, he said, included the Berlin corridor, the North Sea coast including Hamburg and Denmark, and the redoubt in southern Germany. In addition, he explained, there were other pockets in western Holland, in various French ports, in Norway and Crete.

The three main pockets were being

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Fight Still Rages For Ringed Berlin

With more than half of Berlin already in Russian hands, Soviet tanks and infantry last night were reported rumbling around the heart of Hitler's capital to attack German troops still holding out in the western sections of the city.

The German high command yesterday said the battle for Berlin had shifted to the western suburbs of Charlottensburg, partially confirming earlier reports from Moscow that Russian assault teams were swinging around the main core of resistance inside the capital to enclose it in a small, tight, inner circle.

Marshal Stalin was silent yesterday on activity inside Berlin, but in an Order of the Day last night he announced that Marshal Rokossovsky's troops, at the northern end of the Eastern Front, had captured the main German Baltic port of Stettin and had advanced 18 miles in what apparently was a new offensive across northern Germany.

First Confirmation of Report

Stalin's statement was the first confirmation of German reports that Rokossovsky's 2nd White Russian Army Group had been shifted from eastern Pomerania to the Oder River and the first Moscow disclosure that the Oder had been crossed in the Stettin area.

In addition to Stettin, the third largest German port, Rokossovsky's forces captured the towns of Gartz, Penkun, Schwedt and Kasekow.

Inside Berlin the Russians were reported fighting near the Tiergarten and the Potsdamerplatz, in the heart of the capital, only a few hundred yards from the Reichstag, Brandenburg Gate and Unter den Linden. Into this center of resistance, where German SS troops were massed behind row after row of barricades, Soviet shells were being hurled with special emphasis being paid to the area where Hitler, if he still was in Berlin, was thought most likely to have his headquarters.

The Berlin battle, according to reports, was being fought in three parts: the

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Dough Thanks Airmen Apr. 25, 1945

To the B-Bag: I got to thinking that plenty of cracks that we in the infantry make about the Air Force, while seemingly ignored, may be taken more to heart than we think. I feel that I could never adequately express the feeling that I have toward the Air Force. I believe most infantrymen feel the same way. The Air Force is as necessary to the infantry soldier as the weapon he holds in his hands. When you are up on the front, and the heavy artillery and mortars come crashing down on you from behind the enemy lines, you have a peculiar feeling in your stomach because you can do nothing about it. It has been the same since D-Day. But let the rain stop momentarily or a few breaks appear in the clouds. The Air Force needs no more. You see flight after flight of our planes—on their way to return death and destruction to the enemy. You feel strangely elated. The enemy mortars, the rockets, the artillery have ceased firing. The flak starts mushrooming into life in the sky. But the planes, as far as the eye can see, are still coming. Your eyes grow moist as you say to yourself, simply—Thank God.—An Infantry Soldier.

Emotional or Scientific Peace Apr. 24, 1945

To the B-Bag: My own experiences as a dentist working on Nazi prisoners for almost a year confirm many of Dorothy Thompson's observations. The issue is not so much whether we have a hard or a soft peace as whether we have emotional or scientific peace. Germany must be stripped of heavy industries and reduced to an economy of agriculture and consumer goods production. Although this, of necessity, will mean a low standard of living in Germany for years to come, every decent German will recognize the justice of, and need for, this procedure. German factories should be transferred to England, Russia, Poland and other countries where industries have been devastated by German militarism. Our approach to the German people should be that of the psychologist to the problem of the insane and the criminal. The German people can roughly be divided into categories: the definitely insane, the incorrigible anti-socials, and those who can be regained to a democratic society. To answer those who consider such treatment too soft, it must be pointed out that it is unrealistic to imagine that the German nation can be destroyed. The point is how quickly she can be brought into the democratic fold and whose labor will be used in this process—our own or that of the German people themselves.—Capt. Samuel H. Anderman, DC.

Medal of Honor for Pyle Apr. 21, 1945

To the B-Bag: Although in the past we have objected strenuously to the presentation of military decorations to civilians, the following veterans of infantry combat suggest that the Congressional Medal of Honor be posthumously awarded to Ernie Pyle, soldier—Pfc Karl Detzer Jr. and 50 other Joes.

Sudetens Pro-Hitler? Apr. 21, 1945

To the B-Bag: With reference to your staff writer's report about the 3rd Army's penetration into Czechoslovakia, we—who have lived there—would like to point out the following. The territory referred to in the report is inhabited by Sudeten Germans, that is, by the same people who in 1938 were so eager to proclaim their allegiance to the Third Reich and to revile the Czech government. The former quoted in your article presents a typical example of Nazi hypocrisy. When he stated that he was never "terrorized" by the Czechs and that the Konrad Henlein movement brought him nothing but trouble we can fully confirm his statement. What he conveniently forgets is the fact that probably he, like the vast majority of Sudeten Germans, swallowed and spread Goebbels' most fantastic lies about Czech "terror" to aid in destroying Czechoslovak democracy. It seems ironical that the first region in which our soldiers are encouraged to fraternize again was that of Asch, the birthplace of Henlein and the cradle of his movement which, first under the cloak of constitutional collaboration, developed into the loathsome gang which destroyed Czechoslovakia.—Capt. Richard G. Spitzer, Robert Root, MC.

Hash Marks

Hit Parade Notes. Hitler and Hirohito are now singing "Don't Fence Me In." Quip by Ed Ainsworth. The Jap Cabinet has quit and it is said that the new one was formed in a revolving door. Scientific Data. The first lie-detector was made out of the rib of man. There have been no improvements on the original. Life is like that! An elevator man in a downtown office got tired of repeated requests for the time; so he put up a



shelf in the corner of his elevator and placed a small clock on it. Now people ask him: "Is your clock right?" This little verse, signed "LFG," was left in our typewriter. It's nice to be in England Now that April's here. But I'd sooner be in Brooklyn Drinking ice-cold beer. Quick-thinking of the Week was done by Brig.-Gen. Carlos P. Romulo. Notified by a radio producer that his four-minute script was 15 seconds short, Romulo—who is paying \$900 a month for his Washington hotel suite—said, "Good. Can I use the extra 15 seconds to advertise for a house?" Confusion at the San Francisco Conference. First delegates to arrive were entertained by musical programs as they waited for the opening. The band began playing "Love Come Back to Me." Several delegates, believing the piece to be the anthem of one of the United Nations, started to rise. When majority didn't they retook seats with some embarrassment. Old but good. Arlene Francis, on the radio program "Blind Date," asked a



serviceman: "What were you before you joined up?" "Perfectly contented!" was the quick reply. Our office cynic sez a genius is a man who can make money faster than his wife can spend it. J. C. W.

God Bless America!

Every Man's a King—Some Wear Heavy Crowns

By Richard Wilbur

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Apr. 26—How the hell does a GI from overseas get used to a city like this, anyway? It's full of people all talking with American accents. Then you stop on a corner of Park Avenue to wait for the red light to change. There's a guy in a truck waiting, too, and on the sidewalk a sable-coated lady with pekinese. Overseas, never this kind of twain shall meet. Here—"Hi, Butch," says the guy in the truck to the pekinese; a second later, he and the sable coat are chewing the fat. And how about the air raid siren here? It winds up like a vacuum cleaner. It's only for practice. It sounds only once a week, Saturday noons. Does anyone run for shelter? Not in this city. A girl walking past Radio City Music Hall with another girl looks down at her watch. "Oh look out," she says, "it's twelve o'clock already." Or you're walking along West Tenth Street and a kid starts running toward you. You get the gum ready for another chum. But what does he say? So help me, he says, "What time is it, please?" Fabulous city! None of the people with the American accents seems to know anything about regimentation. Subway-goers at Times Square mash onto a newly-arrived train before anyone has a chance to get off it. Standees on Madison Avenue buses hate to move back to make room for others, especially when the driver tells them to. All they'll grant is a grudging shuffle after the driver finally sits back and says in that strange accent, "Lissen. If you wanna stay right here on Sixty-eight' Street all day, don't move in the bus, just stand where y'are." You can get a glass of water here. You don't even have to ask for it, and you get it because you're just naturally a king. "A Glass of Water a la King" is what restaurants of one large chain serve you—"a fresh, sterile glass, filled with brilliantly clear water, carefully placed at your right hand (as though you were a king)," the menu says. There's kind of a familiar overseas look to the city now and then. In the morning, while most people are bustling to work past window displays that glitter with riches, some people are standing in queues. They're waiting for cigarettes. But, just like everything else about this city that doesn't seem possible, it's hardly believable that Americans are deprived of anything. Does anyone in this city know what the war is about? If they hadn't known, recent pictures of Nazi horror camps, showing the living dead and boldly displayed in the newspapers, helped explain it to some. Pictures of emaciated American prisoners of war, breathing skeletons, helped identify the enemy. Then you listen to some of the people talk individually and you begin to find out. In the restaurant where they serve you water like a king, it doesn't matter that they haven't any meat. But it matters when the manager points out a red-eyed waitress who's been deprived, he says, of someone who was a king to her—her brother, an infantry captain, killed in Germany. The manager says she won't talk to anyone any more. It doesn't matter when a barber rambles on in a dazed sort



Pictures like this one of Pvt. Alvin L. Abrams, of Philadelphia, shown as he was being deloused by 3rd Army troops after liberation from a Nazi PW camp, told America what the war was about.

of way that there are too many war movies and that he spends all his spare time seeing movies that have laughs in them. But it matters when you find out why—his son, an infantry sergeant, has been missing in Germany since Christmas, and his wife was sent away to a hospital after having a nervous breakdown. Does anyone in this city know what the war's about? You begin to feel that people like the dazed barber and the red-eyed waitress understand something of what it is about. All a GI from overseas can do is be glad he's temporarily in this city where the people with American accents don't know anything about regimentation, where the kids don't have to beg for gum, where the window displays glitter with riches, where ladies chat with truck drivers, and where the air raid siren winds up like a vacuum cleaner once a week, for practice. But it takes a lot of getting used to again, this home, so safe and sane because GIs fighting overseas are keeping it that way,

Propaganda—It's Wonderful!

Nazis Await Link-Up With U.S., Britain vs. Russia

By George Dorsey

By Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH AMERICAN TROOPS ACROSS THE ELBE, Apr. 26—The thin line of Germans who stand between these troops and the Russians has been plied with the wildest Nazi propaganda since New York was reported leveled by German bombers. Prisoners taken the past two days profess to believe that Russia has broken with Britain and the U.S. and withdrawn Molotov from the San Francisco Conference. As a result, according to their story, the U.S. and Britain will fight Russia alongside the Germans. PWs say a 52-hour armistice is expected on the Western Front so that the forces of the three nations can regroup in a solid front against the Red Army. Maj. William P. Gallagher, of Wash-

ington, D.C., said prisoners reported they had been fed this myth by their officers—and not in the form of a latrine rumor. The major speculated that this statement may have been issued to stiffen the resistance of the German soldiers fighting the Russians advancing west by leading them to believe that they've nothing to worry about in the west. There has been evidence lately that the Germans in this sector have been diverting most of their forces to the east. The latest manifestation of the German attitude was the delivery of three captured American wounded to B Co. of the 329th Regt. A deal was arranged by an American lieutenant liberated ten days ago by the 3rd Armd. Div. This bald, bespectacled officer said that he had overheard Germans discussing "the coming alliance

with the Americans" and had requested repatriation of the wounded since the facilities were inadequate for their care. The Germans agreed and two medical officers accompanied the lieutenant in an ambulance with three litter cases. After handing over the three Yanks, an odd delegation of one American and two Germans borrowed a can of B Co.'s gasoline and returned for more American wounded.

Negro 'Insult' Nazis —By Killing Them

By Allan Morrison

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE 7TH ARMY IN GERMANY, Apr. 26—Some of the kids who had been chasing Germans over hills and through woods stopped by the side of the road and listened grim-faced while an IPW man translated aloud an article that had appeared in the Apr. 12 issue of the Eight O'Clock News, a Nazi organ formerly published in Nuremberg. It was an attack on Negro troops with the 7th Army and was headed, "Americans bring black insult to German territory." Purporting to describe the capture by the 12th Armored Division of the town of Iphoven, the Nazi organ said that the arrival of Negro armored infantrymen had filled the inhabitants with "terror and fright." "We don't like being called names by anybody anywhere," said Pfc Otis Brown, of Washington, D.C., a Negro infantryman of the 12th Armored Div., "but if killing and capturing Krauts is insulting to Nazis then we're proud of it and are going to keep on doing that kind of insulting." "I killed two of the supermen this morning while we were coming out some woods," said Pvt. Bennie Player, Washington, D.C. "Frightening civilians isn't our line. Knocking out those Wehrmacht guys is."

Negro GIs have reported evidences of intensive anti-Negro propaganda among German civilians. Many civilians were convinced that the colored Americans had come to attack, rob and murder them, and frequently stayed in their houses when Negro GIs arrive. But sometimes, in the midst of war, little incidents happen that cut through propaganda fed to the Germans by their Nazi masters. Like the time when Pfc Will Lindsay, a Negro doughboy from Hattiesburg, Miss., went into his company CP in a house in Feuchtungen and sat down at the piano in a luxury living room. Looking up at a large picture of Richard Wagner, he played the classic boogie woogie number of them all, "Pine Top's Boogie Woogie." Lindsay played for fellow Yanks in the room, but the rolling bass notes sailed out into the morning air and soon people had opened shuttered windows and were looking curiously toward the house.

Negro Doughs Get Hand From Davis

WITH THE 12TH ARMORED DIV. IN GERMANY, Apr. 26—Brig. Gen. Benjamin O. Davis, the Army's only Negro general, inspected Negro armored infantrymen of this division. Working as separate infantry companies attached to each of the combat commands, the Negro doughs have taken part in all major actions of the Division since the Rhine was crossed. "I knew that all you needed was an opportunity," the General told the men, who are mainly volunteers from Com Z service outfits. Among the GIs introduced to Davis was Pvt. Charles Carson, a rifleman from Philadelphia, who left his outpost near Meisberg armed with a grenade and returned with 16 PWs after a brief fight.

AFN Radio Program

- On Your Dial 1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc. 218.1m. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m. Friday, Apr. 27 1200—News: Duffle Bag. 1300—World News. 1315—American Sports. 1315—Guess Who. 1330—It Pays to be Informed. 1400—News: RCAF HQ Band. 1430—Let's Go to Town. 1500—World News. 1510—Raymond Scott. 1530—On the Record. 1630—Strike up the Band. 1700—News: Science Mg. 1730—Music by Russ Morgan. 1755—Mark up the Map. 1800—World News. 1810—GI Supper Club. 1900—News: Sp's News. 1905—Canada Swing Sh. 1915—Eddie Cantor. 1945—Strings with W's 2000—News: Navy Date. 2030—American Band of the AEF. 2100—World News. 2105—Your War Today. 2115—Command Perf. 2145—Johnny Mercer's Music Shop. 2205—All American Jazz Concert. 2235—Here's to Rom'ce. 2300—World News. 2305—Merely Music. 0000—World News. 0015—Sign Off. Saturday, Apr. 28 0000—News: C'mb't D'ry. 0815—Personal Album with Martha Mears. 0830—Jill's Juice Box. 0900—World News. 0915—Spotlight on Louis Prima. On the Continent listen to your favorite AFN programs over the Allied Expeditionary Forces Program: 583 kc. 514m. Also shortwave: 6.195mg. (49m. band) between 0800 and 1900 hours.

UP FRONT WITH MAULDIN



"Radio the old man we'll be late on account of a thousand-mile detour."

Ticked Off the Global Wire

Says Truman Sees War's End in Europe by July 4

WASHINGTON, Apr. 26 (ANS)—President Truman looks for organized German warfare to end by June 1 and last ditch, pocket resistance to be cleaned up by July 4...

Meanwhile, Under Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson disclosed that Army orders for certain munitions, including artillery and mortar ammunition, would be reduced during the next 30 to 60 days.

Say Dutch 'Mercy' Planes Unfair

WITH CANADIAN 1ST ARMY, Apr. 26 (UP)—Tuesday night a broadcast in Gen. Eisenhower's name told the Germans in Holland that the Allies intended to drop food from the air to the starving people in enemy-held areas.

Last night—although they had not been asked for their views—German military authorities in western Holland said they rejected the "proposal."

The Germans said they did not mind the Allies feeding the Dutch, but the supplies must be sent across land or by sea.

If the Allies accepted the German proposal all the food would have to pass through German hands, and the German garrisons are believed to be very short of food.

Molotov 'Yes' Means 'No' SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 26 (AP)—Soviet Foreign Commissar Viacheslav Molotov apparently combines an ignorance of the English language with a determination to keep quiet.

"Have you any statement, Mr. Molotov?" asked a newsman as the Soviet minister walked through a hotel lobby.

"Yes," replied Molotov distinctly, never stopping in his stride and not saying another word.

Pétain's Formal Arrest Reported

PARIS, Apr. 26 (AP)—A group of officers was sent from Paris to arrest Marshal Henri Pétain at the Swiss border early this afternoon, and his formal surrender is believed to have taken place at 3 PM, official quarters indicated.

The newspaper L'Humanité claimed to have received evidence that Pétain's return was engineered by Goebbels and Himmler.

Pétain's enemies have asserted that in returning to France he was carrying out his last mission for the Nazis and that their purpose was to create civil disturbances in France at this critical moment in her period of recovery.

U.S. Civilian Court Martialled

PARIS, Apr. 26 (UP)—Rene Christian Pollard, of New York, was sentenced by a U.S. court-martial in Paris yesterday to 15 years and fined \$50,000 for stealing food from the U.S. Army and making \$32,600 from the illegal sale of cognac and champagne.

Pollard, 32, worked for the Office of War Information in Paris and is the first U.S. civilian to be tried here by a court-martial. Pollard's counsel said a civilian could not be placed under the jurisdiction of a court-martial, but the objection was rejected.

Pacific PW Promotions OK'd

WASHINGTON, Apr. 26 (ANS)—The Senate approved and sent to the House today a bill which would promote enlisted men and most officers who were in the Pacific on Dec. 8, 1941, and now are Japanese prisoners of war.

Only officers below the grade of colonel in the Army or a corresponding grade in other services would be affected.

'Hope Springs Eternal'

WITH 9th ARMY, Apr. 26 (UP)—The Germans' latest propaganda trick on the 9th Army front was to fire leaflets "informing" the troops that the U.S. has broken off relations with Russia.

Repatriates Die of Poison Alky

WIESBADEN, Germany, Apr. 26 (AP) Thirty-one liberated foreign workers awaiting repatriation here died earlier this week from the effects of drinking wood alcohol. More than 40 others were hospitalized.

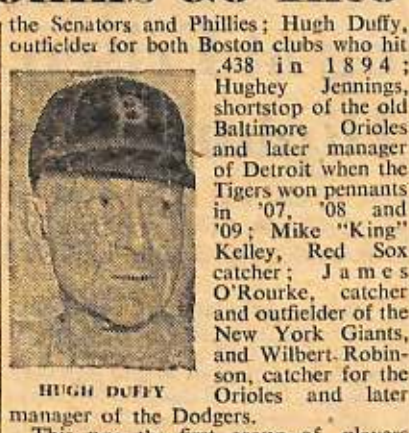
Some of the workers said they obtained the alcohol from a Russian who distributed it for a celebration. However, he was the first to die, making it difficult to trace the source of supply.

3,000,000 Chinese Casualties

CHUNGKING, Apr. 26 (Reuter)—More than 3,000,000 Chinese soldiers have been killed or wounded since hostilities with Japan started eight years ago, Chinese War Minister Gen. Cheng Chen reported today.

Bresnahan, Collins Go Into Hall of Fame

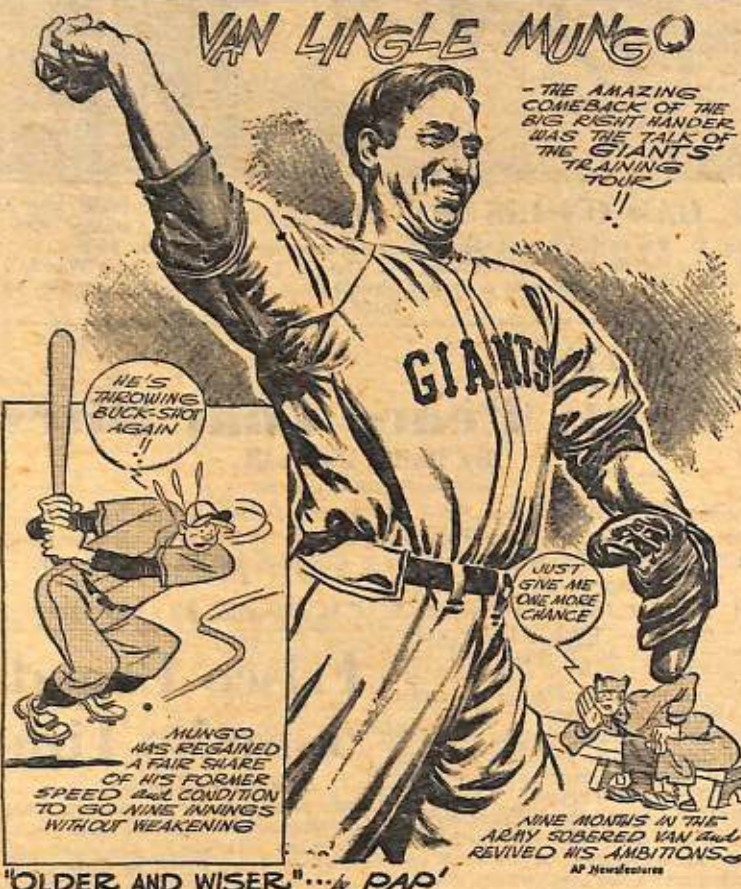
NEW YORK, Apr. 26—Ten stars who were cutting capers back in the days when players wore handle-bar mustaches and traveled to the ball park by buckboard were yesterday elected to membership in baseball's Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, N.Y.



HUGH DUFFY This was the first group of players picked by the old-timers' committee since the late Judge Landis was placed in the Hall of Fame.

the late Judge Landis was placed in the Hall of Fame. The committee was appointed by Landis last summer because he felt that modern day scribes might pass over players they hadn't seen.

Of the ten players honored by the committee, Collins and Bresnahan have come in for most comment from the sports writers recently. Both men have been hanging around the Hall of Fame's door for a number of years but failed to receive the necessary 75 per cent of the votes cast by the Baseball Writers' Association in recent elections.



'OLDER AND WISER'... P.A.P.

Passeau Leads Chicago To 4-0 Victory Over Reds

CINCINNATI, Apr. 26—Veteran Claude Passeau made his first start of the season here yesterday and exhibited a hefty bat as well as a strong pitching arm in steering the Cubs to a 4-0 victory over the Reds and raising the Chicagoans to within a half-game of first place.

In addition to blanking the Reds with five singles, Passeau found the offerings of Bucky Walters to his liking and homered in the third and drove in another run in the seventh with a single.

The game looked like another 1-0 affair after Passeau's homer in the third, and neither team was able to push across a run until the seventh, when Peanuts Lowrey doubled, took third on Kermit Wahl's high throw on Don Johnson's grounder, and tallied as Passeau singled. Johnson took third on the latter play and romped home after Stan Hack's fly.

Rookie Howie Fox replaced Walters in the ninth and was rapped for the final Chicago tally on Johnson's walk, a sacrifice and Hack's single.



CLAUDE PASSEAU

Warren to Start Boxing Probe

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Apr. 26—After telling the State Athletic Commission that he believed "gambling money" had been used to influence boxing matches, Gov. Earl Warren announced yesterday that he will supply money from his emergency fund for investigation of allegedly phony bouts in California.

This move followed an announcement by a district attorney in Los Angeles that a fighter had told him "He would guarantee there would be no more fixed fights on this side of the bay if a grand jury investigation of boxing is dropped."

Jersey Bribe Bill Signed

TRENTON, N.J., Apr. 26—Gov. Walter S. Edge yesterday signed a bill making it a misdemeanor to attempt to bribe professional or amateur athletes. The new law also forbids contestants to accept such bribes.

And He's Got Good Support

Ducky Laces Into 'Em

NEW YORK, Apr. 26—"My kingdom for a corset for my achin' back!" The equivalent of those words brought results for Jolting Joe Medwick, and now Joe is back in his New York Giant uniform planning to break the backs of a few National League pitchers.



Joe of the achin' back is wearing the same type of corset which enabled Craig Wood to win the National Open golf championship in '41, when he was plagued with the same ailment which has handicapped Medwick.

Help Wanted - AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, The Stars and Stripes, 20, Cavenish Sq., London, W1, or APO 413, U.S. Army, Telephone U.K. Base HO, Ext. 2131.

MacPhail Denies He Pushed Sen. Chandler's Nomination

NEW YORK, Apr. 26—Although some baseball executives consider the appointment of Senator Albert "Happy" Chandler as baseball commissioner a personal triumph for Larry MacPhail, the Yankee president disclaims "any such thing."

Questioned on his return from Cleveland, the loquacious one insisted that he didn't go to Cleveland with the idea of forcing Chandler or any other particular candidate on the club owners.

Williams Matched With Willie Joyce

NEW YORK, Apr. 26—Ike Williams, Trenton Negro boxer who won the NBA lightweight title recently by knocking out Juan Zurita in Mexico City, yesterday signed to meet Willie Joyce, Gary, Ind., Negro, in a non-title ten-rounder at Madison Square Garden June 8.

Promoter Mike Jacobs has another non-title contest scheduled for June 29, when Freddy Cochrane, welterweight champ, meets the winner of the Rocky Graziano-Al Davis scrap.

Gottselig to Lead Hawk Six

CHICAGO, Apr. 26—Johnny Gottselig, star player and later coach and scout of the Chicago Black Hawks for 17 years, has signed a one-year contract as manager for next season. He succeeds Paul Thompson, who resigned several weeks ago to enter business in Vancouver, B.C.

Dick Tracy



Li'l Abner



HOW THEY STAND.

Table with league standings for American League, National League, Home Run Hitters, and Runs Batted In.

Minor League Results

Table with minor league results for International League, American Association, and Pacific Coast League.

Around the 48 Yesterday

All the Blowing at Frisco Is Not by the Diplomats

SAN FRANCISCO (ANS)—The world's loudest and longest battle of bands was over as 300 Army, Navy and Coast Guard musicians laid down their instruments after a week of greeting delegations to the United Nations World Security Conference.

They had split lips, aching feet and a jumping palpitation of ear drums. But they had met every, or nearly every, test of musical diplomacy. Twenty-four hours a day, airport control towers had signaled the arrival of planes with great ones aboard and Uncle Sam's blowboys had manned instruments to give each delegation one ruffle of drums and one flourish of bugles. Heads of delegations received four ruffles and four flourishes.

The only faux pas occurred when an Army band and a Navy band got their signals crossed upon the arrival of the Haitian delegation. The Army flourished and ruffled the Haitians first and then the Navy band took over.

Signals Muffed. All in all, the delegation got a double works and the loudest reception of the week.

Double Works Lt. Byron J. Wilson, co-ordinator of the band pool and known as the "man with the musical headache," was called out of bed at night three times for such assignments as "Get a band at Mills Field at 0600. Get the boys on a bus. Delegation arriving early. Better blow."

The bands played no national anthems lest they serve up the wrong one or slight someone in some mixed nationality group. Instead they stuck to old favorites which have an international flavor. The only delegate not greeted musically arrived hours off schedule in his own plane.

Now the bands face a national anthem marathon for special events. Wilson said the boys can play the anthems of 44 of 46 United Nations. Saudi Arabia has no national anthem "but we could whip one up for them in about 15 minutes if they want one," he said. The anthem of one other country is not being played because American musicians term it "impossible." He wouldn't name the country.

Carrier Named for Roosevelt

WASHINGTON (ANS)—A 45,000-ton aircraft carrier to be launched at the Brooklyn Navy Yard Sunday has been renamed the Franklin D. Roosevelt in an unprecedented action, the Navy Department announced.

The vessel, which originally was to be called the Coral Sea in recognition of that battle in 1942, thus becomes the first carrier to bear the name of an individual.

A Navy spokesman said that the ship was assigned the late President's name as a token of honor for his long and intimate association with the Navy.

Congressional sources said that Mrs. Roosevelt would sponsor the vessel, sister ship of the Midway, launched last month.

However, the Navy disclaimed any knowledge of such an arrangement.

WASHINGTON (ANS)—OPA chief Chester A. Bowles brought 99 1/2 per cent of all meat under rationing in a move to spread evenly civilian supplies which are expected to drop another 6,000,000 pounds next month. Effective next Sunday all meats, except mutton, will require red points.

Other changes in the meat-fat rationing program for May raise most lamb and veal cuts by one or two points and most beef one point. Steak values, however, will decrease one to two points. Margarine and Grade One cheese also are increased four and two points, respectively.

War Widow Urges Preparedness

HARTFORD, CONN. (ANS)—Condemning what she termed American "unpreparedness" as responsible for the death of her captain husband on Bataan, Rep. Helen Zbikowski, of Bristol, defied any other member of the State House of Representatives not to vote favorably for a resolution calling upon Congress to pass a universal military training bill. Fellow representatives applauded her talk loudly, but opposition was prevalent.

ST. LOUIS (ANS)—The body of a woman who lay in a crude, open casket in the basement of a local funeral home for 40 years finally was laid to rest in Pottery Field. She was identified only as the "lady who was known as Maud."

LANSING, MICH. (ANS)—The State House of Representatives adopted a resolution requesting Michigan Selective Service boards to certify for immediate induction any men found guilty of misconduct with wives of servicemen. Said one representative: "Something must be done immediately to break up alliances between wives of servicemen and their civilian consorts."

BROOKFIELD, MASS. (ANS)—S/Sgt. Erford Gage, former Broadway actor who later portrayed ardent Nazis in the movies, died on Luzon last Mar. 17, his mother revealed. . . . DAYTON, OHIO—Maj. Richard I. Bong, who shot down 40 Jap planes in the Pacific, has been assigned to Air Technical Service Command Headquarters at Wright Field.

TACOMA—A beautiful blonde rushed up to Patrolman Patrick O'Malley, threw her arms around him, hugged him . . . then explained blushing that she had mistaken him for another man. So O'Malley arrested her and Judge W. A. Richmond fined her \$15 and costs on a disorderly conduct charge.

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attended to—Berlin by the Russians, the North Sea coast by the British and Canadians and the southern redoubt by the Americans and French. Air reconnaissance over the area between Hamburg eastward to the Russian lines showed yesterday a complete absence of German transport, aircraft or troop movement, it was reported at 21st Army Group HQ.

While units of the U.S. 3rd and 7th and French 1st Armies continued to compress the southern redoubt with gains which brought some American troops to within 40 miles of Munich, Bavarian capital, Allied planes for the second successive day ranged over the southern battlefield to hit at airfields and communications leading into the Alpine fastness.

The Danube crossings by the 3rd Army—the 7th and the French had already hurdled the river farther to the south—were won by the 71st Division at two points east of Regensburg and by the 65th Division at a point between Regensburg and Kelheim, to the west. Cavalry units cleared half the latter town.

On the southeast, tanks of the 11th Armored Division were near Tittling, 11 miles from Passau, on the Austrian frontier. The armored units were about 75 miles north of Berchtesgaden. On the 11th Armored's right flank, 26th Division infantrymen were closing up to the Danube well to the southeast of Regensburg.

Troops of both the 3rd and 7th Armies were said to be about 40 miles from Munich. After crossing the Altmühl River, 3rd Army units advanced eight miles to Friedrichshofen, 40 miles north of Munich. From the 7th Army's widened Dillingen bridgehead, the 3rd Division drove southeast to within 10 miles of Augsburg and 40 miles of Munich.

In Czechoslovakia, 3rd Army troops reached a town 27 miles southeast of Eger.

British and American 9th Army troops along the Elbe controlled a 200-mile stretch of the river from below Hamburg to the Mulde near Dessau.

Patton, Hodges Get 4th Star

WASHINGTON, Apr. 26 (ANS)—George S. Patton Jr., commander of the U.S. 3rd Army, was a full general today, along with Courtney H. Hodges, head of the U.S. 1st Army.

President Truman's nominations of the two commanders for four stars were approved yesterday by the Senate, which simultaneously confirmed the promotions



HODGES PATTON

of nine major generals to the rank of lieutenant generals. Promoted to lieutenant general were: Joseph L. Collins, 7th Corps commander (Europe); Oscar W. Griswold, 14th Corps commander (Pacific); Lucius D. Clay, Civil Affairs deputy to Gen. Eisenhower; Geoffrey Keyes, 2nd Corps commander (Italy); Edmund Gregory, Quartermaster General; Walton H. Walker, 20th Corps commander (Europe); Levin H. Campbell Jr., Chief of Ordnance; Wade H. Haislip, 15th Corps commander (Europe); and Eugene Reybold, Chief of Engineers.

Rainbow Corner to Show All-American Fashions

GIs, WACs and American civilians were invited yesterday to attend an All-American Fashion Show to be given at London's Rainbow Corner on May 1 at 8 PM by the Corner's Red Cross gals, who will dig deep into their wardrobes for civilian clothes they will model.



HE HAD ON HIS DOG TAGS: GIs don't usually kiss MPs, but Pvt. Anthony Rizz, of Niles, O., was so delirious at seeing his first American after release from a German PW camp that he didn't mind it being Pvt. Dale V. Lockhart, of Camp Wood, Tex., an MP. Rizz was flown to a French airfield by a transport taking supplies to the front.

A GI at Frisco Wants Peace That Bites

By Philip Bucknell
Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 26—A veteran of the Aachen fighting is here as an aide to Cmdr. Harold C. Stassen, one of the U.S. delegates to a world security conference, "not as a delegate, not as an adviser, but a darn sight closer to being a clerk."

He is S/Sgt. John B. Thomson, 20, of Minneapolis, who was fighting with his outfit, the 104th (Timberwolves) Division, when an ill-intentioned bomb returned him to the U.S. with a fractured skull—and a membership on the staff of the American delegation.

Stassen announced, when he was named to the delegation by President Roosevelt, that he would endeavor to take with him two GI aides—Thomson and Lloyd Meyer, 24, an ex-Marine lieutenant.

Thomson described his position as being mostly secretarial with an occasional sitting-in on conferences when the Commander was unable to be present. He is also slated to meet with veterans' representatives for discussions on service subjects.

He considers—speaking entirely for himself—that servicemen are probably more willing than others to see the use of force to assure peace. "They will want teeth in all agreements," he said.

"The most we can expect is another military alliance unless the conference is an idealistic success," he added. "Although you can't expect perfection from the first conference, you've got something concrete, and that's not another league. Shaking your finger at naughty nations doesn't work."

Thomson, who left Harvard for the Army, comes from a Midwest banking family.

He carries with him orders stating, "Thomson granted permission to wear civilian clothes." He likes it.

Legless Vet an Adviser

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 26 (ANS)—Pfc Herman Pheffer, of Brooklyn, who lost both legs when struck by a German shell at Leghorn, Italy, last July, has been appointed adviser to National Commander Edward N. Scheiberling of the American Legion at the world security conference here, it was announced today. Scheiberling is serving as an official consultant to the U.S. delegation.

Reds Have Them on the Run Germans Seek Haven Behind U.S. Lines

By Wes Gallagher
Associated Press Correspondent

ON THE ELBE AT ARNEBURG, Germany, Apr. 26 (AP)—Never before in this war have scenes been created like those taking place along the Elbe yesterday and today.

With tormented Berlin in its death throes spewing forth a tide of panicky humanity fleeing from Red armies in the east, the west bank of the river as seen from the top bluff here presents the drama of the whole war in a glance.

As far as the eye can see, long lines of men and women wait to cross the river. There are German soldiers who have thrown away their guns and are being taken prisoner by the 9th Army to escape the onrushing Red Army, whose shells even now fall with red bursts a mile or two from the river.

There are American soldiers captured in Africa and Italy, British soldiers

B29s Hammer Shikoku Isle For First Time

GUAM, Apr. 26 (ANS)—Shikoku, one of the four main Japanese homeland islands, was struck by Superforts for the first time today as 250 B29s attacked airbases there and on neighboring Kyushu. Three hundred and fifty miles to the south determined Japanese resistance on Okinawa was costing the enemy 19 men by official count for every American killed.

Matsuyama airfield on the northwestern coast of Shikoku and various dromes along the southern and eastern coasts of Kyushu were targets of the eighth bombing of mainland airfields since March.

American casualties in ground fighting on Okinawa were announced as 1,146 killed, 5,982 wounded and 296 missing through last Sunday. A total of 21,267 Japanese—approximately one-third of the enemy's estimated force—were killed and 399 were captured up to dawn yesterday.

Frontline dispatches indicated that Maj. Gen. John R. Hodge's 10th Army doughs had dented stubborn Japanese defenses after seven days of fierce fighting and were hitting the enemy's secondary line.

MANILA, Apr. 26 (ANS)—The bitterest fighting in the Philippines today raged at Baguio on northern Luzon while a 16-mile advance by 24th Division troops brought the American drive on Mindanao Island closer to its decisive stage.

Yanks pushing down the highway from the northwest were only a mile from the center of Baguio, Philippine summer capital and former Japanese headquarters. A civilian who came through the lines reported that American bombing of the area was so intense that on one occasion explosions kept up for five hours with only one 20-minute break.

Troops on Mindanao were within 57 road miles of Davao on the east coast and forward elements reached hill country, where Japanese resistance was expected to stiffen.

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armored columns which swung around the city to pinch it in a circle of steel were reported consolidating their position and preparing for thrusts into the city from various points; assault forces were forming an inner ring around the municipal center; infantry, supported by tanks and mobile guns, was mopping up pockets of resistance in cellars and subway stations.

Especially hard fighting was reported in the areas of Tempelhof air field on the south, in Charlottenburg on the west, and near the Siemensstadt railway station on the northern side of the city.

Over the capital the Red Air Force was assembled to frustrate any plans high officers and Nazi party leaders might have to get away by air.

The Germans still claimed that Hitler was in the besieged capital, and Stockholm reports said he was seen there on Wednesday. Stockholm also reported that Goebbels and Goering were in the city Thursday. Hitler will fight to the end at the head of his troops, German radio said, and claimed, "in Berlin this war will be decided." Some reports said airfields from which Hitler and other leaders might have escaped had been taken by the Russians.

In a second Order last night, Stalin announced that Marshal Malinovsky's forces, driving through Czechoslovakia, had captured the large industrial city of Brunn by a skillfully executed outflanking maneuver.

Brunn, 30 miles inside Czechoslovakia from the Austrian border, is an important road and rail junction 75 miles southeast of Prague.

Terry and the Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate



TERRY IS HELPLESS ON THE GROUND. SHARK TUMBLIN HAS GONE DOWN RAMMING A JAP. SCIDIE DIVE TOWARD THE LAST TRANSPORT. NOW HOTSHOT CHARLIE AND ENSIGN SUNDAY TURN TO MEET HALF THE JAP FORCE AS THE OTHER HALF CIRCLES TO GET BEHIND THEM.



TWO JAPS ROAR IN HEAD-ON TRYING TO GET THE TRANSPORT. HOTSHOT AND SUNDAY WAIT UNTIL THE PRECISE MOMENT.



ONE ENEMY FIGHTER FALTERS AS THE TWO AMERICANS GO INTO A TIGHT LOOP TO MEET THE THREAT FROM THEIR REAR.



HOTSHOT! YOU'RE ON FIRE!

Swiss Act on Leopold

ZURICH, Apr. 26 (Reuter)—The Swiss government is acting as intermediary in negotiations for the release of King Leopold of the Belgians, who is a prisoner of war in German hands.