# Yanks Land on Okinawa Island

New York

# **Greatest Pacific** Landing' Is 325 Mi. From Japan Proper

Successfully completing what was officially termed the greatest amphibious operation of the Pacific war, American infantrymen and Marines comprising a new U.S. Army, the 10th, swarmed ashore on Okinawa Island, 325 miles south of Japan proper, at 8.30 AM yesterday (Tokyo time), Adm. Chester W. Nimitz annonneed in a communique which he himself broadcast.

The landing was supported by the Pacific's largest task force, involving more than 1,400 ships, including strong units of the British Pacific Fleet,

under command of Adm. Raymond A. Spruance, 5th Fleet commander. Proceeding "according to plan," the assault forces landed on the west coast of Okinawa, large island in the center of the long Ryukyu chain stretching southwestward from Japan, "advanced inland rapidly and by It AM had captured the Yontan and Kadena airports with light losses," Nimitz widd



Month for 8th

Heavy bombers of the 8th Air Force were idle yesterday after rounding out greatest month of the war on

Saturday, when more than 1,300 Fortresses and Liberators, protected by 850

Mustangs and Thunderbolts, attacked

rail, industrial and oil targets in Germany.

rail, industrial and oil targets in Germany. During March, featured by the mighty assault that helped clear the way for the Rhine crossings, the 8th unloaded 73,000 tons of bombs on the Reich, surpassing by 15,000 tons its previous heaviest month. June of last year, when its planes dented the French coast in co-operation with the invading Allied forces.

said. The landing made on Easter morn, and following ten days of devastating bombardment by naval guns and carrier planes, was achieved without a shot being fired, cabled a Reuter correspondent aboard Adm. Turner's flagship. He said that the only noticeable enemy move-ments the morning of the invasion were to the rear and that gains were made all along the line after seizure of the two air-fields named in Adm. Nimitz' com-munique. munique.

Nimitz read his communique personally for the first time, lending added signi-ficance to the new invasion which would give the U.S. air bases practically in Japan's back yard.

## **Operations Follow Landings**

Operations Follow Landings The operation followed landings which began last Monday and resulted in the capture of islands in the Kerama group just off Okinawa's southern tip. Artillery emplacements on these islands joined battleships, cruisers and lighter naval units in pouring shells into Jap positions or. Okinawa

Nimitz disclosed that the new 10th Army is under command of Lt. Gen. Simon B. Buckner Jr., and that it com-prises the 24th Army Corps under Maj. Gen. John R. Hodge and Marines of the Jed Amphibiaus Corps under Maj. Gen 3rd Amphibious Corps under Maj. Gen. Roy S. Geiger. With attached units, that would mean a force possibly exceeding 100,000 troops. The size of the actual landing force was not disclosed, however.



Amphibious operations were com-manded by Vice-Adm. Richmond Kelly Turner, who has handled that phase of every invasion in the central Pacific. A fast carrier task force under Vice-Adm. Marc A. Mitscher, whose famous Task Force 58 has long roamed Japanese waters, also participated in the attack.

"The capture of Okinawa will give us bases only 325 miles from Japan which will greatly intensify the attacks of our fleet and air forces against Japanese com-munications and Japan itself. As our sea-air blockade cut the enemy off from the world and our bombing increases in strength and proficiency, our final victory is assured," Adm. Nimitz concluded. Meanwhile, the 20th Air Force, which



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An Armored Posse Goes Coyote Hunting ArmorMeets

U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo The super highways that Hitler built to wheel his armies on to world conquest now point the way to his doom. Here 7th Army tanks clank along the highway connecting Mannhelm with Heidelberg.

# Reds 33 Miles from Vienna; Nazis Report Stettin Push

German Radio last night claimed that Marshal Zhukov had thrown at least 360,000 men into a massive assault on Stettin while, at the southern end of the Eastern Front, two powerful Russian armies drove ahead toward Vienna and the vital railway lines feeding Nazi forces in Jugoslavia and Italy

**U.S.** Vetoes Warsaw Poles

WASHINGTON, Apr. 1 (AP)-The U.S. and Britain yesterday turned down the Soviet Union's demand that Poland's present Warsaw government be represented at the forthcoming San Francisco world security conference.

The explosive issue, threatening to divide the United Nations, sent Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. to the White House to confer with the President.

An unidentified State Department official said the U.S. position was based on agreements reached at Yalta to set up a Polish government representative of all political elements. The present Warsaw government is not representative, the official declared.

Senators concerned with foreign affairs dicated regret that Russia had posed had posed

There was no official confirmation that Zhukov had renewed his drive toward northern Germany but a resumption of fighting on this front had been expected. The German report came less than 24 hours after they had admitted withdrawal of the German garrison from Kustrin of the German garrison from Kustrin, where Zhukov now has merged his bridge-

heads for a thrust against the Reich capital, only 33 miles to the west. The Germans also admitted new disasters on the southern sector where, according to Paris radio, the Russians at one point were only 28 miles from Vienna. Vienna.

Marshal Stalin, however, placed Marshal Tolbukhin's forces at Sopron, 33 miles from Vienna and 19 miles southeast of the important Austrian industrial city of Wiener Neustadt, hub of the Messer-schmitt airplane factory group.

### **Important Rail Junction**

In announcing capture of Sopron, which lies in Hungary, Stalin described the city as an important railway junction and a stronghold in the German defenses on the approaches to Vienna. Sopron is three miles from the Austrian border

# Resistance **First Time**

Paris

Tanks of the 2nd Armored Divi-sion of the U.S. 9th Army linked up sion of the U.S. 9th Army linked up yesterday afternoon with elements of the U.S. 1st Army in the first union of units sealing off the Ruhr, creating a tremendous pocket from which three enemy divisions already have been re-ported attempting to flee. The juncture came near Lippstadt, west of Paderborn, where 1st Army forces were engaged in hard fighting with dug-in Nazi tanks. Other signs of German attempts at a

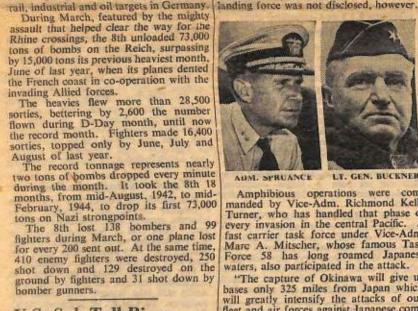
Other signs of German attempts at a possible stand against the American spear-heads thrusting into the Reich, in addi-tion to that at Paderborn, were reported from the U.S. 3rd Army sector, where armored units ran up against opposition gathering along the east bank of the Fulda River.

River. Accounts of great havoc wrought by tactical air forces against enemy transport columns on the move in Holland were taken to indicate that the Germans, threatened by Canadian advances, may possibly be pulling out of that country, base for V-weapon sites. In one day's operations the airmen knocked out more than 600 vehicles, but yesterday's opera-tions were curtailed because of bad weather.

weather. Highlights of Weekend Among the highlights of the weekend developments were broadcast proclama-tions from Gen. Eisenhower to the Ger-mans. "The German government has ceased to exercise effective control over wide areas," the Supreme Commander declared. "The German High Command has lost effective control over many units, large and small, of the German forces." One broadcast gave detailed instructions to German troops on how to surrender to the advancing Allied armies; the other repeated previous orders to foreign workers in Germany on how to hamper the foe and escape from the battle zones. A security blackout still covered most

A security blackout still covered most of the deepest Allied penetrations into the Reich. This was the situation, from north to south, as reported last night:

21st Army Group—A dispatch from Field Marshal Montgomery's HQ told of a sensational breakout on the British 2nd Army's front, with hundreds of tanks roaring to the east and northeast far beyond the positions pinpointed yesterday morning. Some reports asserted that British tanks—some of them carrying American airborne troops into action— American airborne troops into action-were almost 100 miles beyond the Rhine, traveling over military highways where possible and over the countryside where the roads wouldn't do. Only isolated resistance was mentioned in dispatches from the front. Montgomery was estim-ted to have more than 2 000 table and



WASHINGTON, Apr. 1 (AP)-U.S. submarines have sunk 11 Jap vessels, in-cluding a large aircraft-carrier, two destroyers and two escort vessels, the Navy announced. The announcement raised to 1,083 the total of Jap vessels sunk by American submarines.

**U.S. Sub Toll Rises** 

To 1,083 Jap Vessels

# - Vignette of Peace-New Yorkers See Double By Richard Wilbur

Stars and Stipes U.S. Bareau NEW YORK, Apr. 1—Easter morn blossomed forth with warm weather in New York following the appearance last night over Gotham's skyscrapers of a double rainbow—long the symbol of hope. The weatherman said double rainbows appear quite frequently over New York. "only nobody ever looks at them."

But New Yorkers looked last nightwith uplifted hearts.

Though American women brought out their spring finery, fashion did not keynote the day- as in previous years.

Prayers for soldiers overseas and veterans at home were heard in thousands of communities and military posts.

At the Arlington, Va., national ceme-tery, Col. Alfred Oliver Jr., an Army chaplain recently freed from a Philippines prison camp, participated in ser-vices which he originated 15 years ago.

Soldiers at Fort Benning, Ga., formed a living cross in Doughboy Stadium. In Colorado Springs, Col., park benches were provided to wounded veterans in the Garden of the Gods at suarise services.

Nimitz disclosed had lent "strategic support" to the Okinawa invasion, sent a large force of Superforts against industrial targets in the Tokyo area today (Tokyo time), following twin raids Satur-day on the home islands of Kyushu and Honshu.

such an obstacle to full co-operation in

while the controversy continued, the Warsaw government announced it would incorporate the Free City of Danzig into Poland.

three miles from the Austrian border, crossed by Tolbukhin's troops two days ago.

In his third Order, Stalin announced that the right wing of Marshal Malinov-sky's force had captured Szenc, 14 miles northeast of Bratislava and about 34 miles east of Vienna. Other towns captured were Hlohovec and Trnava. East of Bratislava and important forti

East of Bratislava, an important forti-fied city covering one of the main natural approaches to the Austrian capital, dis-patches said Malinovsky had punched a hole in the German defense and that his tanks and motorized columns were plung-ing ahead with little to stop them. South of the river, Malinovsky's left

(Continued on back page)

## Cupid Lends His Wings

ated to have more than 2,000 tanks and self-propelled guns over the Rhine, enough armor for at least six divisions.

### **Tanks Breaking Eastward**

German reports said British tanks were heading eastward both north and south of the big communications center of Munster, and admitted that other troops had reached the western fringes of this capital of Westphalia Province.

At Rheine, 25 miles northwest of Munster, the Luftwaffe fired their major airdrome and fled.

12th Army Group—Troops of the 1st Army were fighting in Paderborn, farthest northern point officially reported reached by units which swept around the Ruhr. (Continued on back page)

Lovelorn Sgt. Senator Aids

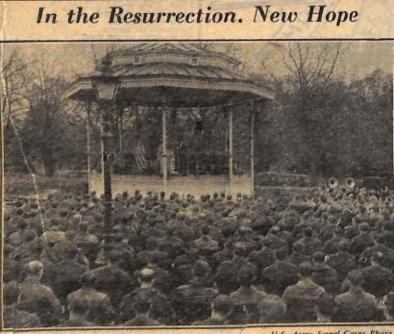
WASHINGTON, Apr. 1—Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney's middle initial doesn't stand for Cupid but the Wyoming Demo-crat showed here yesterday that he is will-ing to help young love along when the opportunity presents itself. One of O'Mahoney's constituents— now a tech sergeant in the Air Force— recently wrote to the Senator bemoaning the fact that while in the ETO he fell in love with an English girl, that before getting married he was returned to the U.S., and that his prospective father-in-law would not allow the bride-to-be to come to the U.S. unless she became a bride first. bride first.

The sergeant asked O'Mahoney to fix

it up so he could fly to England to get married and the Senator instructed his staff to drop everything else until the frustrated lovers' dilemma was solved. Within an hour a telegram was dis-patched to the sergeant at Lowry Field, Col., telling him to make formal applica-tion for furlough to England and to state his preference to travel by air. O'Mahoney also added a statement "I shall be glad to cooperate in arranging with Immigration and Naturalization service for passage of your wife to the U.S. if you will contact me upon your return."

"The Senator withheld the names of the lovers.

U.S. Army Sn U.S. servicemen and servicewomen attending Easter subrise services at the bandstand in Hyde Park yesterday morning.



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## THE STARS AND STRIPES

Leica Camera

Factory Worker

Up to Capture

By a Stars and Stripes Saff Writer

WETZLAR, Germany, Mar. 30 (Delayed)-The huge Leitz factory, hor

of the Leica camera, was captured inta

by the 1st Army. Employing 3,000, the eight-story fa

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## Labor's Bill of Rights Mar. 26, 1945

To the B-Bag: I noted with interest the article in to-day's issue "War Workers Unite to Get Vet Rights."

I would prefer to believe that this is propaganda, but when a program of this sort is nationally organized I believe that

the average serviceman reaches a dangerous boiling point. Just what sort of Americans are these people? Certainly no war worker with a serviceman in the family would show such ingratitude for the sacrifices made by witerans.

such ingratitude for the sacrifices made by veterans. I think we have been more than tolerant of strikes and inflationary wages of war workers. Certainly these people who have enjoyed the benefits of ful-time employment and excellent wages should not demand precedence in the post-war world over men who have actively participated in the struggle "to save the world." Can it be that the flag-waving is now over and people have reverted to the low level of attempting to beat veterans out of their just desserts? After the last war veterans were given

After the last war veterans were given a bonus and promptly forgotten. World War II vets ask only the opportunity to return to a free America and enter com-petition with compensation only for time spent on the battlefield. We do not desire to have employment handed to us, but it is hard to reconcile ourselves to the fact that American labor is organizing in an effort to protect themselves from the "leeches" who will soon be returning from European battle fronts and Pacific islands.—2/c John O. Yeo, USN.

## Pay for Unused Furloughs Mar. 26, 1945

To the B-Bag: I would like to know if any action is being taken to get Congress to change AR 615-275 to allow GIs to collect pay

AR 615-273 to allow Gis to conect pay for unused furlough time? I do not expect 30 days a year during war. Most Gis can't be spared from their jobs for that length, but I can see no reason why they cannot receive accrued pay that is rightfully theirs upon dis-charge. I can't see why there are so many more privilenes for an officer then for more privileges for an officer than for an EM. I wonder what the people back home would think about it. I have been an EM for 53 months. I

I have been an EM for 55 months. I would get more pay from my accrued furlough time than mustering out pay. If they really do want a standing Army, why not give the GIs a fair deal on this issue. Most GIs would be surprised if they figured out how much money they would have coming it this AR was amended.

If enough complaints are turned in to the right people I feel sure that the change will be made.—S/Sgt. Homer Pike, Bomb Group.

### The Life of a PW Mar. 22, 1945

To the B-Bag: To the B-Bag: We read about PWs romping about in the States, having one hell of a good time, enjoying parties, &c. Adversely, we read of some of our PWs in the South Pacific



Comment. "He was an old soldier of 30 summers—plus two years in England." \* Overheard in a fashionable London nitery. "Her hair looks like a holiday for strings."

News Headline: "Planes Bomb Nazi Headquarters." Looks like they're giving Hitler the bombs rush.

Today's Daffynition. (Thanx to Robert Johnson.) Bigamist—A man with enough nerve to out-talk two women.

Wishful Thinking Department. After reading the phrase so many times in the



British papers lately, a T/5 we know sent in this sketch giving his own ideas of "motoring into Germany."

Retort Proper. A prominent Washing-ton official turned to a corporal at the Ritz bar, introduced himself and added pompously, "I'm over here at the request of the President." "Yeah," retorted the corporal, John Reynolds, "So am I." \* \*

\* \* \* Fun at the Front. After the fall of Cologne, Lt. F. LeDoux decided to take time out for a bath. He filled a huge galvanized wash tub, but the water was too hot. So he grabbed a five gallon can of "cold water" and dumped it in. Phunging in for his bath, he felt a violent tingling sensation—learned later that he had been dunking himself in Calvados.

Shed a tear in your beer for Pfc William Miles, who is still brooding over his failure to win a British-sponsored amaleur sing-ing contest. He muses, "I guess it was all due to the song I sang, 'When Irish Eyes Are Smiling."

At first thought, it doesn't seem likely for a chaplain's assistant to become a bartender in post-war life, but a veteran



Influence of war. School kids now call achers pet "quislings."

HUBERT

LC.W.

# But Don't Let 'Em Fool You Few Japs Still On Marianas Keep **Doing Silliest, Harmless Things**

**By Ernie Pyle** IN THE MARIANAS ISLANDS (delayed)-There are still Japs on the three islands of the Marianas chain that we have occupied for more than six

months now. The estimate runs into several hundred They hide in the hills and in caves and come out at night to forage for food. Actually many of their caves were so well stocked they could

20 for months without getting too

hungry. Our men don't do anything about the Japs any more. Oh, troops in training for combat will go out on a Jap hunt now and then just for practice and bring in a few, But they are no menace to us and by and large we just ignore them. A half dozen

or so give up every day.

ERME PYLE

The Japs don't try to sabotage our stuff. It would take another Jap to figure out why. The Japanese are thoroughly incon-sistent in what they do, and often illogical. They do the silliest things. One night some of our Seabees left a going on.

# Peace Prospect for April War's End Seen as German Army Surrenders from the Bottom Up thrown progressively down the scale to Army Group, Army and Divisional com-manders, and to the hundreds of quickly trained second grade junior officers who have been thrown into the front line in the last six months. They are the people to match

to watch.

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whelmed.

front

## By Ronald Clark

21st ARMY GROUP, Apr. 1 (UP)-How long will it last now?

That is the question the troops are asking from one end of the line to the other as they see the Germans coming forward to surrender in droves. A NEW LINE?—One question being asked out here is whether Kesselring can form a new line, now the Rhine has gone.

Here, as seen this Easter weekend, are the prospects for the next four weeks: SURRENDER—Surrender by the Nazis themselves is ruled out. Whether they will retire to Bavaria or attempt to "disappear" inside Germany is unknown, but condemned men don't put their own heads in the prose heads in the noose,

The German General Staff obviously wants to surrender, and it is true that surrender in the West could be carried out by the Supreme Wehrmacht Headquarters in Berlin, but this is as unlikely as a Nazi surrender. Himmler has his own men on the German General Staff, and they spy on all lines of communications and would warn Himmler directly the first move was made

## In About Same Position

Next is Field Marshal von Kesselring, supreme commander in the field in the West, but he is in something of the same position as the General Staff in Berlin. Himmler's representatives are with him, too. It is quite likely the real reason for Rundstedt's dismissal was because he told Hitler surrender was inevitable.

Kesselring's only chance would be when disruption of communications and administration allowed him to act inde-pendently inside western Germany. It does not look as if that time has come. So the chances of surrender are

by SGT. DICK WINGERT

bulldozer and an earth-mover sitting up in the hills. During the night the Japs came down. They couldn't hart anybody but they could have put that machinery out of commission. Even with only a rock they could have smashed the spark plugs and ruined the carburetor. They didn't do any of these things.

tory was manufacturing binoculars, g sights, microscopes and other critical w material only three days before Wetzl was captured. They didn't do any of these things. They merely cut palm fronds off nearby trees and laid them over the big machinery. Next morning the Seabees found their precious machinery completely "hidden." Isn't that cute? was captured. Within a few hours after the town w taken, AMG men from the 99th and 2: Divisions had taken over the plant. Arr Engineers immediately started to surv the plant and its contents. Some G were disappointed because they could get new binoculars. However, the Arn now has thousands of dollars worth valuable lenses and machigery in perfe-working condition.

# Move Stakes Around

Move Stakes Around On another island all the Japs ever did was to come down at night and move the wooden stakes the engineers had lined up for the next day's building. An American officer was sitting on an outdoor box-toilet one night philosophi-cally studying the ground, as men will do. Suddenly he was startled. Startled is a mild word for it. For here he was caught with his pants down and in front of him stood a Jap with a rifle. But before anything could happen the Jap laid the rifle on the ground in front like a worshipper before an idol. The Jap had been hunting for weeks for somebody without a rifle to give him-self up to. The two Leitz brothers were operating the plant when AMG took over. Ludw Leitz remained at the plant all day obe ing AMG orders in a sullen, but of operative manner. He spoke Englis

quite well.

self up to. But don't let these stories mislead you into thinking the Japs are easy. They are a very nasty people while the shootin's

He might, but not for long. It looks now as if any attempt to do so would be

shattered before the line could be firmly

He may attempt to withdraw northward and hold the line of the Elbe River, and southward and hold southern Bavaria, using crack SS and paratroop units.

Lacks Men for Job

But he lacks men to do the job and communications to get them there, al-though there is no sign of any lack of

the necessary ammunition or supplies. HOW MUCH MORE RESISTANCE? -Where garrison troops have been re-inforced by even a small number of

crack troops they are fighting well, but there is no indication they are likely to form more than temporary "fortresses"

which would soon be engulfed and over-

As far as civilians are concerned there has not yet been a single confirmed striping episode on the 21st Army Group

HOW WILL THE WAR END?—By the surrender of larger and larger groups of the Wehrmacht—more than 250,000, one-third of the whole operational troops on the West Front, have surrendered in the surrendered in

the past month-until the whole German Army is gradually submerged beneath the flood of Allied men and armor.

**AFN Radio Program** 

Leitz and an assistant agreed to condu-the AMG men on a tour of the plan Work starts on the ground floor wi unfinished glass prisms, and proceed operation by operation, to final assemb on the top floor—the same system use in many American factories. Because of the American bombin some of the more vital war work w moved to the basement which also house a part of the town's hospital and livin

working condition.

a part of the town's hospital and livin quarters for factory executives during a raids.

Same as U.S. System

Leitz and an assistant agreed to condu

Most of the workers were skill. Germans living in Wetzlar, which had population of 20,000. About one-thi of the workers were foreign slave labor. "They were very happy with us," sa Leitz.

"Vive les Americains," French labore shouted. "When can we return to Paris" the "contented" French queried.

# Thyssen Steel Works Ruined by Bombings

By a Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH 79TH INF. DIV. EAST O THE RHINE, Mar. 29 (Delayed)-T enormous Thyssen steel works, which occupy eight plants in the Hamborn set tion of Duisburg, are in ruins. Captured by the 313th Regiment of t

79th Inf. Div., the Thyssen steel empi was mostly a sea of twisted girder wrecked machinery and churnedmasonry.

masonry. Three Hamborn bankers, interview, at the City Hall by Cpl. Harry Weilheim of the 79th Div. Military Governme section, testified that the steel works hi-operated but a single day since Jan, 2 when they received a terrific aerial poun ing. The one day of limied operation-in February—was followed by anoth-raid which finished off the one produci-plant. plant.

## Wander Among the Ruins

Wander Among the Ruins Still wandering among the ruins we a handful of tattered Russian sla laborers, some of them veterans of Stali grad. They told of Nazi overseers w shipped lagging workers and beat othe More than 150 Russians, they said, h died after particularly vicious beatings. For all their boasted proficiency mechanical matters, the Nazis apparen could still take lessons from Americ industry. Lt. Col. C. M. Sagmoen, 313 Regt. executive officer, one of the fi tc examine the main plant, noticed Carnegie book on steelmaking procedu lying open on a foreman's desk.

lying open on a foreman's desk. ast industrial section was ca tured with the loss of a single doughb who was riddled to death by small ar fire while crossing one of Hambor canals canals.



and in Germany being maltreated, under-fed, robbed and disease ridden from lack of medical attention.

Now we see the picture of Italian PWs on tour through New York's Central Park buying peanuts from a vendor. Why wouldn't anybody be only too willing to surrender if there were such inducements as those provided by Uncle Sam? To enjoy better treatment, better food and a better land than his own isn't much of a sacrifice for a PW. We wonder if Hitler fully realizes what he's missing by being so obstinate.

We also wonder how the big-wigs think a GI in the front line, who still is in the thick of it, reacts to a picture of his adversary enjoying a life of leisure in the States—the PWs who were sent there through efforts and risks of life to GIs.

through citorts and risks of life to GIs. The enemy advocates that a PW be treated as a PW. We're not in accord with the treatment administered by the enemy, but a PW should be under suffi-cient restraint to be kept out of our society.—S/Sgr. J. F. Zollitsch, AAF Base Unit.

### Mar. 21, 1945

## To the B-Bag:

I just noticed a picture of U.S. soldiers escorting Italian PWs through Central Park so they could buy peanuts for the monkeys. My, my, those poor unfortunate bastards!

Do people back home realize how many

Do people back home realize how many GIs were probably killed by these peanut-buying PWs? Why don't they wake up? Or maybe the doughs up front are just fighting and dying for the hell of it. But here is the payoff. I also read in the same issue that 40 GIs were arrested and one guy fined \$120 and sentenced to three months hard labor for fraternizing. Maybe you can figure it out, but I'll admit it beats hell out of me.—T/Sgt. Gilbert Boyer, Ferry Sg. Boyer, Ferry Sq.



you were standing right in the middle of the road, that's all!"

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# **April a Fateful** Month for U.S.

April has always been a fateful morin in American history. It was on April 19, 1775, when a gro of angry militiamen stood on the vill green of Lexington, Mass. Their musk blazed. The American War of In pendence had begun. April 12, 1861, saw a cannonl bounce into Fort Sumter to start the C War. That bloody conflict ended April 1865.

1865. From the modest beginnings of American Republic—the 13 colonies came a nation on April 6, 1789— month has become, almost mystica a single thread in the fabric of the Am can story.

Two American declarations of have come in April—against Spain, A 24, 1898, and against Germany, Apri 1917.

1917. But, also woven into the fabric American history was a defeat—the of Bataan on April 9, 1942. Aside fr war, April has seen other moment events in American history: April 14, 1865 saw the assassinat of President Lincoln; the San Franci earthquake took place April 23, 19 the Titanic sinking, April 14, 1912. One other April date—one which m kind will rue for ever—was April 1889, the day a child named Adolf born to the Schicklgrubers in Austria

## U.S. NEWS

# THE STARS AND STRIPES

## U.S. NEWS

### vrues Cars oon After V-E WASHINGTON, Apr. 1 (ANS)-More automobiles and refrigerators for Dan be withdrawn on V-E day." These in-

civilians and perhaps "a small increase in the basic gasoline ration" within months after Germany falls were forecast by War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes today, but he coupled his promises with a warning to the home front not to expect any increase in food supplies or relaxation of wages, prices or manpower controls.

Complimenting the public for its cooperative spirit, he also said that with the exception of voluntary curbs on travel, emergency restrictions "should cluded the midnight entertainment curfew, the brownout and the ban on racing.

However, Byrnes emphasized, in his second report to President Roosevelt and Congress on war mobilization and reconversion, that Congressional action on pending manouver legislation was on pending manpower legislation was needed, and declared: "We have no comprehensive, efficient manpower system"; despite all voluntary measures, workers were not being placed promptly where needed; and "the turnover continues excessive."

Despite the addition of 4,400,000 women workers, he pointed out, the

civilian labor force had dropped by 1,800,000 in the last three years.

V-E day will see a relaxation of pro-

V-E day will see a relaxation of pro-duction controls "to encourage private enterprise to reconvert with maximum dispatch," Byrnes declared, adding that a simple priorities plan would be substituted for the present restrictive and complex material control plan. He predicted that 30 per cent of the country's resources should be released within nine months after Germany was beaten, indicating that while the war against Japan was still going on, civi-lians would get more of the things they now are running short of—pots and pans, alarm clocks, irons, auto-

Eager Beaver Wants

To Be an Eager Beaver

DETROIT, Apr. 1 (ANS)—Un-happy and disappointed because of his 2A draft deferment until June 28, George F. Addes, secretary-treasurer of the United Automobile Workers (CIO), said today he would appeal to President Roosevelt to permit his voluntary induction.

A Selective Service appeal board said that it acted on a request of the union in changing Addes' classification from IA to 2A following the union's policy of requesting deferments for its high officers.

officers. Addes' local board, meanwhile, said it couldn't "induct him now even if he had filed an application to volunteer" had filed an application to volunteer

because the appeal board's classifica-tion couldn't be changed until June 28

unless new evidence were uncovered.

induction.

mobiles and refrigerators. The report expressed "high hopes for an early victory in Europe, mixed with must be made to accomplish this vic-tory and to defeat Japan." As for food, the report said that two things must be taken into account: the drop in supply and the increase in demand. This year will be worse than 1944, Byrnes said, adding, however," we will not be hungry and our diet will not be deficient. We must tighten our belts a little."

Byrnes' report touched on the state of the world as well as that of the home front. "What is necessary to win

the war we will do," he said, And as a Christian, humane people, we will gladly do our part to relieve suffering and distress in the war-torn world. Stable governments cannot develop Stable governments cannot develop where people are hungry and a strong world economy is essential to world peace and to a healthy economy at home," he declared. "However, we must give considera-tion also to the people who will pay the bills," the report continued, recom-

bills," the report continued, recom-mending that steps be taken to ensure full employment, protect small busi-nesses and make partial refunds to corporations of war-time excess profits taxes immediately after V-E day.

Yum Yum

# News from Washington **Bastogne Stand Inspires** Naming of Escort Carrier

WASHINGTON, Apr. 1 (ANS)-A new Navy escort carrier, now under construction at Tacoma, Wash., will be named in honor of the heroic stand made by American troops at Bastogne during the German breakthrough last December, the Navy announced yesterday,

The craft will be christened by Mrs. Anthony C. McAuliffe, wife of Maj. Gen. McAuliffe who directed the 101st Airborne Division during the Bastogne fighting and made famous for "nuts" retort to the Nazi demand for surrender.

The carrier will be launched next Fall, the Navy said.

Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines. Veterans to understand an article in the Journal which criticized the medical care given in veterans hospitals.

"It reflects on the membership of the Association and tends to destroy the confidence in the institutions where veterans of all wars are cared for, and in this manner carried sorrow and grief into homes of these men," Hines said.

Hines added that an investigation ordered last week by the House of veterans facilities would prove that the service rendered veterans compared favorably with that practised in Army and Navy hospitals.

RAMBLINGS: Because of the terrific demand for train accommoda-tions to San Francisco for the World Security Conferences, the railways have "frozen" all train reservations to the city between Apr. 17 and 23. Only applicants with official backing will receive tickets.

Rep. John M. Vorys (R.-Ohio) de-clared that Congressional law barred given to the Representatives from re-doing the most for the country this year. Vorys said Congressmen couldn't receive any extra money for doing their iob

OPA authorized an immediate \$3 increase to \$61 per ton on newsprint ceiling prices. . . . The Department ceiling prices. The Department of Commerce disclosed it was mapping of war prisons to jobs in U.S. indus-tries which are below production schedules because of manpower shortages.

Majority leader Alben W. Barkley (D., Ky.) refused to abandon hope for the compromise manpower control bill approved by the



the measure. Sen. Elbert D. ARKLEY



**Can Spring Be Far Behind?** 

Cherry blossoms have come early to Washington this year. In fact, in only one other year, 1927, have they arrived before Apr. 1. Enjoying the scene with the Jefferson Memorial in the background are Sgt. and Mrs. Fred L. Tagtmeyer, of Fort Wayne,

# Washington Answers Question What Happens to the Meat?'

WASHINGTON, Apr. 1 (ANS)-Where has the meat gone? The answer was provided today by a list of official figures made available to the United Press on the distribution of 32,250,000,000 pounds of meat available to the U.S. and the British Empire last year through their own production and by purchase in South America.

U.S. civilians got more than half of the total and figures show they ate more meat on the average than the British but less than the Australians, who—soldiers and civilians alike—ate more meat per capita than anyone else.

civilian, 150 pounds; U.S. armed forces, 300 pounds; British civilian, 108 pounds; British armed forces, 185 pounds! Australian civilians, 175 pounds; Austra-lian armed forces, 350 pounds.

Here is how the meat was distributed: U.S. civilians, 18,000,000,000 pounds; U.S. Armed forces, 4,500,000,000 pounds; British civilians, 4,500,000,000 pounds; British armed forces, pounds; British armed forces, 1,000,000,000 pounds; Australia, 2,000,000,000 pounds; Canada, 1,500,000,000; Russia, 1,000,000,000; France and other liberated nations, 500,000,000.

Official figures show U.S. civilians and The figures gave this picture of per capita meat consumption last year: U.S. servicemen together last year used more meat than the U.S. produced.

# Gems Which Brightened the News

# **Kills** Threat **Of Coal Strike**

WASHINGTON, Apr. 1 (AP)-The soft coal operators and John L. Lewis, United Mine Workers' president, Saturday accepted a War Labor Board order to

This means there will be no strike, although Lewis was supported in his strike threat by a miners' vote overwhelmingly in favor of such a step.

In favor of such a step. Immediate acceptance of the WLB order augured well for negatiations, scheduled for Wednesday, between the miners and the hard coal operators for a new two-year contract to cover some 65,000 Pennsylvania miners. The present authority contract which

The present anthracite contract, which was signed after a year of negotiations, two major strikes, government seizure of the mines and WLB intervention, expires Apr. 30.

Apr. 30. Lewis accepted the WLB order with the proviso that the operators put in writing the assurance that they will post a \$15,000,000 guarantee to cover the miners' retroactive pay. He said his demand was based on what happened in 1943 when the miners "then under duress" had to settle for what he termed less than they were entitled to. The operators countered that they had never failed "to pay their bills." The 1943 settlement, they said, was reached not by them but by Lewis and the Secretary of the Interior. Although the hard coal miners' demands

of the Interior. Although the hard coal miners' demands will not be announced until Wednesday, they are expected to be similar to those presented the soft coal operators. A major request was for a royalty of 10 cents per ton of coal mined, the money to be put into the UMW's health and rehabilita-**Smokes for All** 

LEXINGTON, Ky., Mar. 31 (ANS)-The singsong chant of the tobacco auctioneer faded to an echo today as the books closed on a record shattering marketing season that brought a promise of smokes for all—in about a year. More burley tobacco was sold for more

More buriey tobacco was sold for more money than in any sales season in history, with Kentucky growers alone pocketing close to \$108,000,000. A large part of the 429,000,000 pounds of burley sold in Kentucky, in addition to that sold in other states, will go into the manufacture of currently hard-to-find cigarettes. However, it's subject to a year or more of processing.

## Frisco Airport Planned

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 1 (ANS)-Henry J. Kaiser today turned over to the U.S. Army Engineering Corps plans for a \$13,860,000 airport to be constructed on a man-made San Francisco Bay island which he said would put the city ahead in post-war competition with Seattle and Los Angeles for Pacific Air Commerce.

WLB Order

keep on producing coal under their old contract pending agreement on a new one for 30 days.



That's Tellin' 'Em

# What's a Fat Lady To Do When She **Can't Buy Panties?**

WASHINGTON, Apr. 1 (ANS)-The War Labor Board referred a headache to the War Production Board today after a Pittsburgh woman, apparently confusing the WLB with the WPB, complained about the scarcity of "panties for stout women."

There are, she said, "plenty of panties for small women and those who don't wear any. But what are you going to do about panties for stout women?"

She said it was no use telling her to buy cloth and make her own. The right kind of cloth, when you can get it, costs \$1:50 a yard, she wrote. "And \$3 for a pair of panties is too expensive."

The WLB declined to handle the case.

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House although most of his col-

leagues have written it off as

dead. The rapid advance of Allied armies in Ger-

accepted gener-ally as the key reason for the

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Thomas (D.-Utah) introduced legislation which would impose a \$10,000 fine or ten-year prison term on anyone convicted of disclosing state or military secrets. . Fifty American Legion posts in the District of Columbia asked the National body to support a resolution favoring a free flow of news in the post-war world. \* -

THE Senate Military Affairs Com-mittee, in a statement to the Senate proper, declared that unless the pending nurse draft bill were passed promptly, "we are going to fail our stricken combat soldiers."

"There is an immediate and urgent need for a minimum of 5,000 nurses to be sent overseas at this time to relieve nurses who are approaching a state of physical exhaustion because of the strenuous conditions brought about by the critical nurse shortage," the report

# Hollywood Studio Unions **Brawl Ends in Arrests**

HOLLYWOOD, Apr. 1 (ANS)—Two members of the striking AFL Carpenters' Union were arrested and a prop man was hospitalized today following a brawl between pickets and workers at the Paramount studios.

The row was the most serious disturbance since the start of the 20-day-old strike called by the Conference of Studio Unions to force recognition of a painters' local as the agent for 78 set dressers.

# **Happening** in the States These Things, Too, Were

SAN FRANCISCO (ANS)-Transcontinental-Western Airlines announced a new San Francisco-New York service using four-engined planes released by the Army which would cut traveling times by two hours 40 minutes.

CLEARWATER, Fla. (ANS) – Iris Williams, 17, was exonerated by a coroner's jury for the slaying of her father as he beat her mother. The jury said the girl fired the shot which know him but the act was "justifiable."

SPRINGFIELD, III. (ANS)-Capture of all three bandits who Friday robbed the First National Bank at Greenville of more than \$20,000 was announced by the FBI, who added that the entire loot had been recovered.

CONSHOHOCKEN, Pa. (ANS)-Doris June Ruth, 19, and Pvt. Aubrey Holland, who lost both legs at Cassino, were married here.

WEST SHOSHONE, Nev. (ANS)-The when shown of the solution of the services above that of other races, E. J. Dich, superintendent of the Indian reservet on here, said. vation here, said.

NEW ORLEANS (ANS)-Fx-soldier Henry Volz was burned to death in his

auto while his wife watched helplessly.' Police sa'd he apparently had fallen asleep while smoking a cigarette.

BALTIMORE (ANS)—A retired Negro employe of the exclusive Maryland and Baltimore clubs, Emanual Chambers, died and left a trust fund of \$100,000 to be used for "charitable and educational needs of Baltimoreans regardless of race, or a creat" color, or creed."

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (ANS)-Refusing to be daunted by the tobacco shortage, Registrar Robert C. Provine, of Vanderbilt University, passed out two fresh eggs instead of cigars when his wife gave birth to a son,

ST. LOUIS (ANS)-Col. John H. Stodter, a liaison officer with the Chinese forces, won a race with death from the Far East, but his wife died the follow-ing day from a heart ailment. Stodter had made the trip from China in six days.

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. (ANS)— The police riot squad rushed to the Municipal Market to subdue a mob of hairpulling women shoppers battling for a few available chickens.

PORTLAND, Ore. (ANS)-Randelo Throneberry listed by the FBI as one of the nation's 15 most-sought criminals agreed to return to Colorado to face trial for the torture slaying of Ethelbert Purdy, p sheepherder, in August, 1943., The



She's Lee Pittman, of Lyons, Ga., and she's been adjudged the prettiest WAC at Buckley Field, near Denver, Col.

FBI said he was traced through a boast he could disappear in some remote Oregon town,

PHILADELPHIA (ANS)-The Navy League shopping service looked around

for a monkey requested as a mascot by an aircraft carrier crew. The search was unsuccessful. All the monkeys either were too old or too young.

COLUMBUS (ANS)—When a non-smoking housewife protested because a cigarette dealer wouldn't sell her a pack unless she puffed at one cigarette to prove she wasn't chiseling, the OPA interceded and offered sympathy. Said the OPA: The dealer could make any demand so here are intervent a house ceiling. long as prices weren't above ceilings.

PITTSBURGH (ANS)—A ration board used to having folks come in and tell them they've lost their books was confronted with a new one. A woman asked for books for herself, her husband and six children, adding that "we never have had any books. We've been eat-ing with friends and relatives." The request was tabled.

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (ANS) — Robert Isom, a disabled World War II vet, filed for divorce on the grounds his multiple battle wounds caused his wife to desert him "as she did not visit him."

PITTSBURGH (ANS)-Home from PHTSBURGH (ANS)—Home from three months in a Jap prison camp at Bataan, Sgt. Joseph P. Keys said he was happy despite the fact his gal had married a Brooklyn sailor. "She'd been a fool, if she hadn't," Keys, who lost an arm on Bataan, said. "I guess she just found someone else to take my place."

THE STARS AND STRIP

# 'Milwaukee' Becomes the 'Murmansk'

## By Dick Grueneberg

Stars and Stripes Special Writer Thirst of Russian sailors for knowledge on a couple of occasions forced American sailors to forget about their hunger for food, but outside of that everything ran smoothly during the transfer of the U.S.S. Milwaukee to the Russian fleet, seven U.S. officers and six enlisted men revealed yesterday.

Following the revelation by Moscow Following the revelation by Moscow Tuesday that the light cruiser is now manned by Soviet sailors, the U.S. gobs all talked freely yesterday about how the transfer was effected and how they taught the Russians to man the ship. And in the process the men—all of whom speak Russian and later served at the Big Three Crimea Conference—laughingly explained the "thirst and hunger" angle.

About breakfast time one morning the 'General Quarters'' alarm sounded. The Milwaukee crew men scrambled for their action stations, readied the guns for any-thing. But nothing happened. Over the loud speaker came the announcement: "Belay that."

At noon the CQ alarm sounded off again, and for the second time the U.S. sailors ran to their stations. And again nothing happened.

The problem was solved when some-body discovered that the very inquisitive Russian sailors, studying the bridge of the cruiser, had pressed a little red button—



KOVAL

the one that set off the action alarms

station. The special U.S. crew boarded the Milwaukee in a British port. One officer and one enlisted man were assigned to a department, which they studied thoroughly. As soon as the men knew the ropes the ship took off for Russia, and after an eventful trip during which more than one Nazi U-boat was sunk, the Milwaukee became the first U.S. war-ship to enter the port of Murguansk in this war. this war.

For the next five weeks the ship's various departments were classrooms. Russian officers and men bombarded the U.S. Navy men with questions. They wanted to know the purpose of every

lever, bolt and valve, and sometimes the "quiz" lasted until late hours of the

"quiz" lasted until late hours of the night. When the indoctrination was completed the Milwaukee went out on a shakedown cruise with both American and Russian crews aboard. She fired everything she had—six-inchers, three-inchers, 40mm. guns, 20mm. and depth charges. She even sent catapult planes into the air and retrieved them. Everything worked per-fectly. The American sailors had appar-ently taught well and the Russians were apt pupils—even though they were a bit too inquisitive once or twice. Capt. C. F. Fielding, USN, who had commanded the Milwaukee for more than a year, officially turned the ship over to the Russians with the traditional last order: "Secure the watch!" The Stars and Stripes came down and the Milwau-kee became the U.S.S.R. Murmansk.

kee became the U.S.S.R. Murmansk. The U.S. Navy men who instructed the

Russians were:

Russians were: Lt. G. S. Scherbatoff, USNR, Sharon, Conn.; Lt. D. P. Keusoff, USNR, Mount Picasant, N.J.; Lt. M. Kamack, USNR, Garfield, N.J.; Lt. Gao J. P. Romanow, USNR, Dearborn, Mich.; Lt. (ig) J. Cheplick, USNR, Oliphant, Pa.; Lt. C. M. Houghton, USNR, Maspeth, N.Y. (no longer with the original team); Andrew M. Bacha, Chief Yeoman, Garfield, N.J.; Nicholas Kormiloff Jr., Yac, Garfield, N.J.; Russell Koval, Y2e, Fort Plain, N.Y.; Alex Nestoruk, Y2e, Buffalo, N.Y.; Andrew Sawchuck, Y2e, Los Angeles, Cal.; Harry Skelnar, Y2e, Berwyn, Ill.



# The Light Touch From the



BERNE

Another curfew gag by Cafe Zanzibar. For a buck an hour you can get this lovely to hold your seat at a nearby hash house until your roll over from the club.



Dropping batons for their favorite instruments, five band leaders give out with a jam session at the Hotel New Yorker. From left, standing: Tony Pastor, Paul White-man, Sonny Dunham; seated: Charlie 'Trotter and Jerry Wald.

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# Off the Beaten Warpath

The four Kitts brothers of Knoxville, Tenn., each with separate units of the 9th Army, hold a family reunion somewhere in Germany. Left to right are Pyts. Bill and Ray, both infantrymen; Pfc Harlan, signal corps; and Pfc Gene, of an armored division. U.S. Army Signal Corps Phot



# Veteran U.S. Troops May Occupy Reich By Phil Bucknell

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau NEW YORK, Apr. 1—When it's white flags all the way and the last islands of Nazi resistance have been washed away by the flood of onrushing Allies, there will be considerable reshuffling of armies.

will be considerable reshulting of armies. Nobody believes for one moment that the occupation is going to be less severe and strict than obtains in areas already overrun. Eisenhower's declaration that "we come as conquerors" will set the nation of occupation pattern of occupation.

pattern of occupation. Nothing official has been issued de-lineating the actual zones of occupation (the last news came from Yalta where it was announced that France would have a zone) but there is unusual agreement among commentators on the subject and it is possible to piece together a story on how Germany is expected to be occupied. The U.S. zone, it is believed, will ex-ture that and south the Deine of reaching

ne east and south are Czechoslovakia, Austria and Switzerland.

Berlin under Allied Control

Berlin under Allied Control Russia will occupy the eastern sector of Germany almost as far west as the Baltic port of Lubeck. From there the line will go south to the Elbe river, follow-ing that river and the Saale and ending at the western tip of Czechoslovakia. Berlin comes in that zone but it is be-lieved the capital will come under joint Allied control. It will be the site of the Allied occupation commission. Britain will probably be assigned the northwestern sector, bordered on the north by the North Sea and Denmark, on the west by the Rhine, on the east by the Elbe and Saale rivers and on the south by the line extending north from Frankfurt-on-Main to Czechoslovakia. France will almost certainly be allotted

Frankfurt-on-Main to Czechoslovakia. France will almost certainly be allotted the west bank of the Rhine, but it is be-lieved that Gen. de Gaulle is pressing for territory on both sides of the river. On the assumption that this will be the division, or approximately this, it is pos-sible to give a guide to the territory that will be occupied by our troops. Estimates of the number of American troops that will be needed for this task vary from 200,000 to 500,000 and, while some observers consider that troops which have done the conquering will do the occupy-ing for at least the first six months, others ing for at least the first six months, others think unseasoned soldiers will be used for

Keystone Photo Everybody grabs 'em on the front these days. Fred Ramage, International News Photos photographer, brings in a few Nazi prisoners on his press jeep.



Filipino women on Luzon, who do a rushing business washing clothes for U.S. soldiers, return with the wash smoking fat cigars. Here Pfc William Graves, of Indianapolis, offers a light to one of the women. Caption doesn't state whether the stogies are popular PX brands.

the task.

Guerrilla Warfare Expected

Since reports have it that the Nazis will try to hang on in the mountains in des-perate guerrilla warfare—and the Ameri-can zone contains the most likely terrain for such tactics-the first assumption looks more likely.

The chief cities in this zone are Munich, Nuremberg, Karlsruhe, Stuttgart, Frank-furt-on-Main, Mannheim, Augsburg and Wurzburg. The terrain is some of the most beautiful in Germany, excluding all towns which have been thoroughly bombed, and is known for its Alpine and lake screety. The treation is reached to 0000 bombed, and is known for its Alpine and lake scenery. The area is roughly 40,000 square miles and has a normal popula-tion of about 13,000,000, although refu-gees have swelled this figure considerably. The people of southern Germany always used to claim that they were dif-ferent from the rest of the Germans-more peace-loving, more pleasant, song-loving and honest-to-God beer and wine drinkers who never meant horm to any

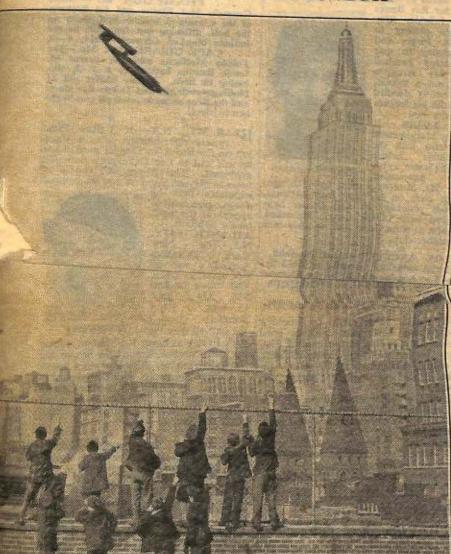
drinkers who never meant harm to any-one. The territory, however, was the breeding ground of Nazism and Hitler maintained party headquarters in Munich. At Nuremberg were held annual semi-barbaric dedication ceremonies. Rather more than half of the popula-tion is Roman Catholic. It is believed that rules against fraterni-zation will be maintained and instead of

zation will be maintained and, instead of troops being billeted in private homes as they were the last time, barracks will be erected to prevent any contact outside of official business. For amusement the soldiers will be provided with large scale sports and entertainment programs.





# Dark Rooms of America



Vice-Adm. Jonas Ingram, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic Fleet, meant when he warned that the Nazis could and would whip flying hombs over the U.S. east coast, with New York dury desirable target. Here a group of boys on the roof of the Madison Square Boys' Club th watch a V-I tear for the Empire State building, but this happens to be a scale model of a mert and explains why the kids aren't treated by Wallis Rigby, British model plane ex hugging the ground like true V-1 vets.

# Last Week Over There Death Showed Its Sting Good Friday Last Week Over There

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The nation is perturbed about the possibility of a meat shortage, although no-body can yet see why there should be one. There's cattle on the ranches, but they get snafued before they become three-inch steaks.

Distillers warn of another potential shortage—whisky. And in Atlantic City, proud of its golden-fried pullet, cafes ad-vertise as a specialty, "chicken necks and dumplings."

In Charleston, W. Va., a butcher laid down his cleaver and vowed to try some-thing more stable. In '33 he was out of thing more stable. In '33 he was out of work because people couldn't afford meat—now they can't get it. Maybe he should go to Miami, where they pay dish-washers \$150 monthly, plus room and board. And because of the shortage in fuel, girls at Mt. Holyoke College, Mass., are wearing flannel underwear. In Cambridge, Mass., cops arrested a 19-year-old youth who organized a group of juvenile burglars. Also organized him-self a 15-year-old "queen of the gang."

# Now the Shoe Is on the Other Foot



It's fitting that some of the bullets Nazis are now dodging in Italy come from rifles of an all-Jewish brigade, now fighting with the 8th Army. Here the history-making unit lines up for inspection in Palestine before its departure for the front.





Over are all ears as they listen to Rigby explain the workings of his model. The miniature of the weapon is launched by hand and goes into the deadly plunge characteristic of the real gby knows his subject first-hand, too, for he was in London during the terrible 80 days when buzz bombs rumbled overhead.

History makers, too, are these French troops, crossing the Lauter river into the German village of Schriebenhardt-first French penetration of the Reich since 1939.

# Hitler's 'Holy Ground' Caught Hell

# By Howard Byrne

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE 70rn DIV., Apr. 1—Coming into Saarbrucken from the heights of Spicheren which Nazis call "Hitler holy ground," because it was the first French soil he set foot on, you read signs which say, "Surrender Never," "Victory or Siberia" and "Never Again Another 1918." But Saarbrucken fell to the 1st Battalion of the 275th Regt.,

70th Div., without a single shot being fired.

Pvt. Jess Cain Jr., of Philadelphia, a rifleman, just couldn't adjust himself to the idea that Saarbrucken had been taken. A few days before he had been on a 15-man patrol feeling out the dragons' teeth which skirted the southern edge of the city.

"Every guy on that job but me got hit," he explained. "Yesterday we drive right in like nothing. Screwy, isn't it?" T/4 George E. Webb, Wilson, N.C., one of the cooks who brought the boys a pork chop dinner in a trailer, argued that Saarbrucken was the world's most beat up city. But not as bad as Aachen or Cassino, one of his buddies insisted.

Civilians poking around charred wreckage seemed more beat up than the buildings. Their grimy faces were moronic

expressions. "These bastards tried to cuddle up to us when we came in," said Pfc Harold Van Horn, of Auburn, N.Y. "We told them

said Pic Harold Van Horn, of Auburn, N.Y. "We told them to keep their distance." However, not all civilians were trying to be palsy-walsy. Pfc Stanley J. Maiskey, of Baltimore, trotted up to the battalion with a six-foot fanatic he had pried out of a cellar. "Here's that playboy who was sniping," he reported. "We got his rifle, two telephones and the radio he was using. An officer conferred over the telephone about the matter. He said, "Take him over to the regiment. They'll take good care of him."



### ". . . the world's most beat-up city."

"I hear that the women in this town used to get handfuls of that Hitler holy ground to keep in a jar on their mantels,' said Pvt. Cain, surveying the ruin around him. "Not many mantels left standing, are there?"

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THE STARS AND STRIPES

# Racing Ban To Be Lifted After V-E Day

WASHINGTON, Apr. 1—Horse racing, blacked out in the United States since Jan. 3, will be resumed with the defeat of Germany, War Mobilization Director Jimmy Byrnes said yesterday. Attributing the racing ban to "lagging production," Byrnes said that this and other restrictions will be removed on V-E day. V-E day.

"Lagging production has made it neces-sary for various conservation measures to be placed into effect to include a re-duction in travel, the suspension of racing, a reduction in the use of elec-tricity in night lighting and the closing of place of entertainment at midnight." of places of entertainment at midnight." Byrnes said in a report to the President and Congress on war progress.

"These measures are of an emergency nature, and, with the exception of the travel measure, should be withdrawn on V-E day.

Byrnes praised the racing people for their cooperation and termed them "just as they should be-good sports."

The war mobilizer told a press con-ference that despite many requests for relaxation of the ban from different quar-ters the racing people were "with me" on every point.

His message was-naturally-greeted with enthusiasm by racing fans and the racing people he praised, and Harry Pharr, president of the Thoroughbred Racing Association, said he expected the tracks to resume 90 per cent operation within 30 days after Germany falls.

# Haegg Beaten-**By Priorities**

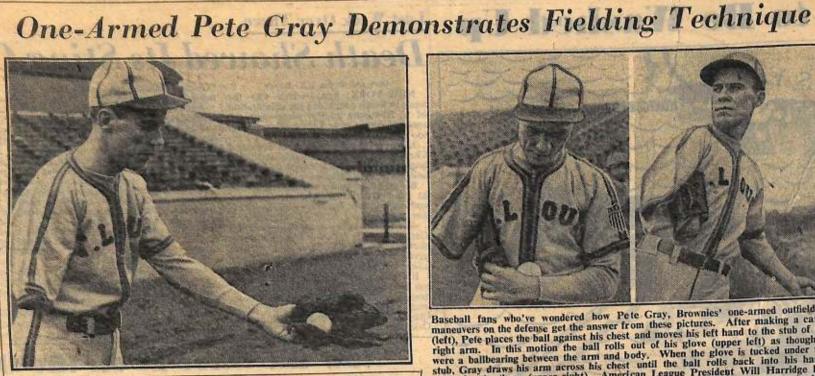
BUFFALO, N.Y., Apr. 1-The troubles of Gunder Hacgg, it seems, go on and on and on.

on and on and on. The Swedish distance runner tele-graphed AAU officials here last night that he would be unable to compete as scheduled in his final American mile race because while returning from a visit to his fiancee in California he was bumped off his plane at Memphis by priorities. He was scheduled to make another

He was scheduled to make another attempt to beat Jimmy Rafferty, who has edged him three times, here last evening. Haegg's failure to show up seemed to act as a spur to Rafferty, for the little NYAC Irishman turned in his best time of the year, besting Rudy Simms in 4:10.9, a new Buffalo mark that broke may bior reet in 6.2 seconds.

## Navy Could Have Told 'Em

FT. DEVENS, Mass., Apr. 1—Willie Pep, New York world featherweight champion, has received a medical dis-charge from the Army. Pep is still in hospital here, but will be released in a few days. He entered the Army here Mar. Id after having previously served nine 14 after having previously served nine months in the Navy, from which he also was given a medical discharge.



# Angels Upset by Seals, 6-5, As Pacific Loop Opens Season

## Special to The Stars and Stripes

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 1 (AP)-The Pacific Coast League inaugurated its '45 season a week in advance because of war-time interest yesterday and 31,242 shirt-sleeved fans turned out for four battles.

The Los Angeles Angels, last year's pennant winners, got off on the wrong foot against San Francisco and took a 6-5 trimming in spite of two triples by big Lou Novikoff, recently acquired from the Chicago Cubs, while

the other skirmishes saw Seattle trip the-San Diego Padres, 10-2, Portland beat San Diego Padres, 10-2, Portland beat Oakland, 5-2, and Sacramento turn back Phils Acquire Hollywood, 4-1.

Best hitting performance of the day was turned in by Ted Norbet, of Seattle, who contributed two homers to the rout of Pepper Martin's not-too-powerful Padres, and the best pitching job was credited to Guy Fletcher, who had the Hollywood Stars eating out of his hand as he hung up Sacramento's first win.

# **Dodson**, Penna Tied In Durham Tourney

DURHAM, N.C., Apr. 1-Leonard Dodson, of San Francisco, shot an even bodson, of San Francisco, shot an even because of the stroke behind the leaders with 140, Sammy Byrd was another stroke back with a 141 as a result of his 71, and Jimmy Guantt, of Ardmore, Okla., carded 142 after shoot-ing a 70.

VINCE DIMAGGIO VINCE DIMAGGIO VINCE DIMAGGIO And IoShig To last year. DiMaggio hasn't been getting along with the Buc man-agement since he them for "an out," including an enter-tainment tax. He steadfastly refused to come to terms this spring and got the news that he had been traded at his home in California. in California.

Gerheauser, south-paw pitcher who has been a holdout

after winning eight and losing 16 last

The ace of Pittsburgh's distance clouters mixed a good share of strike-outs in with his long bingles last season and ended up with an average of .240 in 109 games, while Gerheauser came up with an earned-run average of 4.25.

## **Cage Rules Body Curbs** Subs in Closing Minutes

Subs in Closing Minutes CHICAGO, Apr 1.—A new rule aimed to eliminate the practice of endless sub-stitutions in the closing minutes of games was adopted yesterday by the National Basketball Rules Committee, which governs amateur teams in the United States and Canada. Secretary Harvey Porter revealed that under the new rule a player can't re-enter a game during the last four minutes ex-cept in case of a tie.

## Oh That Postman's Achin' Back

CHICAGO, Apr. 1-Billiards by mail is the latest sports wrinkle. A gigantic pocket billiard tournament will be sponsored by the Boys' Clubs of America this month. The system was devised by Charley Peterson, of St. Louis, former champion and trick shot king. The tourney is expected to attract 250,000 entries.



Baseball fans who've wondered how Pete Gray, Brownies' one-armed outfielder, maneuvers on the defense get the answer from these pictures. After making a catch (left), Pete places the ball against his chest and moves his left hand to the stub of his right arm. In this motion the ball rolls out of his glove (upper left) as though it were a ballbearing between the arm and body. When the glove is tucked under the stub. Gray draws his arm across his chest until the ball rolls back into his hand, ready for the throw (upper right). American League President Will Harridge has instructed umpires to give Gray credit for a fair catch in the event he drops the ball after starting the process of removing his glove.

# DIAMOND DUS

LAKEWOOD, N.J.-The Giants have added to their reserve strength with

Catcher Ray Berres and Infielder Billy and Infielder Billy Jurges coming to terms. Jurges had threatened to quit organized baseball to play semi-pro and run a saloon, but finally decided that the big leagues are the best. . . . ST. LOUIS — If Marty Marion came to terms with the to terms with the Cardinals before leaving home, as the

MARTIN MARION leaving home, as the MARTIN MARION club announced, must have thought then Mr. Shortstop must have thought things over on his way from Atlanta, because yesterday he and Owner Sam Breadon were \$4,000 apart. He asked Breadon to either fork over or trade him to another club.

LOS ANGELES - Lou Novikoff,

## Schultz Informs Dodgers He Won't PlayThisSeason

ST. PAUL, Minn., Apr. 1—Brooklyn Dodger fans were given another good reason for moaning at the bars of Flat-bush yesterday when Howie Schultz, elongated Dodger first baseman, an-nounced that he would not report this season.

season. Schultz, a senior at Hamline Univer-sity, said that his draft board had given him permission to remain in school until he gets his degree in June and that he expected to be in the first draft call after that. Howie was accepted for military service earlier this spring after being re-jected several times because of his height. He is six-foot-seven.

## Athletics' Peck, Metro Again Classified 4-F

Again Classified 4-F PHILADELPHIA, Apr. 1 – Out-fielders Hal Peck and Charlie Metro, of the Philadelphia Athletics, and Tom Miller, end of the Philadelphia Eagles' pro football team, were again classi-field 4-F at the induction center here yes-terday, but under the War Department ruling on professional athletes their cases were referred to the Adjutant General's Office in Washington.

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hen twirlers. \* \* \* BEAR MT., N.Y.—If LeRoy Fund, rookie right-hander, wins a steady job on the Brooklyn Dodger mound staff he will add to Leo Durocher's mounting problems. The 25-year-old rookie re-fuses to play on Sundays and his contract stipulates that he doesn't even have to

doesn't even have to doesn't even have to appear at the park on the Sabbath.... ATLANTIC CITY. NJ.—The New York Yankes department Friday and Saturday when they belted the Red Sox, 13—2 and 15—14. The Bombers slapped the ball all over the park Friday as lanky



STIRNWEISS

park Friday as lanky Karl Drews, rookie up from Newark, limited the Sox to one run in five innings. Big blow was a homer by George Stirnweiss with two aboard in the third. In Saturday's battle of errors (there were nine miscues, 20 bases on balls and 12 unearned runs) the Yanks outhit the Sox, 15-14.

\* \* \* CAMP LEE, Va.—Baseball officials, including Ford Frick, president of the National League, will participate in the dedication of the baseball field here Apr. 6 to the memory of Sgt. Hank Nowack, former St. Louis pitcher who was killed in Belgium on New Year's Day..., NORFOLK, Va.—The Phila-delphia Athletics clubbed out 19 hits to defeat Norfolk Naval, 15—7. The Mackmen scored six runs in the first frame and were never headed... FT. MONROE, Va.— The Washington Senators came up with a run in the sixth inning to defeat the Ft. Monroe nine, 5—4, behind the pitching of Luis Aloma and Bud Rossi. and Bud Rossi.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind.—The White Sox holdout problems were solved when Jimmy Dykes lured Pitcher Orval Grove Jimmy Dykes lured Pitcher Orval Grove into a hotel room Saturday and emerged with that "name on the dotted line." Grove, who won 14 and lost 15 for the Chisox last year, is expected to be Dykes" number one boy this summer. ATLANTIC CITY, N J.—Nick Etten, Yankee first baseman, has come to terms for an estimated \$16,000, leaving Short-stop Frankie Crosetti and Pitcher Ernie Bonham as Larry MacPhail's only holdouts. holdouts.



ing a 70. High winds bothered Dodson as they did the rest of the field, but his command of the putter brought him home in front. He dropped an 18-footer for a birdie four on the eighth, 12-footers on the tenth and 11th and a 20-foot shot on the 18th. All told he one-putted 12 greens.

# Peace-and Dixie Walker-Come **To Flatbush After Rick-Lip Tiff**

BEAR MOUNTAIN, N.Y., Apr. 1-An expected showdown between Branch Rickey and Leo Durocher as to which is

Rickey and Leo Durocher as to which is more important, running a ball club or appearing on the radio, simmered down to a two-minute conference yesterday, at the conclusion of which Durocher barged out, charged that a newspaperman "is looking for my job" and then gave out with the news that Dixie Walker, Dodger outfielder and last year's leading major league hitter was "all signed up." Earlier, it seems, Rickey had intentions of phoning Walker at Birmingham about his contract and sought the Lip's advice. But messengers dispatched to find Durocher advised that he was in New York rehearsing for a radio show, where-

# **VinceDiMaggio** PITTSBURGH, Apr. 1 — Vince DiMaggio, oldest of San Francisco's three famous baseball brothers, was traded by the Pittsburgh Pirates yester-day to the Philadelphia Philies for Al

German Net Ace Metaxa Killed STOCKHOLM, Apr. 1—George Von Metaxa, German tennis star who com-peted in several international tourneys, was killed recently while fighting on the western front.

Duke Star Inco Jima Casualty PITTSON, Pa., Apr. 1 — Sgt. Roger Amerigo, of the Marines, former Duke University football star, was killed on Iwo Jima.

# -Diamond Preview Mackmen Banking on Veteran Hill Staff By Charlie Slocum

Special to The Stars and Stripes FREDERICK, Md., Apr. 1-Connie Mack, apparently satisfied that he has a squad capable of doing better than the fifth-sixth tie his Athletics wound up with in '44, has shaved his squad to less than



FRANKIE HAVES

30 men and has decided to spend the remainder of the training season whipping his men into better condition. Connie got steamed up over the apparent lethargy of his athletes last week and laid down the law that they'd better get into condition or face fines.

The A's pitching staff looks strong on the roster and Connie seems to be contented with them. Of course he's got a foolproof, guaranteed 20-game winner in Bobo Newsom. Newsom admits it as he does every year. The schedule makers foiled Newsom's bid for 20 games last year by making the season only long enough for him to win 13, but Mack thinks he will do better this search

Mack thinks he will do better this year. Besides loquacious Bobo, the Macks have a string of veterans for their hill staff.

Russ Christopher, Jonas Berry, Don Black, Jesse Flores and Carl Scheib from last year's staff plus Woodrow Crowson and Luther Knerr from Toronto round out the group.

Frank Hayes will again handle the bulk of the catching chores backed up by Lou Parisse from Lancaster and Jim Pruett from Milwaukee,

Infielders Dick<sup>\*</sup> Siebert, Bill McGhee, George Kell, Irv Hall, Edgar Busch and Joe Burns will be back.

In the outfield Hal Peck has been brought up from Milwaukee where he hit .345 last year along with Ed Levy who hit .286 after the Yankees traded him for

Hershel Martin. Others on the picket Hershel Martin. Others on the picket line will be Larry Rosenthal, Charlie Metro and Bobby Estalella from last year's aggregation and Ira Houck and Larry Drake from the Eastern League, The A's got a tough break in the loss of Mayo Smith, whose 340 batting aver-



DICK SIEBERT

age with Buffalo last year paced the Inter-national League. The 30-year-old out-fielder suffered an attack of rheumatic fever in the off-season and has retired for a year to regain his health.



TERRY'S Tigers, soccer team of the 91st Bomb Group, which rolled to 12 victories against on defeat in annexing the championship of the 1st Air Div., will get its toughest test to date this afternoon against the Hertford soccer team on the Hertford athletic field. The Pirates have played together for two years. . . Another soccer team has been formed by a port outfit. Teams interested in meeting the port eleven should contact the Sports Editor, The Stars and Stripes, Printing House Sq., London, EC4.

The **328th Conv. Center** hoop team opened a three-game series with the 826th Conv. Center quintet for the hospital championship of the U.K. last week with a 55-34 victory. The winners, champs of the Southern Dis-trict hospital playoffs, were led by Sgt.

Charlie Yocum, of Reading, Pa., with 16 points, while S/Sgt. Leo Mogus, of Youngstown, Ohio, got 13 for the Northern champs, who copped conso-lation honors in the U.K. Base whirl in London. in London.

\* \* THE TANK DECK TERRORS of the USS LST 139 jumped out to an early lead and hung on to defeat the LST 137 quintet, 19–17, for the cage champion-ship of LST Flotilla 17. The tournament between hoop teams representing the large amphibious ships was probably the longest of any tourney this season. Played at an English Channel port, it had to be fitted into sailing schedules and took more than six weeks. Ten of the took more than six weeks. Ten of the Terrors' 19 points in the championship skirmish were tossed through the nets by Radioman 2/c Harris Posofsky, of New Vork York.

Monday, April 2, 1945

# SPORTS

THE STARS AND STRIPES

Maple Leafs accomplished the outstand-ing upset of National Hockey League war-time competition here last night by eliminating the world champion Montreal Canadiens from the Stanley Cup playoffs with a 3-2 victory. It was the fourth win in six games with the Canadiens for the Leafs, who will meet the winner of

Stanley Cup Playoffs

**Ex-Oregon** Coach Dead

Terry and the Pirates

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TORONTO,

# 3rd AD Boxers Long 'n Short of It Leafs Eliminate Diamond Czar 'Top Secret' Semis Apr. 8

## By Tony Cordaro Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer A STRATEGIC AIR DEPOT, Eng-land, Apr. 1-When hostilities have ceased in the semi-final round of the 1945 8th AF tournament here Sunday. Apr. 8 the 3rd Air Division team, spear-headed by four of the U.K.'s best scrappers, should have at least four repre-sentatives in the eight final matches slated for St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich, Apr. 11. The semi-final round card calls for only 14 matches as two boxers, Sgt. Louis The semisfinal round card calls for only 14 matches as two boxers, Sgt. Louis Panarese, Boston bantamweight, and 5/Sgt. Harry Gregorian, Detroit light-heavyweight, moved to the finals on byes. The 3rd Division pace-setters are Sgt. Primitivo Molima, of Concord, Cal., 1943 ETO and 1944 USTAAF bantamweight champion: Pfc Joe Lucignano, of Hoboken, N.J., 1944 USTAAF welter-weight kingpin; Cpl. Al Reado, Seattle welterweight, and Sgt. Jim Wade, Bir-ningham, Mich., light heavyweight. Contesting the 3rd Air Division for team honors are the 1st and 2nd Air Divisions, 8th Service Command, a Photo Wing Recon and an AAF station squad.

squad. Pvt. Harold Connelly, Everett, Wash., middleweight, and Cpl. Al Lindsey, San Antonio junior welterweight, have been tabbed as dark horses by tournament fol-Lindsey opposes Lucignano in one of the feature semi-final matches.

# Moreno-Padilla Go Outstanding

The feather match between Pfc Howie Moreno, of Santa Barbara, Cal., and Pvt. Vince Padilla, San Bernardino, Cal., has been selected by many as the out-standing bout of the semi-final round. Padilla has compiled a noteworthy record this year, registering thirteen consecutive victories. Moreno is the defending 118-

pound champion. Cpl. Bobby Volk, USTAAF senior middleweight king, opposes Lindsey in another feature bout and featherweight Jerry Pecoraro and lightweight Jesse Puente also have been singled out as prospective champions.

Semi-final round pairings:

Semi-final round pairings: Bantamweight-Sat. Primitivo Molina, Concord, Cal., vs. SJSat. Samuel Stinson, Cleveland, Sgt. Lonis Panarese, Boston, drew a bye, Featherweight-Pfc Jerry Pecoraro, New York, Ys. 1/Sat. Corched Mullis, Mt. Holley, N.C. ; Pfc Howie Moreno, Santa Barbara, Cal., vs. Pvt. Vince Padilla, San Bernardino, Cal. Lightweight-Cpl. Sal Guajardo, Detroit, vs. Pvt. Clement Marrone, Cleveland ; Pvt. Bobby Quinn, Ceveland, vs. Cpl. Jesse Puente, Mercedes, Cal. Junior wellerweight-Pvt. Frank Scrofani, Nor-walk, Coma, vs. Sat. Al Deacon, Providence, R.I. ; Pfc Joe Lucignano, Hoboken, N.J., vs. Cpl. Al Lindsey, San Antonio. Wetterweight-Pfc Chartie Bryan, Indianapolis, vs. Sgt. Al O'Ambrosio, Philadelphia ; Cpl. Al Reado, Seattle, vs. Cpl. Paul Phaneuf, Holyoke, Mass.

diass, Middleweight-Cpl. Bobby Volk, Portland, vs. vs. Harold Connelly, Everett, Wash.; Cpl. ommy Carbonaro, New York, vs. Sgt. Bud Van

Slyke, Syracuse, Light Heavyweight-Sgt, Jim Wade, Birming-ham, Mich., vs. S/Sgt, Pat Cazuto, Rochester, N.Y. S/Sgt, Harry Gregorian, Detroit, drew a

Heavyweight-Sgt. George Nippert, New York, 5. winner of Pvt. Steven Kruchko-S/Sat. Arthur kobson bout: S/Sat. Allan George, Homedale, laho, va. T/Sgt. Sylvester Heimberg. Los



Big James Spencer Jr., six-foot, nine-inch pitching addition to the Phila-delphia Phillies, leans on his fellow rookie, Louis Lucier, five-foot, eight-inch hillman.

# Nova No Match For Joe Baksi

slugging coal miner from Kulpmont, Pa., found nothing puzzling about the still mysterious "Yogi" punch of Lou Nova at Madison Square Garden Friday night

> decision over Jimmy Johnston's missioner Egan.

Baksi, two for Nova and one even and Judge Billy Cohen gave Baksi six, Nova

three and called one even. Nova never once startled the customers with his punches as he clubbed his way to an early advantage, and as the bout proceeded the blond Californian proceeded to look worse. Most of the ring-side experts gave Baksi the last four rounds by a good margin.



for 25 years.

ATLANTA-Jack Sawyer, too old to work, rigged up a contraption to re-trieve golf balls from the local club lakes trieve golf balls from the local club lakes and has made \$300 in three weeks. So far he has retrieved over 2,000 balls. The machine cost Sawyer four bucks. "It'll keep me in cigarette money," said the ancient. "Now all I gotta do is find a way to get cigarettes."

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y.—Andy Vari-papa, New York veteran bowler, held an 83 pin lead over Nat Onal and match game champ Buddy Bomar, of Chicago,

CHICAGO-The Midwestern rumor factory now has Ray Nolling, veteran Chicago Bear back, taking over as assist-ant to Clem Crowe now that the former Notre Dame mentor is new head coach at Iowa. 逾

NEWPORT NEWS, Va.—When the press box atop the Newport News baseball park burned during the winter, the management turned a war-time gang of carpenters loose with orders to build a new one. The carpenters to band a new one. The carpenters did them-selves proud, building a fine new press coop—only they faced it to the wide open spaces and boarded up the side

open spaces and boarded up the side facing the playing field. It's probably needless to say that Newport is a Dodger farm. . . LEXINGTON, Ky. —Man O' War celebrated his 28th anniversary last Thursday at Samuel Riddles' Faraway Farm near here. Big Red, who won 20 of 21, has been retired for 25 years.

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CHICAGO-A professional wrestling show for the benefit of widows and children of six wrestlers killed in an Army

**Canucks** From exactly say yes and they didn't exactly **Cup Playoffs** 

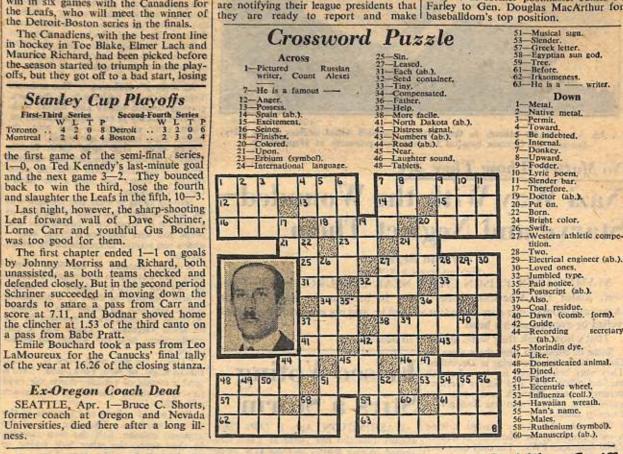
say no, but the four-man committee appointed to name a successor to the late Judge Kenesaw M. Landis as baseball commissioner have apparently made their choice, it was revealed here yesterday.

A closely worded statement issued after a meeting here said: "The committee selecting a successor for the Commissioner

Just to put damper on an expected barrage of questions from newspapermen, they added, "Obviously there can be no enlargement on this statement."

The committee members are Don Barnes of the Browns, Sam Breadon of the Cardinals, Phil Wrigley of the Cubs and Alva Bradley of the Indians.

Enthusiastic followers of America's selecting a successor for the Commissioner of Baseball met today and the members are notifying their league presidents that they are ready to report and make



### By Courtesy of News Syndicate

## By Milton Caniff



# NEW YORK, Apr. 1-Joe Baksi, the

and beat out a unanimous ten-round

much-beaten battler in the first feature event held under the new round-point scoring sys-tem of boxing com-Eddie

ness.

Referee Ruby Goldstein awarded five rounds to Baksi, three to Nova and two even, while Judge Frank Forbes

JOE BAKSI ruled seven for

at the end of the first half of their 54 - game match for a four-grand side bet. Twentyseven more games will be rolled in Chicago. P A L M SPRINGS, Cal. Bob Hope and Bing Crosby mixed gags with golf at a servicem e n's benefit exhibition match

BOB HOPE

his rollicksome rival. Hope and Capt. Jack Anderson defeated Crosby and Sgt. John Olver, Amarillo, Texas, linksman on the nine-hole par 34 G'Donnell course. Hope carded 72, Anderson 71, Crosby 77 and Olver 72.

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Army medic attends to three ill-fed, wounded Allied soldiers in the dirty, lice-infested German hospital for wounded prisoners at Heppenheim. A 7th

No Matter Whose They Are

# Nazi Way With the Wounded-**Starve and Neglect Them**

## By Dan Regan

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer STAMMLAGER PRISON CAMP, NEAR LIMBURG, Apr. 1-There were about 150 American soldiers lying in beds in the ward when an American woman war correspondent walked in, and not one soldier whistled, yelled or even raised his head

That's how weak they were, starving to death.

Some of them had been there since D-Day, others since the bulge in December. They were being cared for by a Scottish medical officer who had been a German prisoner since Dunkirk and spent five years being moved from one Nazi prison camp to another.

When the 1st Army started driving toward Limburg, the Germans evacuated 2,000 American PWs, The only ones they left behind were too weak to travel.

Aiding the Scottish doctor were an American major and captain, both medical officers who had been captured at Wiltz during the German breakthrough.

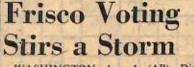
"The Red Cross boxes saved our lives," the men said. The Germans gave these hospital cases one-sixth of a loaf of bread and two bowls of barley soup each day. "You have to be damn hungry to keep that swill down," said one lieutenant.

that swill down," said one lieutenant. "We had no medical supplies for weeks. If a man needed his dressing changed daily, he was lucky to have it done once a week," said the captain. "We lived with mice, lice and rats." Two lieutenants said they had been wounded on the way to the camp when American planes strafed the train in which they were locked in boxcars. Almost every one in the cars was killed or wounded. Another man had traveled four days locked in a boxcar with no water or locked in a boxcar with no water or sanitary facilities. Two died during the

# Hint a Set-Up For Surrender

WASHINGTON, Apr. 1 (Reuter)-The Army and Navy Journal said in yester-day's edition that the Allies may have to create a new German government for the purpose of a formal unconditional surrender.

"Should Hitler be driven into the mountains with a small band of fanatical mountains with a small band of fanatical followers he could not be regarded as a government," the weekly unofficial publi-cation said. "Therefore it might be necessary for the Allies to create a government, and to do so by enlarging Gen. Von Paulus's committee which Marshal Stalin is sponsoring or effect an



WASHINGTON, Apr. 1 (AP)-Disclosure that the Big Three at Yalta had agreed to give Russia and the U.S. three votes each to offset the British Commonwealth's six at the forthcoming San Francisco world security conference has stirred a storm of hostile comment in Congressional circles.

Opposition manifested itself even within the American delegation to the conference. Told by the President they would have freedom of action at San Francisco, the delegates wondered exactly how much freedom they would have.

They could not reconcile the principles of Dumbarton Oaks which guarantees each nation-member one vote in the general assembly "with the promise of American support for Premier Stalin's bid for three."

support for Premier Stalin's bid for three." Not only was Stalin's request an issue, but the British Commonwealth's six votes concerned many Congressmen. Rep. Sol Bloom (D.-N.Y.) demanded equal parity with Britain. He wanted assurance that the U.S. would have six votes at San Francisco.

Sen. Chapman Revercomb (R.-W. Va.) labeled the multiple vote plan "un-acceptable and degrading," while Sen. Arthur Vandenberg (R.-Mich.), who is a delegate to the conference, said he would disagree with any voting proposal that would destroy the sovereign equality of member-nations.

## Army Times Suggests **Mauldin Be at Frisco**

WASHINGTON, Apr. 1 (ANS)-The WASHINGTON, Apr. 1 (ANS)—The Army Times, published privately for Army circulation, has proposed that Sgt. Bill Mauldin, The Stars and Stripes creator of the bearded, sardonic dough-boy cartoon characters Joe and Willie, be sent to the San Francisco world security conference to represent the "foxhole fraternity."

# Day and Night, Armor Slices Its Way Ahead

By Ernie Leiser Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH 2ND ARMORED DIV. ROLL-ING TOWARD BERLIN, Mar. 31 (Delayed)-This is the way the armor

knifes across Germany. It moves by day and by night. By day it strikes out in bold, roaring columns, cutting over the roads at a steady rate. When it hits road blocks or sectors of resistance it either coils along the road while a small task force cleans out the opposition or by-passes it and keeps, on rolling. rolling.

At night it's different. The armored fingers reach out tentatively in the dark, groping toward towns and roads, with-

groping toward towns and roads, with-drawing quickly at any sign of resistance. Then, after an hour or two wait, the fingers start reaching out again. Last night, after Brig. Gen. Peewee Collier's combat command had rumbled over a bridge laid hastily over the water barrier, it struck out into a No Man's Land of blackness. Moving along in what you thought was the main column, you came in the dark to a handful of scout cars, half-tracks and peeps and were told you'd better stop— unless you wanted to spearhead the whole division. division.

division. A recon platoon of the 66th Armd. Regt. had stopped to interrogate civilians to find out what lay ahead. A sleepy civilian, opening the door to a blackened house, said that up ahead was a bridge, prepared for demolition, guarded by six or seven Germans. There was a gun emplacement near the woods up ahead to the left.

emplacement near the woods up ahead to the left. "This is the way we'll work it," 1/Lt. Edwin Riggs, of New York, said. "We'll send a couple of vehicles down the road to surprise them. The rest of the platoon will follow." You waited a little and the rest of the recon moved up. Then the rest of the armored column, half the men sleeping in their seats, the other half trying to see through the night, moved up. Reports filtered back that a column was being strafed in the road. Nothing materialized. At four o'clock the order to pull off into the fields came. There was time for a cold K-ration. Then came the order to "mount up on the road—we're moving east again."

# West Fronts --

(Continued from page 1)

Elements of both the 1st and 3rd Armies were said to be closing in on Cassel. The new U.S. 15th Army was reported in action in the front line, but its sector was not defined.

in action in the front line, but its sector was not defined. Two columns of the 3rd Army's 4th Armored Division were said to be 100 miles from the Czech frontier. German attempts to hold off the 4th from crossing the Fulda River were smashed. Enemy resistance against both the 4th and 6th Armored Divisions was strong along this river. The 4th crossed the Fulda near Hersfeld, 30 miles south of Cassel. The 6th Armored Division was about eight miles south of Fulda. Gains along the 3rd Army front southeast of Cassel aver-aged about 20 miles on a 30-mile axis, dispatches said. 6th Army Group—Units of the U.S. 7th Army and the French 1st Army—last Allied force over the Rhine—linked up about 10 miles south of Mannheim. The French went across the river in the Speyer area and established a bridgehead 10 miles wido.

area and established a bridgehead 10 miles wide.

On the Main River sector to the east of the Rhine units scored six-mile gains below Aschaffenburg, which was ablaze from air and ground bombardment.

## Class A Pass

# For the Raised Eyebrows Dept.



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo Wearing the new WAC off-duty dress, Cpl. Martha Bernstein, a New Yorker, fingers a daffodil outside London's Churchill Club as Pfc Noreene Monti, of Detroit, looks on.

Boy, Wink the Slink in the Pink!

# War's Best-Dressed Gals Get An Oo-La-La Dress for Easter

## By A. Victor Lasky

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer Women were made to give our eyes delight, A female sloven is an odious sight. —Edward Young

There ain't nothin' sloven about the new

WAC Spring finery. A preview of GI Jane's off-duty costume—which the gals started wearing yesterday, Easter Sunday —disclosed a welcome relief from the khaki effect the gals have been affect-ing ever since they John Hancocked those

Rumored the inspiration of some of the better New York modistes, the dress-for that's what it is strictly-is worn sans stripes or insignia except for collar brass.

stripes or insignia except for collar brass. To this untutored (as yet) eye, the garment accentuates all that is positive, eliminating the negative, without disre-garding the military motif. (This fashion racket has its points.) A one-piece garment, it's made of the same stuff officers' pinks are made of. But on a WAC it looks good. So good, in fact, a couple of Joes—who sneaked a look—wrote B-Bag suggesting that the Pentagon brass whip up something similar for the boys to wear on their nightly educational off-duty strolls. Incidentally, the new dress can be worn with high heels. Except that high heels aren't issue, but, somehow, the Janes seem to have a pair at the bottom of the duffie bag.

duffle bag. Some of the gals have a beef, however. Their off-duty hat, they claim, doesn't match.

Kussia

By Bertha Lurey

Stars and Stripes Distaff Writer There was nothing finer in the Easter Parade than the WACs in their off-duty costumes, just issued, complete with matching WAC overseas caps and light yellow scarves and gloves. Wherever they went soldiers and civilians alike gasped and stared. From the peak of the cap to the toes of the civilian pumps most of the girls own they were a complete dz-light to the uniform-jaded eye.

Getting your first long formal is a mild thrill in comparison with getting the new WAC off-duty dress. Those long, sleek, tailored lines! The flared skirt, so grace-ful, so feminine! Those little extra details on the pockets and shoulders! That soft, clinging, wooly cloth, so obli-vious to "wear and tear!" It feels a little odd at first discovering again that they have collarbones and throats, as when they were civilians. And oh, the comfort of wriggling into a one-piece zippered affair! One WAC reports that when she Getting your first long formal is a mild

piece zippered affair! One WAC reports that when she brought hers back from the tailor who shortened it, the office force demanded that she model it. "They insist I ought to wear it to work," she says. "One officer said it would be a decided improve-ment in the tone of the office and would improve the morale of all the men!" Too had we can't oblige right now men

Too bad we can't oblige right now, men. That dress will do heavy duty off-duty only. But when you date your WAC girl friend, won't it be wonderful to have her looking so ultra-feminine and different from her workaday self?

# **Negros** Capital Falls to Yanks

MANILA, Apr. 1 (ANS)-Maj. Gen. Rapp Brush's moving so fast the Japanese were unable to explode prepared demolition charges, to explode prepared demolition charges, captured Bacolod, capital city of Negros Island, Friday, while Philippine-based planes destroyed 14 ships, including three destroyers, as they pursued their aetial blockade of the Chinese coast. Negros is in the central Philippines, west of Cebu, previously invaded. Cebu, previously invated. The Yanks seized Bacolod on the second day of the invasion of Negros. Only three Philippine cities of compar-able size—Baguio and Legaspi, on Luzon, and Davao, on Mindano—remain in Japanese hands. Baguio and Davao were heavily bombed.

organization of which he would approve." The Journal said Field Marshal Gerd

"With his intimate knowledge of the mud, pain, death and realities of war," an editorial said, Mauldin "would contrivon Rundstedt had made a secret offer to surrender, but had been removed before a reply was given. but estability and reality to the confer-ence" as the representative of "every tired, unshaven, ration-eating doughboy."

# Just a Whistle Stop for Tanks

# Lauterbach Fell Quickly

# By Jimmy Cannon

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer WITH 4TH ARMORED DIV. IN LAUTERBACH, Germany, Mar. 29 (delayed)-This is just another small city taken by this force on its strange journey through the German Army's Com Z. This is the way it was today, the day it was taken.

It is a gable-roofed narrow-streeted town and the war did not mark it much. Once the tanks had ceased to fire the fear went out of the people and they pretended this was an ordinary day with rain in the morning and sunlight at noon.

On the main street of the town, a woman lay dead at the wheel of a crumpled, flabby-tired sedan. If you looked at the head on the wheel and the blonde hair streaming over the face, there

was nothing ugly about the way she died. There was another dead woman up the same street and this one was old. She lay same street and this one was old. She lay on the sidewalk and there was no car to hide the horror of the sight. She was not one of the dead you looked at long. There were three dead Germans on that street and they were the reasons the

women had died. Their flight across the street had started the fire fight. There were dead German soldiers on many streets and many dead horses.

There was a little machine-gun fire and a few supers and there was no one in the streets but the soldiers while that was going on, but the tanks went through and soon the people were out again. Some of the women carried market baskets. Children skipped a rope 100 feet from a dead Nazi corporal. Men sat on the steps and smoked pipes.

There was no planned defense of the city and the only Germans the tankers saw were the ones they killed. But in two hours more than 800 prisoners had come out of the cellars. They were not combat troops, but Com Z personnel who had heard their first shots today.

It was all over very soon and this outfit lost only one tank and one man. The tank was wrecked when it threw a track and the man was killed when his jeep collided with a tank.

The Americans came in at noon and at dusk women leaned out windows and gossiped across streets where the German dead still lay.



U.S. Army Air Force Photo Identification tag worn by Lt. Robert Young, Mustang pilot from Midland Park, N.J., is a sharp indication of how the battleground in Europe is shrinking. On the reverse of the flag is an inscrip-tion in Russian confirming his status as an American flier. wing was believed to have linked up with Tolbukhin's right flank driving into

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Tolbukhin's right flank driving into Austria. South of Tolbukhin's position, the Bulgarian army, pushing toward Yugo-slavia south of Lake Balaton, were re-ported only six miles from the frontier. Marshal Koniev, meanwhile, cleared the way for a thrust into Czechoslovakia from the north by capturing Ratibor, and was reported within 15 miles of Moravska Ostrava, the gateway to Prague and Vienna.

Vienna. Behind Koniev's front, Stalin, in a second Order, announced the capture of Glogau, Nazi stronghold on the Oder which has held out for weeks. More than 8,000 prisoners and a large quantity of equipment were taken.

equipment were taken. At the northern end of the front, Nazi commentator Von Hammer announced that the Germans had lost Westerplatte, near Danzig. This announcement apparently meant the end of all German resistance in the Danzig area. Nazi spokesman Walter Plato said that the 3rd White Russian Army commanded by Marshal Vassilevsky had moved from East Prussia and was taking up resistions

East Prussia and was taking up positions on the Kustrin sector. All of East Prussia had been cleared except the capital of Konigsberg.

## **15th AF Bombers** Aid Reds in Austria

ROME, Apr. 1 (UP)—Heavy bombers of the 15th Air Force today lent close support to the Russian Army threaten-ing Vienna when they attacked the St. Polten railway yards west of Vienna and the railway bridge at Maribor, north of Zagreb, with good results.

- Vignette of War -Didn't Want A Safe Job

NEW YORK, Apr. 1—The Harry Wasersteins, of Brooklyn, have received a telegram from the War Dept., notify-ing them that their son, Pyt. Irving Waserstein, was killed in action Germany.

Germany. Thousands of other parents in America have received similar telegrams about their boys, so perhaps this is not newsworthy—except that Irving did have a safe rear echelon job in Paris, but got himself transferred to the 9th Armd. Inf. Battalion of the 6th Armr. Div. after writing a letter to the B-Bag column in The Stars and Stripes asking how he could get an assignment at the front. front.

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