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## 3,650 PLANES, IN 24 HOURS, AID RED DRIVE

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Three thousand six hundred and fifty British-based Allied planes in one of the biggest day and night offensives of the war on Wednesday lashed German troops preparing defenses against the Russians and at Nazi oil supplies. Dresden received the brunt of the bombing.

Most of the Bomber Command's 1,400 night raiders and the USAAP's 2,250 day raiders struck at the German city, less than 70 miles from Kozyev's advancing forces, which houses some of Germany's great war industries. Dresden's population has been swelled by refugees fleeing before Kozyev's advance.

As wave after wave of BAP bombers poured their lethal loads, the clouds over the city glowed red. Fires were still burning when the American "day shift" took over.

## CHINESE GAIN IN HANKOW AREA

CHUNGKING: Early this week the Chinese Army wrested the initiative from the Japanese, attacking along the Canton-Hankow railway, throwing the lie to the Japanese claim that the railroad is completely under their domination. Not only had the Japs failed to seal it, but lost two points to counter-attacking Chinese who also smashed into Pingshek, about 170 miles north of Canton.

A Chinese spokesman revealed that the Japanese sent reinforcements to the Shanghai area and to northern Indo-China as part of their preparation against an American landing on the Chinese coast.

After failing to prevent the invasion of Luzon, the Japanese haven't the slightest hope of preventing an American landing in China with its very much longer coastline, the Chinese spokesman pointed out.

The Chinese are rushing through plans to enable them to collaborate to the utmost with the Americans when they land on the coast. In his opinion, the spokesman added, if the Japanese planned the invasion of Yunnan to cut the terminus of the Stillwell Road to India, they were late.

## ROOSEVELT IN FRANCE

LONDON, Feb. 15.—The Paris Radio quoting Marseilles newspapers said this morning (Thursday) that on his way back from the Crimean Conference President Roosevelt has stopped in Marseilles for a short stay.

## "Big 3" Session



ABOVE: Pres. Roosevelt (arrow, upper right), Marshal Stalin (arrow, upper left) and Prime Minister Churchill (arrow, back to camera) and their advisers meeting at the palace at Yalta, Crimea. At FDR's right is Fleet Admiral William D. Leahy and at Leahy's right is Gen. George Marshall. RIGHT: This palace in Yalta, USSR, was the scene of the "Big 3" conference. FDR's quarters and the main conference room were on the ground floor, right wing. (Radiohouse.)

## SENATE FAVORS SHARING WORLD'S RESPONSIBILITIES

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The "New York Times" discussing the reaction of senators to the recent poll on whether they favored Senator Vandenberg's proposal that the United States should join Russia, Britain, France and China immediately to keep the Axis powers permanent in a demobilized state. "It shows the willingness on the part of more than two-thirds of the present Senate that the United States should seriously undertake responsibility with other nations to preserve world peace. This is a contrast as hopeful, as striking, as the state of mind of the Senate in 1917."

## GREEK FACTIONS IN PEACE PACT

ATHENS (ANS)—ELAS Forces have agreed to turn in their arms in 14 days as a part of the Pact reached by EAM national liberation front and the Greek Government. It was announced Monday that ELAS fighters will turn in arms to their own guards who will act as custodians for the Government.

The official announcement said the agreement was reached on all points under discussion without exception and a plebiscite on monarchy and election of constituent assembly would be held.

Sinatos, Secretary General of Greek Communist Party and EAM spokesman, told newsmen the EAM had made no demand to participate in the Greek Government though "it would continue to exist". Sinatos said in his opinion the clash did not originate from the left but stemmed instead from killing 100 persons fired on at an EAM demonstration on December 3rd.

## DRAFT NURSES, SAYS WAR DEPT.

WASHINGTON (ANS)—Under Secretary of War Patterson urging prompt enactment of the Nurses Draft Law said that 400,000 soldiers have been wounded and "the end of the fighting in Europe is not in sight."

Patterson told a House Military Affairs committee that the Army is short 16,000 nurses and also needs 250 replacement monthly. He said "voluntary recruiting would take nine months to overcome the shortage and make good expected attrition. The wounded cannot wait that long."

PARIS (ANS)—Lt. Morris Lamp, Pratt, Kansas, was sentenced to 20 years in prison by an Army court on Tuesday after being convicted on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the United States of neglect of duty and wrongful disposition of property in another black-market case.

# Germans Flee Positions In Path Of Kozyev's Offensive



## NEW 2-PRONGED BERLIN, DRESDIN PUSH ADVANCING

LONDON, Feb. 15.—The German News Agency reports that Marshal Kozyev's forces crossed the Bober into Brandenburg. They reached Sorau 8 miles north-west of Sagan and 5 miles inside the Brandenburg border. (Sorau junction on the main Breslau-Berlin railway is under 90 miles from Berlin). Later the German Radio reported that German troops had withdrawn at several points on the Bober and Queis rivers.

The German News Agency war correspondent, Max Krull, on Wednesday night reported that Breslau was encircled by the Russians.

Krull said that to counter German attacks aimed at relieving Breslau, the Russians were trying to lay yet another ring round the Silesian capital by thrusting to the south from Goldberg beyond Jauer.

Schneidemuehl 60 miles west of Bromberg and a big railway German junction has been captured by the Red Army announces a second Order of the Day by Marshal Stalin.

The Red Army has reached the immediate vicinity of "the important communications center of Choinow" fifty miles northeast of Schneidemuehl and on the Berlin-Danzig Railway line, reports the supplement to Wednesday's Soviet communique. 4,000 Germans were killed by Marshal Kozyev's troops in Wednesday's fighting in Silesia, the supplement adds.

LONDON (ANS)—Marshal Stalin announced Wednesday night the capture of encircled Pomeranian city of Schneidemuehl as well as seven other major strongholds in German Silesia where a two pronged drive on Berlin and Dresden was developing.

Marshal Kozyev's tanks and infantry captured the towns of Neustaedtel, Neusalz, Prestandt, Sprottau, Goldberg, Jauer (25 miles west of Breslau), and Strifgau. By enemy admission the Russians smashed into Brandenburg Province to a point 79 miles southeast of the Nazi capital and 65 miles from Dresden, and also narrowed Breslau's escape gap to 11 miles.

## YANKS CAPTURE CAVITE BASE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Three United States divisions are "gradually compressing the circle on the trapped enemy garrison in Manila", states to-day's communique from General MacArthur's headquarters.

The communique added that the earlier hopes of a speedy "purge of the Japanese from Manila were dimmed by their die or destroy tactics. They are fighting stubbornly from entrenchments in once magnificent Taft avenue.

The Eleventh Airborne Division cleared Nichols airfield at the southern outskirts of Manila and occupied Cavite naval base, several miles to the south-west. Ten Japanese sea-planes and a battery of 3-inch guns were captured intact.

The Japanese suffered more than 68,000 casualties during the five weeks of the Luzon campaign. American casualties were 2,102 killed, 192 missing and 7,389 wounded.

American heavy bombers dropped more than 150 tons of explosives on Corregidor scoring hits on heavy gun batteries.

## PATTON POUNDS MAIN SIEGFRIED DEFENSES

LONDON, Feb. 15.—In the Eichternach bridgehead sector, the first and probably the thickest belt of the Siegfried defences has been penetrated, by the US Third Army. Half of the Siegfried line town of Erzen is in American hands but fighting continues in the streets.

Lt. Gen. Patton's Third Army troops have now deepened their bridgeheads into Germany from Luxembourg by quarter of a mile after their advance beyond Perschweiler, nearly four miles north of Eichternach.

PARIS (ANS)—Late dispatches said that German counter attacks mounted in strength in the great battle of mud and flood waters beyond Kieve on Wednesday, but six vicious enemy blows were smashed back by massed artillery and planes and Wednesday night Field Marshal Montgomery's British Empire forces were advancing in all sectors.

Allied vanguards, muddy and tired after the grueling effort of the past week, stood and cheered as wave upon wave of fighters and fighter bombers tore into attacking Nazis who finally broke under magnificently aimed Allied artillery and pulled back to prepared positions.

Brilliant, springlike sunshine flooded the northern battle zone as the enemy launched counter attacks enabling Allied planes to take to the air in the greatest numbers since the opening of the Canadians push. Goch was still a mile and a half away but other Allied troops pressed to within a few hundred yards of Kessel.

The United States Third Army, the only other major unit of General Eisenhower's massive forces now participating in the attack on the western front, scored gains up to a mile in expanding its Wallendorf-Eichternach bridgehead south of captured Pruem.

## TETANUS ELIMINATED IN US ARMY

LONDON (Air Mail)—Tetanus, the cause of many deaths, in the last war, has been almost eliminated by the United States War Department policy of compulsory immunisation of all officers and men. To date, not one case of tetanus among wounded personnel has occurred in men who completed the "life" course.

(Tetanus is a disease with continuous painful contraction of some or all of the voluntary muscles causing lockjaw.)

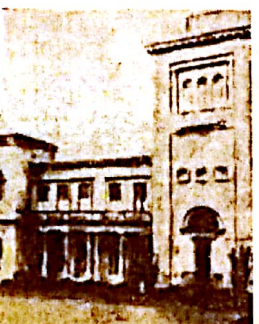
## Late News:—

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The War Department announced that Superfortresses from the Marianas bombed industrial targets in Honshu to-day.

Honshu is the main Japanese home island and was last bombed on Saturday in daylight.

WASHINGTON (ANS)—OPA will issue special gasoline rations up to 400 miles a month for returning war veterans and displaced civilian workers having to travel by car to job interviews arranged by certain recognized employment services.

Complete text of Big 3 statement and Conference news on page 5.





### Reds Accuse Pope Of Aiding Germans

MOSCOW (ANS)—The Russian Orthodox Church accused the Vatican last Saturday of trying to help the Nazis and Germany escape punishment after the war. The document, signed by four patriarchs and representatives of four others, declared that the Vatican "asks forgiveness for Catholics who spilled the blood of innocent victims all over Europe".

The charges followed an article in the newspaper Red Star earlier in the week which described Pope Pius XII as the "mouthpiece of Germany" and "preacher of soft peace".

### FDR's War Effort Solid, Says Dewey

WASHINGTON (ANS)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, in his first major speech since his Presidential debate, told Republicans at Lincoln Day dinner gathering last Thursday night that President Roosevelt had the whole-hearted support of the Nation at the Big Three conference, but warned that the American people would hold him responsible for any "concealed and devious" decisions made at the parley.

Dewey declared "we shall accept neither isolationism nor abdication", the United Press said.

Dewey criticized the Administration's handling of the Home Front and specifically mentioned the Administration's tendency to believe "that to cure every ill you pass a law and appropriate a billion dollars."

### Flying Furloughs For 60,000 Troops

WASHINGTON (ANS)—The War Department revealed Monday that a mass flight of 400 transport planes had made possible Christmas furloughs for 60,000 infantrymen suddenly ordered overseas to help stem the German breakthrough in December. At the last minute it appeared that pre-embarkation furloughs would have to be cancelled but Gen. Marshall ordered furloughs to be granted, even though curtailed. Planes flew the men from 12 replacement centers to 39 selected centers throughout the United States and returned them to Fort Meade by January 6th for embarkation.



### Battle Ground Of The Near Future

This is the east coast of China, where a great decisive battle of the Japanese war will be fought. Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, Pacific Fleet Commander, says Allied forces will land here and seize a port for operations against the Japanese mainland. The invasion of China has been hastened by the US naval victory in the 2d battle of the Philippines in October, 1944, when the Jap fleet was destroyed as an effective fighting force.

### Berlin Is Vast Armed Camp; Communications Disrupted

LONDON, Feb. 15.—According to messages put out by the Germans in Berlin, trench-digging is being carried out in "feverish haste" as one Volksturm battalion after another is moved into the city's outer defenses on the River Oder.

German reports also say that strong-points are being established on suitable positions around Berlin, which may now be described as a vast armed camp.

Tank columns are moving rapidly to the eastern battle areas. Troop and supply columns are everywhere. Every block of houses and flats is being prepared for defence.

The civilians, in the little breathing space allowed them, crowd upon the newspaper sellers to read or listen to someone else reading aloud the latest news.

All police carry rifles slung upon their backs.

Although the German radio officially denied reports that the entire diplomatic corps had left Berlin, the authorities have given the Swedes permission to leave. The Swedes were anxious to return home before the Battle for Berlin began.

Conditions inside Berlin are further complicated by the heavy snow. No workers are available to clear it away. The few buses and trams still in use have been stopped as a result.

It is almost impossible to telephone in Berlin itself, but calls abroad are still put through.

Housewives have been told that their usual bread ration will not be available in many districts.

The whole of the central German communications system is disrupted.

### Total Casualties For US: 764,584

WASHINGTON (ANS)—The Army and Navy revealed last week that US casualties since the war started have reached 764,584, an increase of 27,242 since the report of the preceding week. Secretary Stimson said that Army casualties include names received in Washington through January 28th.

A breakdown of Army figures: killed 130,206; wounded 396,178; missing 91,476; prisoners 58,876. Navy figures: killed 33,192; wounded 40,248; missing 9,873; prisoners 4,475.

Stimson said that 865,000 Germans have been taken prisoners since the Normandy invasion.

### FDR'S SON'S PROMOTION GETS SENATE OK

WASHINGTON (ANS)—Senate voted Monday, 53 to 11 to promote Elliott Roosevelt to Brig. Gen. and confirmed by a voice vote 77 other brigadiers. Sen. Bushfield, South Dakota Republican led opposition to Roosevelt's promotion saying that he was voicing "silent protest" of officers who could not speak for themselves.

## IKE'S NEW DRIVE MAY ASSUME TEMPO OF STALIN'S OFFENSIVE

LONDON, Feb. 15.—War reporters are speculating on the great battle west of the Rhine being a prelude to an Allied drive in the west similar to the Russian drive in the east that is now mounting to its climax.

Everywhere the Allies are lunging towards the Rhine and at the moment all goes well. But, barring a sudden enemy withdrawal or wholesale collapse of morale, the seizing by the Germans of vital sectors of the Rhine facing the Ruhr could make the Allied offensive on the Ruhr itself most difficult, involving months of hard fighting.

In the meantime, FM Montgomery's British and Canadian troops are battling inside Millingen, seven miles north of the start of their attack. They have taken 3,000 prisoners. The Canadians stand along a seven-mile stretch of the Rhine from Nijmegen.

The US 1st Army under Gen. Hodges is in control of the great Schwammenauel Dam, the biggest on the River Roer, but the Germans have blown up the Roer power station.

The US 3rd Army under Gen. Patton has sent out spearheads that have pinned down German forces by thrusting deeper into Germany east of Prum.

Gen. Eisenhower is now capable of delivering blow after blow in the Stalin way.

## War Cost US 238 Billions Since PH

NEW YORK (ANS)—Treasury Secretary Morgenthau said in a radio address sponsored by the American Federation of Labor, that the cost of war to the United States since Pearl Harbor has been two hundred and thirty-eight billions or seven times the cost of World War I through June 1919. He said 46 per cent of the cost is being paid through taxes with the number of income tax payers increased from 4,000,000 to 50,000,000. He added "never before has democracy taxed itself on such a broad base." Morgenthau said 85,000,000 persons have bought Government bonds during war.

MARLENE DIETRICH GETTING OVER 'GIs' WITH THE NINTH ARMY (ANS)—Marlene Dietrich said Tuesday that she was "very annoyed" with Hollywood stay-at-homes who when they do come to entertain the troops tour for "only four weeks—just enough to water the mouths of many troops who hear they're here but never see them." Miss Dietrich, who was a dinner guest of the Ninth Army War Correspondents' admitted she was just recovering from a case of the GIs—an army ailment common to generals and privates alike.

The troops—55,000 from the air forces and 25,000 from service units—will be given six months' special training in infantry work and non-commissioned officers will be given an additional six weeks' training to qualify them for duties commensurate with their grade.

## Berlin In Chaos As Soviet Assault Hits Reich Defenses

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 15.—Enormous green posters have been put up on Berlin's railway stations announcing that from this week all express traffic ceases on German railway systems. German civilians are forbidden to use any trams other than those taking them to and from work.

Conditions on the lines linking Berlin with East Prussia are chaotic. Refugees from the regions of Danzig and Poznan are streaming west. Police, and all military and civil authorities try to stop them in vain.

At many places there have been clashes with the refugees. Similar incidents are reported from Saxony, which is full of refugees from Silesia.

Thousands of men from the Volksturm who had been left in Berlin during the week-end, and also wounded and ill men in Berlin's hospitals, have been ordered to appear before medical boards who will examine all to see if they are fit for any form of service.

Several thousand convalescents have already been ordered to leave hospitals, and are being sent to military barracks.

The building defences outside Berlin, and between Frankfurt and the Oder, were intensified this week-end.

Foreign workers are being sent post haste by all available transport to the Oder. These include women and 10 to 13-year-old members of the Hitler Youth Movement. They have been mobilized by Speer, who is said to be supervising the building of the Oder Line personally.

### WAR WILL COST US \$450 BILLIONS BY END OF '46

WASHINGTON (ANS)—By the end of the 1946 fiscal year the US will have spent \$450,000,000,000 on World War II, it is estimated in President Roosevelt's annual budget message to Congress. The President has asked war expenditures of \$70,000,000,000 for the 1946 fiscal year starting July 1, in a total budget request of \$83,000,000,000.

### Tornados Hit Ala., Miss.; 43 Killed

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA (ANS)—Tornadoes struck Mississippi and Alabama on Monday, killing at least 43 persons, injuring 200 and causing heavy property damage. Hardest hit were Montgomery outskirts where the twister killed 26, injured over 75; ripped up 50 freight train boxcars, leveled 2 government warehouses, doused city's lights and disrupted telephones.

In Chisholm, Alabama, 35 homes were demolished. Nine persons were killed at Livingston, Alabama, and a freight train was tossed about. York, Alabama, reported one death. The storm first struck Meridian, Mississippi, killing seven, injuring 50, and destroying over 30 houses. Governor Sparks of Alabama called out three companies of the State Guard to prevent looting. Maxwell Field at Montgomery escaped damage.

### WD Puts 80,000 In Ground Forces

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The US War Department has announced the transfer of 80,000 men from the air forces and service forces to the ground forces, including out that infantry is becoming more important with the approach of victory, since the culminating factor of all successful wars is infantry action.

The troops—55,000 from the air forces and 25,000 from service units—will be given six months' special training in infantry work and non-commissioned officers will be given an additional six weeks' training to qualify them for duties commensurate with their grade.

### NAZI ARMY SCATTERED ALL OVER EUROPE

LONDON, Feb. 15.—It begins to look as if bits and pieces of the German Grand Army will be left scattered all over Europe after the heart of the Reich has ceased to beat.

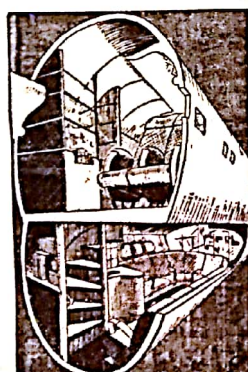
On the Russian Front there are at least seven besieged enemy garrisons who are being ground down and starved.

There are still the remains of 30 divisions trapped since last October on the Latvian coast near Libau, there is Koeningberg and the rest of East Prussia, there is Poznan in Poland, Schneidemuhl and Arnswalde in Pomerania, and, of course, fragments in Budapest.

### Jap War Industry Not Yet Weakened

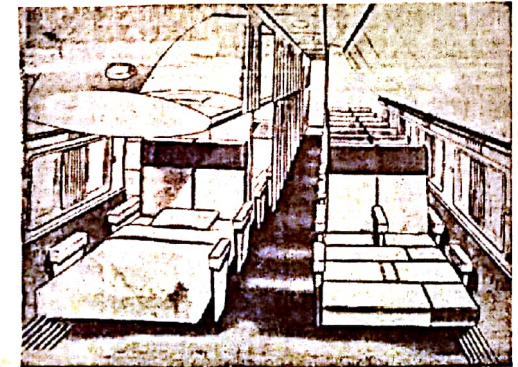
WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The first indication of the extent of the damage done to the Japanese war industries in Japan itself by the USAAF's Superfortress raids is given by Henry Stimson, US Secretary of War, who said that although Americans had been damaging the Japanese war machine on the mainland, its productivity has not yet been fundamentally weakened.

When the bombing that the next Astatic campaign will be on the China coast, Mr. Stimson gave the warning that it will be a "tough job", because most of the Japanese home defences are still intact.



### POST-WAR B-29 LUXURY LINER

This is an artist's conception of how the giant Superfortress will look when converted after the war into fast passenger planes. The view at the left shows how the B-29 might look with the addition of an upper deck which would give it a capacity of 35,000 pounds or 100 passengers. Below are pictured the 36 berths in the cabin of the ship which will be equipped to maintain constant air pressure permitting it to fly at high altitude above storms. The right foreground shows how the seats will be converted into berths at night, while at the left a lower and upper berth is fully made up. The plane will have a maximum range of 3,500 miles and a cruising speed of 340 mph.





# Stateside Stuff

**BOSTON (ANS)**—The worst New England blizzard since 1933 took 21 lives, crippled transportation and caused extensive damage last Friday. Clear warm weather Saturday helped melt snow which reached a depth of 11 inches in Boston with winds up to 30 feet in Maine. Twelve thousand phones were down and the storm caused a 24-hour transportation paralysis throughout the East and fuel shortage.

**WASHINGTON (ANS)**—The capital doesn't know whether Adu, Thomas C. Hays who was appointed senator from Ohio by Gov. Baldwin to fill the term of the late Sen. Maloney Dem., will sit as a Republican. The United Press said that Hays has no political trial or a Republican. The United Press said that Hays has no political trial or a Republican. The United Press said that Hays has no political trial or a Republican.

**SANTA ROSA, CALIF. (ANS)**—Eight-year-old Bonnie Vidulich cancer victim, who celebrated his birthday in his hospital room last week, died Saturday. A leg amputation had failed to halt the spread of the unusual malady.

**SUPERIOR, WIS. (ANS)**—Crowded Concordia Lutheran Church was the scene last Saturday night of Major Richard J. Bong's marriage to schoolteacher Marjorie Ann Vaolendahl. H. H. Arnold at which was described by Superior's biggest wedding Rev. Paul A. Bue officiated.

**LAS VEGAS, NEV. (ANS)**—Actress Ann Shirley was honeymooning last Saturday with producer Adrian Scott after being married in a church here. It was the second marital venture of each. Miss Shirley gave her age as 25. Scott as 33.

**YAKIMA, WASH. (ANS)**—Nineteen-year-old Virginia Ivey was found guilty of manslaughter last week in confessed killing of five-year-old Virgil "Butchy" Langley in her apartment last November 22. The girl had signed a statement following the hit the child with a wine bottle in a fit of anger following a drinking party.

**NEW YORK (ANS)**—Abraham C. Cameron, 22, who received a medical discharge from the Army for injuries received while rescuing a man from the subway tracks, filed a quarter of a million dollar law suit against the city charging its negligence deprived him "of the honor and the privilege of serving his country."

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (ANS)**—The Advisory Committee for Aeronautics announced a new plane de-icer utilizing exhaust gas on wing tip surfaces and windshield which has reduced the ice hazard in flying. The system is in use on some new Army combat and transport planes and on Navy transports.

**LOS ANGELES (ANS)**—Charlotte Thompson, movie stand-in, and her husband Kenneth Rundquist, were awarded \$1,552 dollars damages from a chimpanzee's owner for an attack the animal made on the actress on a movie set. She said that the animal threw her to the floor and climbed on her making horrible noises and she has recurrent nightmares as a result.

**NEW YORK (ANS)**—The Army said it has issued themselves fake orders held at Ft. Jay on AWOL charges. The Army said it has issued themselves fake orders held at Ft. Jay on AWOL charges. The Army said it has issued themselves fake orders held at Ft. Jay on AWOL charges.

**LOS ANGELES (ANS)**—The Catholic Weekly Magazine of America criticized Senator Taft, Ohio Republican, for not including enforcement powers in his bill for permanent Fair Employment Practices Committee. Editorial said the agency needs enforcement powers to end job discrimination and the bill reduces the commission to a mere informational and advisory agency.

**WASHINGTON (ANS)**—Officers of CIO women's auxiliaries Sunday urged Attorney General Biddle to resume the mass sedition trial immediately as "Fascist minded organizations" had been encouraged to "redoubled activity" by the ending of the trials. Death of trial Judge Edward C. Eicher, resulted in a mistrial on December 7th after seven months of hearings.

**NEW YORK (ANS)**—The State of Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League Sunday asked Congress, the State of Illinois and the FBI to investigate the activities of Charles J. Anderson, Jr., defeated Republican Congressional candidate in Illinois. The son, Jr., defeated Republican Congressional candidate in Illinois. The son, Jr., defeated Republican Congressional candidate in Illinois.

**NEW YORK (ANS)**—The Electric Corporation of America and two CIO unions after a congratulatory cablegram last week addressed to Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Manila, Philippine Islands. It was returned shortly after with a Western Union request for the addressee's serial number and APO designation. It said that all cablegrams to soldiers overseas, no matter how well known, must be referred to the Adjutant General in Washington.

**LOUISVILLE, KY. (ANS)**—Hotel manager turned Milan says he received a card from Lt. Vermont Garrison, Kentucky, in a prisoner in Germany, asking room reservations for the next morning of the Kentucky Derby (first Saturday in May if booked this year). The reservation was booked.

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (ANS)**—The District Attorney's office has ordered the producers of the play, "Dark of the Moon" to delete the rape scene during performances in the National Capital. The play is based on a legend of mountain witchcraft and although the attack episode is well greeted from the audience, investigators found it overly suggestive.

**NEW ORLEANS (ANS)**—Naval Lt. Robert Taylor and wife Barbara Swanwick have taken up residence in New Orleans to instruct Naval flyers and she to be "Just a Navy wife."

**REDLANDS, CAL. (ANS)**—Three Southern Pacific trains were involved in accidents last Sunday nine passengers and a locomotive fireman were injured when the westbound passenger train, "California" collided head-on with an eastbound freight near here just before noon. If freight cars were derailed and a passenger car baggage car coming sideways nearly tipping over. A passenger and baggage cars of an eastbound "California" were derailed near Pico-Arco Arco 46 miles west of Tucson, but road officials reported no deaths or injuries in this mishap.

## JAPS SCORE MAJOR ETHER 'VICTORY'

**WASHINGTON (ANS)**—A Japanese broadcast said that the fighting in Luzon is going just as Gen. Yamashita planned it and Yamashita, with broad smiles, revealed "how the enemy is now beaten."

## HEALTH PROGRAM IS PLANNED FOR I-ES

**WASHINGTON (ANS)**—In an effort to fit for military duty or essential war jobs as many as possible of the 750,000 I-ES who have remediable defects, the Senate subcommittee on War, Health and Education has proposed a program for medical surgical and educational rehabilitation.

## Asia's 'Big 3'



Allied leaders met recently in Burma to discuss future US British operations in Asia. Confering, left to right, are: Lt. Gen. Dan I. Sot, Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, commanding general, US 14th Army; Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, commanding general, US 5th Army; Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, commanding general, US 5th Army; Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, commanding general, US 5th Army.

## Russians Capture 40 Intact Nazi War Plants At Elbing

**LONDON, Feb. 13**—The Russians who captured Elbing, East Prussia's second biggest city, were able to seize most of the city's 40 war material factories intact.

The machinery had not been evacuated. Factories included one organization that employed 8,000 workers in making tanks, the Bussing motor car works, a plant that produced 6-barrel mortars, several machine building plants, the Schichau shipyards on the river, and a chocolate factory.

The extraordinary scene is now presented of Russian sentries on guard at every German shop, warehouse and factory to prevent German sabotage. In the tank factory German officers were taken prisoner and later identified as having come from a German tank division now fighting near Budapest. They had come to collect spares and replacements for their tanks.

The position of the German troops west of Elbing who made 16 fruitless attempts to break through to relieve Elbing has now been rendered hopeless. They hold a small area which, plus a region round Koestelberg still in German hands, adds up to only one-tenth of the total area of East Prussia.

Col. Gen. Peter Wildenbruch, German commander and his staff were among those surrendering. Meanwhile Marshal Koniev's columns in Silesia drove ahead to point within seventy miles of Dresden.

**Tch!—Tch!—Tch!**  
SALT LAKE CITY—Police here, on the plea on an MP arrested a civilian for swearing at a sergeant.

**MILD FAME, FORTUNE (\$100 WAR BOND) FOR THEATER PAPER NAME**

The China Command Post wants a new name—a name submitted by one of its soldier-readers. And this CI Journal is going to reward the soldier submitting the new nomenclature with \$100.00 War Bond in fact the easiest \$100.00 he ever tucked away or sent home to the little woman.

Any member of the US Armed Forces assigned to the China Theater is eligible to win this newspaper's name contest. And there's not much to do to win. Simply write your entry on a piece of paper and mail it to the China Command Post (Hq., SOS, Kunming, Yunnan). Each contestant may submit as many entries as he pleases—but each entry should be written on a separate piece of paper (put as many as you want in a single envelope) which should contain the contestant's name, grade, serial number, unit and APO. That's all there is to it. Nothing more.

All entries must be in the hands of the judges by February 25 and all those postmarked up till midnight of the 25th will be considered.

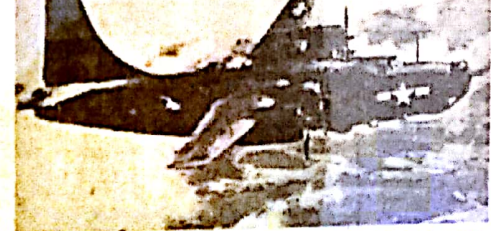
The judges have no preconceived notions about the new name for the China Command Post—and if the name you submit may walk off with the honors—and the \$100.00 War Bond.

**Death Sentence Sliced To 5 Years**

**WASHINGTON (ANS)** Maj. Gen. Myron C. Cramer, Judge Advocate General, said that the Court Martial sentence of Pvt. Henry Weber for refusing to drill has been progressively reduced from death to five years imprisonment. Trial court had reduced sentence to life imprisonment and a board of review reduced it further "in order to equalize the sentence in accordance with War Department policy."

**CHICAGO (ANS)**—Henry Smith, 32, is being held by police on charges that he threw a knife which fatally wounded Henry Smith, 38, when the two quarreled about paying for drinks.

**New Navy Search Plane**



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## More WAGs Needed For Hospital Work

**WASHINGTON (ANS)**—Because of increasingly high casualty lists and the return of thousands of sick and wounded soldiers to the US Army, the need for medical and surgical technicians in Army hospitals is "acute." The War Department announced in a year-end statement.

WAG recruits will be spurred in 1945. The women who respond to their country's call. The Army promises specialized training designed to fit them as qualified technicians and the assurance of duty in Army hospital wards aiding in the care of sick, injured and wounded soldiers.

## Budapest Folds Up After Long Siege

**LONDON (ANS)**—The shattered remains of Budapest finally fell to the Red Army Tuesday after one of the biggest sieges in modern history which, Moscow said, cost the Germans and Hungarians over 110,000 men captured and 49,000 killed in the greatest single Nazi catastrophe since Stalingrad.

Premier Stalin announced the victory in an order of the day addressed jointly to Marshal Malinovsky and Tolbukhin of the Second and Third Ukrainian armies which co-operated in the 49 day siege.

The Russians fought through the streets of Budapest, seventh capital to be recaptured by the Allies, in a bitter block by block, house by house and even room by room battle. The Nazis putting up fanatical resistance that even led to the shooting of Russians delivering surrender ultimatum under the white flag of truce.

Col. Gen. Peter Wildenbruch, German commander and his staff were among those surrendering. Meanwhile Marshal Koniev's columns in Silesia drove ahead to point within seventy miles of Dresden.

**Tch!—Tch!—Tch!**  
SALT LAKE CITY—Police here, on the plea on an MP arrested a civilian for swearing at a sergeant.

## MILD FAME, FORTUNE (\$100 WAR BOND) FOR THEATER PAPER NAME

The China Command Post wants a new name—a name submitted by one of its soldier-readers. And this CI Journal is going to reward the soldier submitting the new nomenclature with \$100.00 War Bond in fact the easiest \$100.00 he ever tucked away or sent home to the little woman.

Any member of the US Armed Forces assigned to the China Theater is eligible to win this newspaper's name contest. And there's not much to do to win. Simply write your entry on a piece of paper and mail it to the China Command Post (Hq., SOS, Kunming, Yunnan). Each contestant may submit as many entries as he pleases—but each entry should be written on a separate piece of paper (put as many as you want in a single envelope) which should contain the contestant's name, grade, serial number, unit and APO. That's all there is to it. Nothing more.

All entries must be in the hands of the judges by February 25 and all those postmarked up till midnight of the 25th will be considered.

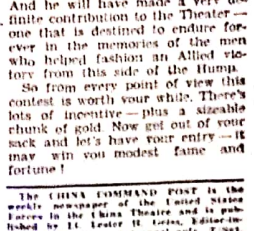
The judges have no preconceived notions about the new name for the China Command Post—and if the name you submit may walk off with the honors—and the \$100.00 War Bond.

**Death Sentence Sliced To 5 Years**

**WASHINGTON (ANS)** Maj. Gen. Myron C. Cramer, Judge Advocate General, said that the Court Martial sentence of Pvt. Henry Weber for refusing to drill has been progressively reduced from death to five years imprisonment. Trial court had reduced sentence to life imprisonment and a board of review reduced it further "in order to equalize the sentence in accordance with War Department policy."

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# KUNMING

by  
**GEORGE H. JOHNSTON**

## .... Shanghai Of The West

**S**PRAWLING ON A HIGH plateau in a beautiful Chinese valley of lakes and high terraced paddy fields lies the ancient city which each day becomes more and more significant in the military destiny of free China.

The city is Kunming, capital of Yunnan Province, terminus of the newly opened Burma Road, strategic road link with Chungking and Kweiyang, headquarters of the famous Fourteenth Airforce, biggest center of ATO operations across the Hump, and virtual military capital of all free China's combat operations.

The war which has devastated so many other cities of China has brought wealth, progress and enormous development to Kunming, the city which for so many centuries was looked down upon by sophisticated Chinese of eastern cities as a wild, uncultured center of tribespeople, war lords and bandits, a primitive frontier country suitable for political banishments and little else. Things have changed a great deal since then.

Few cities in all China have so swiftly absorbed modernism and the paraphernalia of the Western world. Yet, outside the airfield and garrison areas and new modern style buildings which have sprung up in a strangely ugly rash amid the high walls, moon gates and horned roofs of old China, the real Kunming has remained picturesquely medieval with all the contrasts of real beauty and abysmal filth, smart sophistication and sheer primitivism, fabulous wealth and unbelievable poverty, quaintly charming old-world courtyards and dreadful alleyways stinking with disease.

Smartly dressed Chinese business men and women in slick polished linousness roll along the cobblestoned streets with horns blaring and scaring blue-trousered coolies and strangely barbaric Lolo and Miao tribesmen down from the mountains and bent double beneath their great burdens of charcoal and firewood and hay. Modern factories stand on the edge of paddy fields where ragged farmers plod behind their water buffaloes or irrigate their little farms with the same primitive equipment their ancestors were using fifteen hundred years before. Near the massive brickwork of ancient tower gates are streets of modern shops and imposing banks.

Twin pagodas of the Tang dynasty surmounted by bizarre metal peacocks stand in the midst of the ruins of the Moslem revolt of the last century and a block away are shops crammed not only with tawdry pieces of gimcrack but with all the luxury goods of the Western world—fountain pens priced at one hundred dollars gold, ready-made Western suits at fifty thousand Chinese dollars and moth bats at ten dollars each.

In the morning when Kunming swarms to wakefulness, army jeeps rattle by with every driver's thumb down *nerd* on horn buttons to clear a way through the

forbidden city straight off the willow pattern plate. Concrete skyscrapers are rising above the old battle-scarred south gate tower which rears majestically above the ancient wall, and the Peking-roofed skyline of the old city is dwarfed.

The hub of the city's commercial life and market bustle swarm beneath great curved tiled roofs of the two ancient stone arches of "pi faung"—arch of Hi Chi the jade phoenix and arch of Chin Ma the golden horse built centuries ago to astronomical principles of such accuracy that once in every perennic sixty years the shadow of the Jade Phoenix Arch cast by the setting sun and the shadow of the Golden Horse Arch cast by the rising full moon meet exactly in the center of the street between the two arches. The next time the phenomenon will occur will be in the year 2003.

Today there is much of Kunming that resembles a rip-

great mansions of the nouveau riche began to sprawl with hideous incongruity across the charming Chinese architectural scene. Culture came too, because three of China's greatest universities—Nanking, Peking National and Tsing Hua—fleeing hundreds of miles before Japanese aggression, came to Kunming to establish in the shadow of ancient massive walls, a composite university that has become one of free China's leading seats of culture.

But the rash of modern buildings spread like disease through the new city, outside the old walls thousands of American soldiers and airmen arrived and the noise of jukeboxes drowned the more ancient clang of gongs and the scrape of moon guitars.



Kunming Canal, one of the principle arteries into the city, connects Yunnan capital with Kunming Lake.

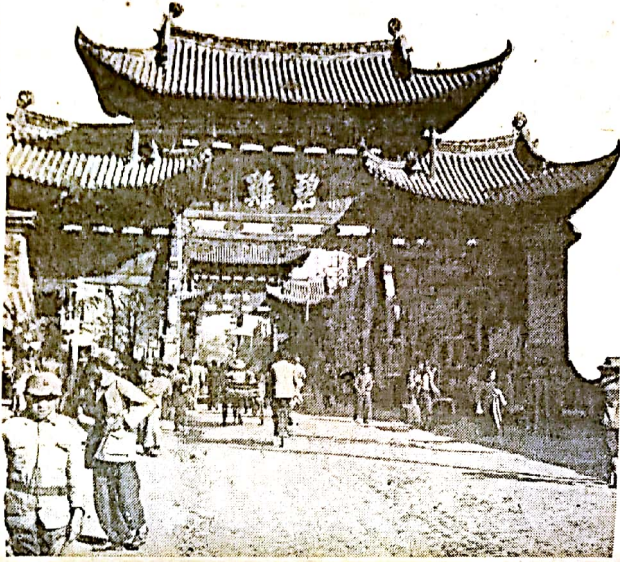
Sophisticated nightlife emigres from coastal cities lost no time in establishing new night clubs new "hostess circles" and new bars and saloons where fertile semi-lethal potions of raw power alcohol officially labeled "whisky," "gin," "gin," were sold to stomach-tortured soldiers who lured these fiery fluids with Chinese rice wine under the generic term of "chin pao juice," chin pao meaning air raid alarm. To-day in China a bottle of the cheapest rice wine costs nine hundred dollars and a bottle of deadly synthetic "scotch" sells for three thousand dollars and more—and generally you either drink the stuff or remain a teetotaler.

But the roaring free and easy night life of Kunming is only one of its many facets. There is ever present an atmosphere of almost forgotten centuries coupled with the poetry of its place names. Kunming means British Opium, Yunnan means Southern Cloud. It has a Street of Gold-beaters, Street of Thieves and a Street of Crippled Men. And on the mighty and beautiful mountains that forms the western ramparts of Kunming valley, one of the most beautiful plains in China, are the temples of the Western Clouds with their vast gold buddhas and cave walls with thousands of saints, gods and demons carved from living stone. And in a little room behind the temple proper is a vast pile of books, old manuscripts on bamboo and silk and tens of thousands of modern books on sociology, medicine, science, history, literature—cultural treasures of colleges now in occupied China carted hundreds of miles across China's vastness to be locked away in the rocky caves of a thousand-year-old mountain temple until peace returns to China and scholars can browse again through their books.

Between the western hills and the city proper cupped with a tremendous valley brilliant with shimmering canals and emerald hills on which the vast twenty mile long lake of Tien paddy fields, is thousands of junks and sampans ply like fussy, restless, water beetles. It would be difficult to imagine any landscape more unlike that of America and yet at almost every turn the American can have a sudden curiously feeling that he is back home—a feeling almost invariably dispelled by the sight of the horned caves of Chinese cottages or peasants with cartwheel hats plodding behind pony carts or shambling along with panniers over their shoulders. But if the players are definitely un-American, the backdrop is often astonishingly like the American countryside. Kunming at an elevation of over 6,200 feet has the best climate in China. It's almost a land of perpetual spring with every day like a warm spring day in the rocky mountains. There is the same warmth of coloring, the same vast blueness of sky, the same crystal clarity in purple mountains. And if one gets away from paddy fields and people there are many corners where an American can sit and never know he is in a foreign land.

Familiar landscapes, American troops, Chinese people and architecture do not add up completely to the cosmopolitan character of Kunming. Living in the city are adventurers from all over the world. Much of the city has a pronounced French influence—many of the troops and all the policemen wear French-style steel helmets—because until Japan clamped its blockade around China, Kunming was the terminus of the railway route from

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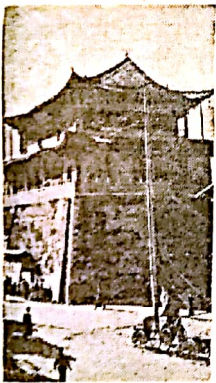


Chin Pee Road, main street of Kunming as viewed towards the Golden Horse Arch.

roaring, wide open frontier town. Yet ten years ago Kunming was one of the most inaccessible, primitive cities of the world. Western civilization has come ruthlessly, swiftly and boisterously to this old city where the great market place called Civilization Street is ironically and idiomatically known as Thieves Market, where it is said one can always purchase back, at a fantastic cost, any article that one has lost or had stolen the day before.

Before the beginning of the Sino-Japanese war in 1937, Kunming had no industries and supported a simple agricultural population of one hundred and fifty thousand, mostly peasants, coolies and small merchants. The cost of living was the cheapest in China. Today Kunming has a population exceeding half a million, it's one of the most heavily industrialized areas of China, it has become an enormous center of business and banking and its cost of living is highest in China and among the highest of any city in the world. The influx of population came from bankers, industrialists, scholars driven out of Peking, Nanking, Shanghai, Hongkong, from business opportunists, from poor refugees, from soldiers of fortune, from taxi dancers and prostitutes from night clubs of Saigon, Shanghai, Kweilin, Hongkong. Almost overnight the city became the new Shanghai of the west. Chen-nault's Flying Tigers had headquarters there—so had racketeers preparing to begin great smuggling ramps—and the town was wide open.

The Burma road was opened and Kunming roared with the vast boom of trade, prosperity, easy money and crime. Factories rose like mushrooms from quiet plains,



The Telephone Building facing Sun Park was formerly the old South Gate.

far west. But to the rest of China it remained a wild area suitable only for criminals, bandits and political exiles. More sophisticated westerners quoted the old adage "Yunnan ta tsui", meaning roughly that anybody who lived in Yunnan must have committed some flagrant crime. But it was this very character that gave Kunming much of the picturesque flavor it retains today.

Three hundred years ago Wu San-Kwei, doughty Ming Dynasty general was exiled by Manchu invaders to Kunming—kicked upstairs with the polite title of King of Southwest China. Wu took with him from Peking thousands of scholars, architects, artists and artisans and proceeded to rebuild Kunming on the model of the famous and beautiful Peking. Much of Kunming's fastidious and charm today stems from the political banishment of Gen. Wu.

One walks today through squalid little lanes covered in filth and fringed by grimy shops and comes suddenly on the beautiful, imperial parklands with quiet lakes and pretty grottos and small temples.

Locked within the area's grubby booths is a miniature

### HE'S BEEN AROUND . . . . .

George H. Johnston, war correspondent for the Melbourne Argus, is a native Australian, currently reporting events in China, Burma and India. A skilled hand at war reporting, Johnston was the accredited Time and Life correspondent during the hostilities on New Guinea. He also saw action in Italy, Greece, North Africa and the Pacific. Johnston has contributed articles to the Saturday Evening Post, Colliers and Coronet.



Cheng Yi Street in the heart of the city, looking toward the Near Sun Building.



# CRIMEAN CONFERENCE PLANNED TOTAL DESTRUCTION OF NAZISM

WASHINGTON (ANS)—Here is what the Big Three agreed at the Crimean Conference to do to Germany so that she "will never again be able to disturb the peace of the world":

1. Demolish and disband the German army and navy and remove or destroy all military equipment.
2. Break up for all time the German General Staff that has repeatedly contrived the resurgence of German militarism.
3. Eliminate or control all German industry suitable for military production.
4. Bring all war criminals to justice and swift punishment and exact reparation in kind for destruction wrought by the Germans.
5. Wipe out Nazi party laws, organizations and institutions, remove all Nazi and military influences from public offices and from the culture and economic life of the German people.
6. Take in harmony such other measures in Germany as may be necessary to the future peace and safety of the world.

A supplement to the final communique reported that a preliminary agreement was reached providing for a speedy repatriation of American, British and Russian war prisoners and civilians liberated in the conquest of Germany. The statement said: "Under these arrangements, each Ally will provide food, clothing, medical attention and other needs for nationals of the others until transport is available for their repatriation."

The Conference took place in the Summer Palace of the former Czar Nicholas in the Crimea, which is now the rest home for Soviet workers near Yalta in Crimea. The White House disclosed Monday that President Roosevelt and his party flew to the Black Sea resort from Malta in the Mediterranean where the President first conferred with Prime Minister Churchill on plans for stepping up the war against Japan.

The President was greeted on his arrival at the Crimean airport by Soviet Foreign Commissar Molotov and proceeded to the Palace where he stayed for the duration of the Conference. Churchill and Stalin and their parties were quartered nearby.

The meetings began Sunday Feb. 4th and proceeded continuously until Sunday Feb. 11th. The meeting was officially named the Crimean Conference by the toast offered by Marshal Stalin at the first get-together luncheon.

The communique issued after the Conference contained no reference to possible Russian participation in the Anglo-American war against Japan but observers pointed out that by April 25th, the date set for United Nations meeting in San Francisco, Russia will have given notice to Japan as to whether she will abrogate or renew their Five Year Pact of Non Aggression. The Pact expires on April 13th and the Soviet has agreed to notify Japan by that date whether it is to be discontinued.

Flattered that Roosevelt and

# ISLAND REJECTS "BIG 3" BORDER DECISION

LONDON (ANS)—The Polish Government in exile Tuesday night refused to accept the decision of the Big Three concerning Poland and accused them of violating "the letter and spirit of the Atlantic Charter and the right of every nation to defend its own interest."

# BYRNES GIVES EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNT OF YALTA MEETING

WASHINGTON (ANS)—War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes returned Tuesday from the historic Crimean Conference and in a dramatic first-hand account of meetings disclosed that President Roosevelt himself wrote a declaration on the control areas by which the United States agreed to share with Britain and Russia responsibility for restoring order and independence to the war ravaged small nations.

Byrnes said there was great danger that in liberated countries support of either Britain or Russia in its own struggle for power but "now the fact that three powers have agreed to share in jointly in the control area will be a deterrent to all factions and they will know they cannot play one against the other."

## 'Big 3' Highlights

- The United States, Russia and Britain will each occupy a separate zone in Germany. Co-ordination will be through a Central Control Commission with headquarters in Berlin.
- France will be invited to take a zone of occupation, if she wishes.
- An agreement for the reorganization of Poland was reached. The eastern Polish frontier will essentially follow the Curzon Line, with Poland receiving new territories in the West.
- The Nazi Party and Nazi organizations are to be wiped out.

He reported also that conclusions on military questions promise greater co-operation than has ever before existed among Allies and that "if Hitler has relied for success upon division among Allied powers he is doomed as never before. I was tremendously impressed by the cordiality and genuine affection shown by President Stalin and Churchill." He said that more than once, President Roosevelt flushing tactful good humor brought about decisions of the Big Three.

An proposed settling of Poland's eastern boundary at Curzon Line under which Poland loses about one-third of her pre-war territory but regains other land at German expense, he said the Russians had made a strong case for acquiring this area. He said that Clemenceau of France, and Lord Curzon of Britain, had established a line in discussions winding up the first world war and it came down to the question whether Stalin would ask less for Russia's attitude "is not wanting, a government behind Soviet lines" whose loyalty is dubious, and he made it clear that if the Poles in London won't play ball with the Big Three they can play by themselves.

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## 'Frisco Amazed At It's Selection For UN Peace Meeting

SAN FRANCISCO (ANS)—As San Francisco slowly recovered Wednesday from the astonishment over its selection as the site of the first United Nations Conference to draft the peace, officials arranged to place all of its residents at the disposal of representatives of 45 United Nations. The chief question was where delegates would be housed in the city jammed with war workers and military and naval personnel, but Mayor Roger L. Aphon said "hotels would be commandeered if necessary." The Veterans Building and Civic Auditorium were considered the most suitable meeting places.

Lansing, Mich (CNS)—A local lady has sued her husband for divorce because he keeps an alligator in the parlor. Seems he was an animal trainer and the gator is one of his old pets.

## "Big 3" Non-Committal On Japanese

NEW YORK—Newspaper and radio commentators analyzing the results of the Big Three talks at Nations meeting to be called the point that the date of the United Yalta bring out particularly in San Francisco is the day after either Russia or Japan must denounce their neutrality pact or have it extended for a further five years.

The New York Times reports "what really interested Washington were the things which the Big Three statement did not even mention and the first of these was Japan."

First German reaction was issued by the German News Agency under these headlines: "Germany to be destroyed." "Hate plan of Yalta." "Chief war criminals, Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin agree on new crime to humanity." "Germany will smash fiendish plans."

## THE LAST FORTRESS



It is 51 years since Adolf Hitler plunged the world into its most terrible war, sending his panzer divisions smashing across Poland on Sep. 3, 1939. At the height of his conquests, Hitler reached the Atlantic on the west, the Mediterranean and North Africa on the south and drove to the gates of Moscow, 1360 miles from Berlin on the east. Today, the horrors of war which Hitler brought to the rest of Europe are coming home to the fatherland. The Red Army has crossed the German frontier in the east, the armies of the western democracies are poised along the Siegfried line in the west, and Italy has been liberated up to the Po valley in the south. New Germany alone remains, Hitler's final fortress.

Churchill came to Russian soil for the meeting, the Soviet Press particularly applauded the President for the personal effort involved in his long journey. The Communist Party organ, Pravda, said the "Crimean Conference has proven that an alliance of the three big powers possessed not only a historical yesterday, a victorious today but also, a great tomorrow. The Conference will go down in history as an example of real democratic co-operation."

The Berlin radio's first comment was that "Bolsheviks and British and American plutocrats aim at complete destruction of the German nation and of Germany's industry. The German answer to these songs of hate cannot be anything but fight."

Following the Conference, Secretary of State Stettinius went to Moscow on Monday for a brief vi-

sit at the invitation of Foreign Commissar Molotov. The President was accompanied to the Conference by his daughter, Mrs. John Boettiger, and Edward J. Flynn of New York, former Democratic National Chairman. The Whitehouse made it clear that Flynn did not participate in the Conference but merely was invited to join the President when the latter learned that Flynn was planning a trip to Moscow.

## CURFEW, EMERGENCY DECLARED IN BERLIN

LONDON, Feb. 15.—A state of emergency and a curfew have been declared in Berlin.

Only the Volksturm, or Home Guard, police, firemen and AIFP wardens are allowed in the streets between 3 pm and 5 am.

damage caused by Germany to the Allied Nations in this war and recognize it as just that Germany be obliged to make compensation for the damage in kind to the greatest extent possible. A commission for compensation of damage will be established. The commission will work in Moscow.

"We are resolved upon the earliest possible establishment with our Allies of a general international organization to maintain peace and security. We believe that this is essential both to prevent aggression and to remove political, economic and social causes of war through close and continuous collaboration of all peace-loving people."

"We have agreed that a conference of United Nations should be called to meet at San Francisco on 25 April to prepare a charter of such an organization along the lines proposed at Dumbarton Oaks."

The Government of China, and Provisional Government of France will be consulted and invited to sponsor invitations to the conference jointly with governments of the U.S., Great Britain and USSR as soon as consultation with China and France has been completed. The text of proposals on voting procedure will be made public.

"We have drawn up and subscribed to a declaration on liberated Europe. This declaration provides for concerted policies of the Three Powers and for joint action by them in meeting political and economic problems of liberated Europe in accordance with democratic principles."

The text of the declaration says "The Big Three" jointly declare their mutual agreement to concert during the temporary period of instability in liberated Europe the policies of their three Governments in assisting the peoples of Europe liberate from the domination of Nazi Germany and the people of

former Axis satellite states to solve by democratic means their pressing political and economic problems.

"The establishment of order in Europe and rebuilding of national economic life must be achieved by processes which will enable the liberated peoples to destroy the last vestiges of Nazism and Fascism and to create democratic institutions of their own choice."

"This is the principle of the Atlantic Charter—the right of all peoples to choose the form of Government under which they will live—restoration of sovereign rights and self-government to those peoples who have been forcibly deprived of them by aggressor nations. To foster conditions in which liberated peoples may exercise these rights, the three Governments will jointly assist people in any European liberated state, or a former Axis satellite state in Europe where, in their judgment conditions require:

- 1.—To establish conditions of peace.
- 2.—To carry out emergency measures for the relief of distressed people.
- 3.—To form an interim government broadly representative of all democratic elements in the population, and pledged to the earliest possible establishment through free elections of governments responsive to the will of the people.
- 4.—To facilitate where necessary holding of such elections."

At Molotov Mr. Harriman and Sir Archibald Clark Kerr are authorized as a commission to consult in the first instance in Moscow with members of the present Polish Provisional Government and with other Polish democratic leaders within Poland and abroad with a view to re-organizing the Government, which shall be pledged to carrying out and unfeathered elections as soon as possible.

## THE RESULTS

# Complete 'Big 3' Statement . . . .

"These meetings have been most satisfactory from every point of view and have resulted in closer coordination of the military effort of the three Allied Powers. The fullest information has been interchanged."

"The timing, scope, and co-ordination of new and even more powerful blows to be launched by our armies and air forces into the heart of Germany from the east, west, north and south have been fully agreed and planned in detail."

"Our continued military plans will be made known only as we execute them. We believe that the very close working partnership among the three Staffs attained at this conference will result in shortening the war. The meetings of the three Staffs will be continued in future whenever need arises."

"Nazi Germany is doomed. The German people will only make the cost of their defeat heavier to themselves by attempting to continue a hopeless resistance."

"We have agreed on common policies and plans for enforcing unconditional surrender terms which we shall impose together on Nazi Germany after German armed resistance has been finally crushed. These terms will not be made known until the final defeat of Germany is accomplished."

"Under agreed plans forces of the three Powers will each occupy a separate zone of Germany. Co-ordinated administration and control has been established in the zones through a Central Control Commission consisting of the Supreme Commanders of the three Powers, with HQ in Berlin."

"It has been agreed that France should be invited by the three Powers if she should so desire to take a zone of occupation and to participate as the fourth member of the Control Commission."

"The limits of the French zone will be agreed by the four Governments concerned through their representatives on the European Advisory Commission."

"It is our inflexible purpose to destroy German militarism and Nazism, and to ensure that Germany will never again be able to disturb the peace of the world."

"We are determined to disarm and disband all German armed forces; break up for all time the German General Staff that has repeatedly contrived resurgence of German militarism; remove or destroy all German military equipment, eliminate or control all German industry that could be used for military production; bring all war criminals to justice and swift punishment, and exact reparation in kind for the destruction wrought by the Germans; wipe out the Nazi Party, Nazi laws, organizations, and institutions; remove all Nazi and military influences from public offices and from cultural and economic life of the German people; and take in harmony such other measures in Germany as may be necessary to the future peace and safety of the world."

"It is not our purpose to destroy the people of Germany, but only when Nazism and militarism have been exterminated will there be hope for a decent life for the Germans and a place for them in the comity of nations. "We have considered the question of



# WARMIN' THE BENCH

By SGT. FRANK DEBLOIS

The recent induction into the US Army of 2 muscle-bound heroes of the world of sport (both of whom previously had been found unfit for service) may indicate the way the wind is blowing for other 4F performers in the fields of Deaf.

The 2 clear-eyed, lithe-limbed young men in question are Willie Pep, dish-nosed featherweight champion, who was discharged from the Navy for physical reasons only to be snapped up by the Army which went after Willie like Roadway Rose wolfing a herring at Lindy's Restaurant, and Buff Donelli, the kindly old coach of the Cleveland Rams in the National Football League, who is almost 38 and the father of 3 children to boot. Now he's in the Army, too.

Pep and Donelli were the first big name athletes drafted since War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes ordered re-examination of professional athletes. Others drafted since that date include Stan Musial, hard hitting star of the St. Louis Cardinals; Johnny Gersica, Detroit Tigers' pitcher; Bill Fleming, Chicago Cubs' pitcher, and Tommy Heath, catcher for the Columbus Red Birds.

Mr. Byrnes' order was followed by a significant comment by the Commander-in-Chief. Asked at a press conference whether he thought baseball should continue now, the President replied: "If it's possible to do so without hurting the employment of people in the war effort or the building of the Army and Navy. He said he was all for baseball. Then he added emphatically that he did not think perfectly healthy young men should be playing ball at this time."

**PREDICTION:** More heads will roll. **PREDICTION No. 2:** Little Orphan Annie and Peck's Bad Boy will form the opening day battery for the Brooklyn Dodgers on April 17.

**BLUE PLATE SPECIAL**  
Discharged from the Army with a CDD is Freddie Cochrane, welterweight champ, who has 6 months in which to put his title on the line. His logical opponent is Ray Robinson, the new welter king, who also holds a CDD.

.....Max Gilgoff has suggested that the impending bout between Two-Ton Tony Galento and Flabby Tami Maurelli should be billed as the Second Battle of the Bulge.....Gill Dodds, holder of the world's indoor mile record of 4:06.4, has run his last race. The quiet, unassuming miler is ending his footracing career to begin a new one as a preacher with a gospel group in Los Angeles.....

Take your pick of these latest latrine rumors on Max Schmeling: (1) He's a POW in Canada. (2) He is a lunatic in a German insane asylum. (3) He's a radio propagandist in Berlin.....Sports writers in New York and Philadelphia are at odds on who was the best player in baseball last year. The New Yorkers pick Dixie Walker, the people's choice in Brooklyn, while the Philly scribes chose Stan Marion, the Cardinals' Mr. Shortstop.....Walker and Paul Waner recently returned from China where they played the outfield on Maj. Gen. Claire Chennault's fighter team on which the general himself is the pitcher.....Several Big League Cuban stars again have threatened to play ball in Mexico this year, rather than enter the Army in the USA.

## Record Crowd Sees Montreal Whip NY

The Montreal Canadiens this week beat the New York Rangers four to three before 15,041 hockey fans, the largest Madison Square Garden crowd of three seasons. Chicago topped Toronto, two to one. For the second night in a row Detroit continued their mastery of Boston, beating the Bruins for the fourteenth straight time, three to two.

Earlier in the week, Montreal, National League hockey champs, battered Detroit five to two with Maurice Richard slamming home two goals to tie the league record of 43 goals set in 1930 by Cooney Weiland of Boston. Buddy O'Connor, Ray Gettiffe and Joe Blake scored the other Montreal goals with Eddie Bruneteau and Carl Liscombe scoring for Detroit.

In defeating Toronto two to one Chicago put the best defensive exhibition of the season.

## 487 MAJORS IN SERVICE, TWICE AS MANY AS IN '18

Only about half as many major league players were in the service of World War I as are now in the armed forces. When the previous conflict ended the American League had 144 in Uncle Sam's uniform and the National 103, a total of 247. According to a recent count, the big leagues had given 487 to World War II, 254 by the American and 233 by the National. The United States has been engaged in this war for more than three years, compared to a year and one-half in 1917-18, and has nearly three times more men in service.

## GIs Cheer Hornsby At Hospital Visit

CHICAGO, ILL.—Rogers Hornsby may be without a baseball connection today, but he's still readily recognized and a favorite with fans, as was demonstrated recently when the Rajah visited the wounded servicemen at Vaughan General Hospital. He was accompanied by two former Chicago Cub associates, Secretary Bob Lewis and Trainer Andy Lotshaw, and Ray Schalk, scout for the club, and Harold George, secretary of the farm system, when he visited the hospital.

Hornsby had hardly passed the door of a ward before his ears rang with cries of "Hello, Rajah." It was probably the warmest welcome he had received since he returned to St. Louis with the Cardinals and that city's first pennant and World's Series victory in 1926. Most of the GIs able to walk rushed up to greet him.

The Rajah had warned he was no public speaker, but the tour and not progressed far before Rog started to warm up and he reviewed many highlights in his long diamond career. He gave his views on various subjects, declaring Ruth probably was as great a fielding outfielder as a slugger, that Cobb was his idea of the game's greatest player, that he didn't know, even yet, why the Giants traded him to Boston, that Dizzy Trout and Hal Newhouser were the best big leaguers he saw last season.

## JACK DEMPSEY TO TOUR CHINA THEATER

LONDON, Feb. 15:—Jack Dempsey, former world heavyweight champion now a commander in the US Coastguard, has announced that he is leaving soon on a tour of the Pacific during which he will visit the Philippines, China, Burma and India, and "possibly right on to Tokyo."

He will take a collection of sports films with him to exhibit to the troops.

## THEY RULE AS SKI CHAMPS



LT. ART DEVLIN, left, of the U. S. Army Air Corps, and Merrill Barber, top-ranking U. S. skiers, are shown after they had finished on top in the annual Bear Mountain, N. Y., ski jumping championship. Barber's leap was 130 feet, Devlin's 125 feet. (International)

## FT. WORTH NINE BECOMES DODGER FARM

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—The Dodgers have added another farm club to their growing network. Fort Worth of the Texas League, temporarily out of business, makes the tenth Branch Rickey plantation. Five are owned outright and five have working agreements with the big leaguers.

"The Texas is a Class A-1 loop," said Rickey, in making the announcement of his latest purchase. "But I'm informed it's endeavoring to get a Double A rating. I'm for that."

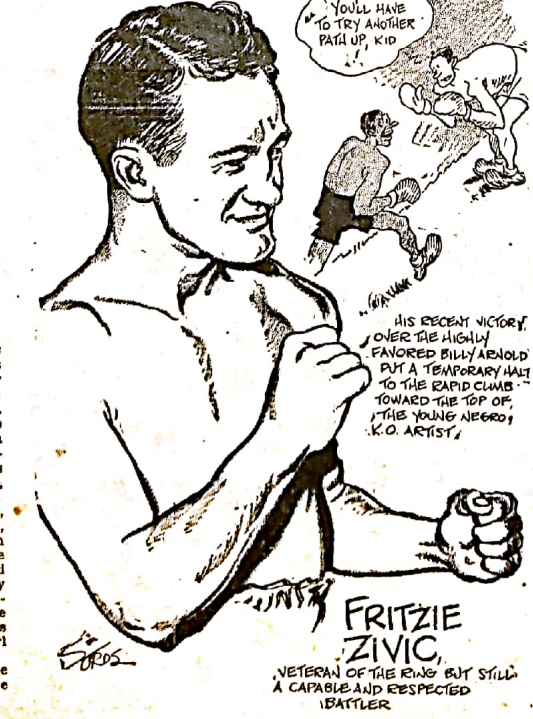
Los Angeles (CNS)—J. M. Myska, an elderly man who makes cotton candy for carnivals, doesn't earn enough to pay an income tax but he usually sends his government \$100 a year anyway "just to keep things running." This year, however, he was ill and unable to make enough cotton candy to send his usual sum. So he sent \$75 and this note: "I hope this enclosure, although not so large as I would like, will help bring this war to an end."

## BASKETBALL SCORES

- Notre Dame 66 NYU 60
- Brooklyn College 58 St. Francis 51
- Army 79 Rochester 42
- Navy 60 West Virginia 40
- Nebraska 59 Kansas 45
- Oklahoma 49 Kansas State 36
- Ohio 36 Northwestern 32
- De Paul 46 Oklahoma Aggies 46
- Iowa 45 Indiana 40
- Rice 72 Southern Methodist 63
- Illinois 60 Dartmouth 35
- Wisconsin 55 Michigan 44
- Washington State 65 Washington 53
- Oregon State 55 Oregon 51
- Duke 51 Temple 46
- Bainbridge 53 Norfolk Naval 49
- Boston Green 78 Westminster 57
- Virginia 61 Maryland 33
- Iowa Sea Hawks 50 Missouri 37
- Texas Christian 52 Texas A&M 40
- Corall 50 Dartmouth 35
- Great Lakes 65 Lawrence 29
- Geneva 41 Carnegie Tech 46
- Penn State 51 Colgate 34
- Marquette 50 Detroit 32
- Utah 52 Wyoming 38
- Akron 63 Case 41
- Georgia Tech 53 Tennessee 49
- Valparaiso 61 Hamilton 46
- Georgia Freight 45 North Carolina
- Freight 42
- Trinity 55 Holy Cross 54
- Mississippi 61 Mississippi State 23
- Pennsylvania 66 Princeton 52
- Texas 54 Baylor 22
- Akron 63 Case 41
- Georgia Tech 53 Tennessee 49
- Valparaiso 61 Hamilton 46
- Georgia Freight 45 North Carolina
- Freight 42
- Trinity 55 Holy Cross 54
- Mississippi 61 Mississippi State 23
- Pennsylvania 66 Princeton 52
- Texas 54 Baylor 22
- Santa Anna Airbase 59 Southern California 38

- Columbia 73 Fordham 58
- Army 71 Pittsburgh 41
- Navy 55 Temple 47
- Purdue 62 Indiana 48
- Yale 58 Princeton 35
- Cornell 48 Colgate 30
- North Carolina 89 Davidson 20
- St. Francis 52 Holy Cross 48
- Hamilton 58 Westminster 57
- Bainbridge Navy 57 Aberdeen Provincial Grounds 33
- Valley Forge Hospital 84 Juniata 40
- North Carolina 55 Davidson 34
- South Carolina 76 Clemson 38
- Ohio State 61 Air Techs. 92 Henderson State 30
- Arkansas 76 Pittsburg Teachers 45
- Army 71 Pittsburgh 41
- St. Louis 61 Washington 49
- Colorado 50 Utah Aggies 46
- Casper Air Base 55 Cowen Field 34
- Alabama 58 Wisconsin 36
- Brown 80, M.I.T. 58
- Bucknell 62, Scranton 50
- Coast Guard 35, Brown 32
- Citadel 59, Clemson 29
- Cannisto 28, Syracuse 45
- Drew 27, Monclair 30
- Fordham 46, Cathedral 39
- Florida Aggies 53, Knoxville 30
- Gallaudet 36, Johns-Hopkins 34
- Georgia Tech. 70, Georgia 39
- Great Lakes 52, DePaul 46
- Harvard 44, M. I. T. 58
- Hampden-Sydney 42, V.M.I. 25
- Illinois 88, Chanute Field 46
- Iowa P-F 59, Missouri 50
- Iowa P-F 59, Drake 31
- Kansas State 50, Missouri 29
- Lafayette 49, Stevens 4
- Lawson General 57, Georgia 39
- Lincoln 42, Virginia State 34
- Lincoln 32, Hamilton 21
- I.S.U. 83, La. Tech 56
- Michigan State 66, Kentucky 50
- Mollenberg 47, Columbia 44
- Muhlenberg 40, Penn 39
- Marquette 52, Western Michigan 56
- Miss. State 49, Mississippi 40
- Northwestern 47, Michigan 24
- Norfolk NAS 56, Bainbridge NTS 53
- N.C. P-F 78, Wake Forest 27
- Dakota Aggies 51, N. Dakota 44
- Ohio State 61, Wisconsin 34
- Penn State 57, Carnegie Tech. 22
- Rice 63, Texas Christian 47
- Sampson 71, Wartburg 59
- Silphery Rock 40, Fairmont 27
- M. I. T. 58, Texas Aggies 43
- South Carolina 68, Wofford 3
- S. Dakota State 55, Augustine 43
- St. John's 48, Rider 39
- St. Lawrence 45, Cortland 42
- Texas 54, Baylor 22
- Texas Aggies 47, Texas 59
- Trinity 58, Coast Guard 43
- Tufts 62, Worcester 54
- U.S. Army 69, Duke 40
- U.N.C. 64, Catawba 30
- V.M.I. 35, Maryland 27

## STILL THE SPOILER - By Jack Sords



# SPORTS SHORTS

Proposal by Sen. Albert Happy Chandler that from 400 to 500 deferred to be permitted to play major league baseball failed to meet any opposition from high government officials, Chandler told the United Press.

Lt. Paul Brown, former Ohio States grid coach, and now head coach of the Great Lakes, was drafted for a five year contract to coach the Cleveland team of the new All American pro football loop. Brown will receive better than 15 grand a year and a percentage of the profits, according to Arthur McBride, Cleveland taxi tycoon and owner of the club.

Government officials last week urged a new alignment of major baseball leagues suggesting one loop for all eastern teams and another one for the western clubs. Authorities estimated that this would save nearly 2,000,000 passenger miles for war burdened railroads.

Permission to withdraw not guilty pleas was denied Harvey Stemmer and Henry Rosen in College basketball players. Judge Nathan Sobel in Kings County Court also disallowed demurrers to the conspiracy indictment. Counsel for both defendants argued that indictment failed to state facts constituted a crime as game in question never was played. The Brooklyn players accepted a \$1,000 bribe to throw a scheduled game with Akron University in Boston on Jan. 21. After the players admitted their guilt the game was cancelled.

The Navy Athletic Association announced Tuesday that it plans to construct a huge stadium to seat 100,000 persons at Annapolis.

During the past seven days Paul Patterson, Illinois halfback, was inducted into the Navy. Don Talamand, Cub outfielder, was accepted by the Army; Ray Mueller, Cincinnati catcher, was inducted into the Army and Frank Sinkwich was held for an examination by the Cleveland draft board.

Hyge Igoo, well-known sports writer of the New York Journal-American, died in New York this week of a heart ailment. Widely recognized as a boxing authority, Igoo was for many years in the old New York World.

Corp. Bob Montgomery, lightweight champion, made his first ring appearance since entering the Army six months ago, winning unanimous 10 round decision over Cecil Hudson in Los Angeles this week. He floored Hudson three times.

Byron Nelson fired seven under par, 65, to win the New Orleans Golf tourney with Jug McSpaden who scored a 70, two under par.

## NCAA Garden Cage Tourney Dates Set

NEW YORK:—With the nation divided into eight districts, eight committees have been named to pick the teams for the seventh annual basketball tournament of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. The four squads selected from west of the Mississippi will play at Kansas City March 23-24. The four eastern teams will compete in Madison Square Garden March 22-24. The finals are scheduled March 27 at the Garden.

Tim Cohans, former New York World-Telegram sports writer and now with Look magazine, has been named chairman of the Red Cross basketball committee, which has staged benefit games the last two seasons between the NCAA champion and the winner of the Madison Square Garden Invitation tournament. This season's game will be played on March 29. Ned Irish's invitation tourney starts March 17, with the final March 25. The Garden will make its facilities available to the Red Cross without charge. The first Red Cross game in 1943 realized more than \$30,000, and last year's hit \$45,000.

Indianapolis (CNS)—When Police Sgt. Forrest Allison spotted a young couple, necking in a park, he hauled them to the pokie. There he learned the young couple were married. Now Sgt. Allison is pounding a beat—as a buck patrolman.



### Yets To Get 1st Call On GI Equipment

WASHINGTON (ANS) — The War Relocation Authority will make the first call on GI equipment which will provide transportation, housing, and other necessities for the 100,000 Japanese-Americans who are being repatriated to their homes in Japan.

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### RUTH MAY RETURN TO COACH BANK HITTERS

NEW YORK, N. Y. — Ruth will return to the Stadium to coach the Yankees batters and hitters that year and here's a rumor that this ball player will be back in the Stadium when he sees his home on the way to a month with a special job at coaching the hitters.

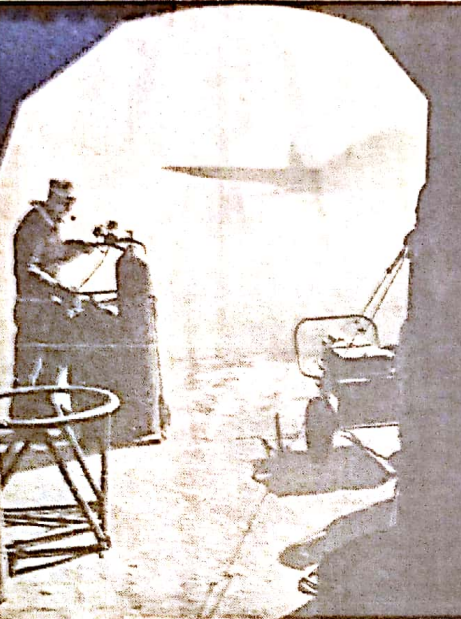
San Francisco (ANS) — When George Kellie died in a local hotel, he was robbed by a stick-up artist a few weeks ago by a robbery which would happen again. He was to work building an airplane but he was building it the stick-up man returned and robbed him over \$500 this time of \$30.

### ATC Squad Sets New Mark

INGRID ASAFRI, ITC-ATC BASE, CHINA — Through dust and grime the maintenance section of the famed "Yellow Nose" squadron in this ITC-ATC base established in January an all-time record for the unit in keeping the engines running.

Most inspections were eight changes, more hours flown and more maintenance headaches in general brought the engineering section, but they came off on top although operating in the open when bad storms are in every day occurrence.

Under the watchful eye of Lt. Col. Richard P. Stanford, Russell, Penn., Squadron line chief, engineering personnel labored day and night knowing their work was necessary for precision flying.



The camera peeks from the shelter of one of the few engineering tents and catches an unidentified airplane mechanic pushing his equipment through the cloud of dust that almost totally obscures the Commando in the background. He is one of the engineering section that set the maintenance record for the squadron in January.

### OPA Aid For Yets Entering Business

WASHINGTON (ANS) — The Office of Price Administration announced on Monday a program of special aid to veterans who want to start new businesses. The plan includes revision of regulations which restrict the business field to those who were in it before certain date changes in rationing regulations of some commodities, and consideration under a uniform policy of business needs of veterans entering new businesses.

The American Legion recently contended some veterans had been unable to get rationed food supplies to stock stores they proposed to open.

The Legion also said Monday, that industrial jobs are over-emphasized and more jobs for veterans must be found in sales service and distribution.

### Kaiser To Build Low Cost Houses

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 — Henry J. Kaiser, American shipbuilder, will mass produce low-cost houses after the war under a project that he predicts will revolutionize American economy as radically as mass production of the Ford car did in the 1920's.

Cutting costs by big-scale manufacture, using new materials and technique, he hopes to bring a modern home within the price range of the average man's pocket-book a feat never before accomplished.

He plans to use his ship's carpenters and building engineers in constructing houses as soon as they are no longer needed to put ships to sea.

### Congress Studying Nurse Draft Law

WASHINGTON (ANS) — Miss Katharine Denford, head of the American Nurses Association, told House Military Committee Tuesday that she believes the Armed Services' need for nurses can be met without a draft law if war manpower commission or some other agency is given "proper authority" to strengthen existing voluntary machinery. She said if the voluntary methods should fail then draft legislation should be enacted to provide for needs of the army and navy veterans, administration and civilian health and nursing education.

The National League of Nursing Education approved the "drafting of nurses as first step in national selective service for women and national service act for civilian population.

### Sports Rehabilitating US Airmen

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Competitive sports are being utilized to the fullest extent possible in physical rehabilitation of hospitalized members of the War Relocation Authority. The War Relocation Authority announced at the War Relocation Authority Conference, which opened in St. Louis January 15.

The major belief of the War Relocation Authority is that physical and mental health are inseparable and that when one of them is weakened it affects the other. The medical treatment to restore the physical health of the airmen, it takes a lot longer to get him back to normal.

"We have shown, for a long time that the average American boy is interested in athletics," declared Major Fleishman. "Therefore, sports have become a big part of rehabilitation. It is often difficult to restore the sense of proportion of such a man who has been a member of a close group but who is now undergoing rehabilitation for wounds."

"But when you can get such a man in a ball game, for instance, he will get him back on the road to recovery. He is no longer an introvert. He has begun to become a member of a group again. Therefore, competitive sports are now a 'must' part of the AAF rehabilitation program."

### Hue Of Fires Reveals Target Types To Bomber Crews In ETO

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 — Many thousands of "Hue" and "Red" flying machines have become experts in the peculiar art of identifying fires. One plane at a time, even from a great height, and they can tell exactly what it is that is burning and causing the flames. They know for instance that —

A bright golden glow and great smoke mean incense of fuel. A bright orange glow means a large oil tank. A bright red glow means a large oil tank. A bright yellow glow means a large oil tank. A bright white glow means a large oil tank. A bright black glow means a large oil tank.

### NAVY, MARINE PILOTS KO 9,819 ENEMY PLANES

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Navy Department has announced the "Roosters" of aerial combat against Japanese planes during the first three years of the War. Navy and Marine pilots destroyed 9,819 enemy aircraft up to December 7 of last year while losing 1,862 — a ratio of about 26 to 5. The tally includes only planes shot down or destroyed on the ground, discounting those bogged by anti-aircraft fire.

### Japs Seek Stymie In War, Says Bard

NEW YORK (ANS) — Japan is playing for time by making the most of its victories as great as possible in the hope of achieving a stalemate. Under-Secretary of the Navy, Frank B. Rowan, told 100 recent graduates of the US Naval Reserve Administration's School, Columbia University.

"A Japanese victory and the domination of the Pacific and the Pacific containing over 2/3 of the population of the world would utterly destroy world civilization as we know it," he said.

### HUMAN BLOOD BOILS AT THIRTEEN MILES

NEW YORK (AP Mail) — Flying high enough in the upper stratosphere can make a man's blood literally boil, according to scientists making tests in air pressure chambers. At 67,000 feet without protection, human blood at body temperature begins to bubble because air pressure is so low. Generally, at the same height, freezes solid.

Engineering worked without thought of goal or record, according to the CO, Major F. S. Sylvester, and rumor has it that he is planning a special little party for the section.

### Command Post Crossword Puzzle

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| ACROSS                         | 50 Conical surface       | 15 Within                     | 35 Sign of approval                       |
| 1 1/2 Pictured baseball player | 52 Took aim              | 16 Dawn (comb. form)          | 36 He has been selected to — for his team |
| 9 Age                          | 54 Tavern                | 18 Editor (ab.)               | 37 Hypothetical force                     |
| 10 Worship                     | 55 Chapeaux              | 19 Eradicate                  | 38 Paid (ab.)                             |
| 11 Ever (contr.)               | 56 Requires              | 20 Right (ab.)                | 39 Like                                   |
| 22 Compass point               | 57 Born                  | 23 Measure of area            | 40 Rock                                   |
| 13 Rough lava                  | DOWN                     | 24 Exist                      | 41 High cards                             |
| 14 Electrical engineer (ab.)   | 1 Military vehicles      | 25 Toward                     | 42 Great Lake                             |
| 15 In the matter of            | 2 Abner                  | 26 Chances (ab.)              | 43 Tablets                                |
| 17 Appear                      | 3 Spoil                  | 28 Rupees (ab.)               | 44 Inset                                  |
| 20 Registered nurse (ab.)      | 4 He is a — bull star    | 29 Laughter sound             | 45 Bright color                           |
| 21 Beloid!                     | 5 Late American humorist | 30 Jumbled type               | 46 Metal                                  |
| 22 Doctor (ab.)                | 6 Proceed                | 31 Skill                      | 47 Individual                             |
| 23 Near                        | 7 Wheat part             | 32 He is a Cleveland — player | 48 On account (ab.)                       |
| 24 Per                         | 8 Annually               | 33 Tantalum (symbol)          | 49 Myself                                 |
| 25 2000 pounds                 | 14 Print measure         |                               |   |
| 27 Arrival (ab.)               |                          |                               |   |
| 29 Hire                        |                          |                               |   |
| 30 Seed container              |                          |                               |   |
| 31 Donkey                      |                          |                               |   |
| 32 Indian army (ab.)           |                          |                               |   |
| 33 Palm lily                   |                          |                               |   |
| 34 Accomplish                  |                          |                               |   |
| 36 Before (prefix)             |                          |                               |   |
| 37 Upon                        |                          |                               |   |
| 38 Father                      |                          |                               |   |
| 39 Inquiries                   |                          |                               |   |
| 41 That one                    |                          |                               |   |
| 42 Summed up                   |                          |                               |   |
| 44 Postscript (ab.)            |                          |                               |   |
| 45 Alternating current (ab.)   |                          |                               |   |
| 46 Iridium (symbol)            |                          |                               |   |
| 47 Egyptian sun god            |                          |                               |   |
| 48 Also                        |                          |                               |   |

Answer on Page 8

### How Well Do You Know Your Generals?

ANSWER — For the benefit of the quiz-masters here are the nicknames of 10 American Generals of various wars. How many can you identify?

1 General Lee	6 Howlin' Mad.	11 The Super
2 Baron Jack	7 Whiskey	12 Little Mac
3 Mac	8 Tom	13 Stonewall
4 Blood-and-Thunder	9 Brandy	14 Rough Ready
5 Hat	10 Fox & Feather	15 Legit Horse

The answers:

1. General Lee  
2. Baron Jack  
3. Mac  
4. Blood-and-Thunder  
5. Hat  
6. Howlin' Mad.  
7. Whiskey  
8. Tom  
9. Brandy  
10. Fox & Feather  
11. The Super  
12. Little Mac  
13. Stonewall  
14. Rough Ready  
15. Legit Horse

### Vandenberg Urges Armed Cooperation

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 15 — Senator Arthur Vandenberg, Michigan Republican, in continuation of foreign policy statements last Monday night that some of the United Nations will continue to go their way unless and until they know they can depend upon America to join in effectively keeping Germany and Japan demilitarized. He urged that America sign up now with all her major Allies in a 1-1-6 and arm treaty pledging constant armed cooperation, available through the President without reference to Congress to keep Germany and Japan out of power for keeps.

He said that the preservation of unity in peace cannot be secured "the further slither in respect to our attitude, that slither confuses our Allies. It often provides them with reasons which they plead to justify unilateral demands which collide with our aims."

He added "it is time for us to say what we will do and what we will not do and it is time to start the 'doing'." Vandenberg said he wanted our American self interest as vigorously protected as our spokesmen as British self interest is protected by Churchill and as the self interest of the Soviets are protected by Stalin.



# UNHERALDED TRANSPORT UNIT PERFORMS HERCULEAN MISSION

Little or no publicity has been given a new top-notch air supply organization now operating in the China theatre.

This outfit has done about everything from transporting troops to carrying butter and eggs. It's a flying unit to which everybody flies, and it never remains in one spot long enough to get weary of a station. Its nomadic tendencies have carried it all over the world and every last man. No one has ever been able to define the organization's mission with any accuracy because it has done about everything, and always with the reliable C-47.

The men at the top are experienced airline pilots with thousands of miles and hours of flying behind them. The pilots, crew chiefs, radio operators, and ground men who keep these planes going are all highly trained personnel who work ceaselessly to keep operations moving smoothly.

In the evacuation of the last stragglers of isolated American bases in China this hitherto unpublicized unit played a major role. These bases had to be abandoned on short notice with the utmost speed. A number of transports from this crack transport group were assigned to perform this duty. The evacuations were carried out under the most possible flying conditions. Despite ice and sleet, electrical storms, heavy winds, magnetic and atmospheric conditions, mountainous terrain, overloaded aircraft, enemy planes and ack-ack, the job was done with the loss of only one ship and its crew.

At one time during the evacuation as many as eight planes were sending may-days. Often a dozen transports were up there trying to find an opening, hoping the compass would come around, firing flares to see whether they were still with the formation, being tossed around like feathers in the wind, trying to contact ground stations for a position check, hoping the gas would hold out, wondering where the next peak was located, hoping the ice wouldn't force them down stairs—a nightmarish situation, but just another job for this outfit.

When it was all over, there was a dash for the mess hall, ball sessions, discussions on the flying weather, perhaps a few letters to write, and then—well, tomorrow was another day with more work to be done.

# CHINA TRAINING 1,500 YOUTHS AS US ARMY INTERPRETERS

CHUNGKING, Feb. 15:—The first graduates of the 1,500 interpreters being trained for liaison with the US Army in China were introduced to the public this week. One hundred and forty-seven of these schoolboys turned soldiers have just completed two months intensive training in military terminology and conversational English as related to war. Addressing them, Lt. Gen. A. C. Wedemeyer welcomed them to the team that is playing with Tokyo for the goal. Gen. Wedemeyer was introduced by Maj.-Gen. Ho Han-jo as "the Lafayette who came to China" and the man who would "build the Wedemeyer Road to Tokyo." Wedemeyer declined these tributes and said the task of beating Japan in China was no one-man job. He called on every man, woman, boy and girl to play their part.

All the interpreters will be recruited from the junior classes of the Chinese universities. They graduated with rank of lieutenant-colonel in the Chinese Army. They are assigned to every unit of US troops in China.

## MOPSY by GLADYS PARKER

DON'T BE SILLY, OF COURSE, THEY'LL FIND US. I'VE HAD AN ADVANCE ON NEXT MONTH'S PAY.



## CHUNGKING KILLS 300,000 RATS IN 60 DAYS

CHUNGKING, Feb. 15.—Chungking's Public Health Department reports that its rat-killing corps destroyed 300,000 rats during December and January in two of the city's 17 districts.

For the time being, the bodies of poisoned rats are buried in the country, but research is in hand to find some way to use their skins.

## Plan To Electrify China At Yangtze

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Plans for the construction of the world's greatest concrete dam spanning China's Yangtze Gorge have been drawn up and are now under study at the engineering headquarters of the Federal Bureau of Reclamation, Denver, Colo.

John Savage, chief designer of the bureau, designed the plans, and is now on loan to Indian and Chinese Government agencies. It is believed that he is at present studying India's water and hydro-electrical resources.

The proposed Yangtze Dam would be built above Chungking and would have a capacity of 10,000,000 kilowatts—double the capacity of all the reclamation projects in the United States. It would supply electricity from Nanking in the east to Chungking in the west, and from Kweilin in the south to Tientsin and Talyuan in the north. Locks would permit navigation by 10,000-ton ships as far as Chungking.

With one eye on the distant future, provision is being made for the housing of the hydro-electric works in bomb-proof caves.

## NAVY NURSES NOW GIVEN 'GO AHEAD' ON MARRIAGE

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Members of the Navy Nurse Corps now are permitted to marry without resigning from the service under a modification of regulations announced by Vice-Adm. Ross T. McIntire, Surgeon General. The ban on accepting married nurses remains, however. The marriage rule had been responsible for 80 per cent of all separations from the Corps. Adm. McIntire's announcement declared.

## NAZIS SEEK FRIENDSHIP OF US FIFTH ARMY

ITALIAN FRONT, Feb. 15.—US 5th Army troops are laughing at a new German attempt to get friendly with them. This is a pamphlet called "Home Telegram." It is filled with sexy stories and illustrations, but the underlying message, cunningly concealed, is a pathetic appeal for moderate post-war treatment of Germany.

## Probe Hollywood Bars For Clipping

HOLLYWOOD (ANS)—An investigation of night clubs and bars, particularly those catering to servicemen, was ordered by the Police Commission here after Chamber of Commerce President John Kingsley charged that the film capital's entertainment places are in business "solely for the purpose of gypping servicemen."

Kingsley said that it was not unusual to hear that servicemen had been charged 50 cents for a 10-cent glass of beer.

The police have asked the Military Police and Shore Patrol to gather information on night spots with the view of determining just who is running a rye joint and who is not.

## FATHER OF EIGHT IS BETTER OFF IN ARMY

LOS ANGELES—Here's a guy who quit his job and joined the army as a private in order to get a boost in pay. Manos Nila, 36, flower shopper and father of eight children, got tired of trying to support his large-sized brood, so he enlisted.

Now, although he gets only \$50 a month, his wife collects \$220 monthly, \$50 for herself, \$50 for the first child and \$20 for each additional one.

## The Wolf by Bennett



"You would ask for a match?"

## \$100 WAR BOND FOR SHOULDER PATCH DESIGN; EASY TO WIN!

As the competition to select a new shoulder patch for the China Theater rolled into the second week, the number of entries arriving at Theater Headquarters increased. Prize for the winning design is a \$100.00 War Bond.

The contest, which was announced last week by Lt.-Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, commanding general of the China Theater, is open to all US military personnel now serving in China, and closes on March 1st. Entries should be mailed to the Public Relations Officer, Hq, USP, CTO, APO 879.

It doesn't take a professional artist to hit the \$100.00 jackpot in this contest. All that is required is that complete and accurate explanations accompany all entries—colors, symbols, heraldic references, if any—need only be clearly indicated.

A single contestant may send in as many entries as he pleases—but each one should contain the full name, serial number and APO of the contestant. An amateur with a "sharp" idea has as good an opportunity of winning the \$100.00 War Bond as a professional artist. When the board selected by the commanding general gathers to choose the winning design it will be influenced more by the ingenuity of the design than the actual workmanship on the entry.

A couple of tips: neither a dragon nor the color yellow will be considered—although gold is acceptable.

Almost everyone has an idea for the new shoulder patch. Put in dawn on paper and mail it in—it may win you a \$100.00 War Bond!

## 20,000,000 PEOPLE HOMELESS IN EUROPE

LONDON, Feb. 15.—The first outcome of the UNRRA-ECAEFP-UNRRA agreement is the decision to establish in Germany 200 centres to aid the millions of people transported to Germany as slave workers.

Early this month, the first batch of UNRRA personnel will leave Britain for the Continent.

They will have the preliminary task of recruiting between 2,000 and 3,000 Allied nationals as helpers.

UNRRA calculates that between 20 and 30 million people are homeless in Europe, and it expects emergency calls from Poland, Czechoslovakia, Jugoslavia and elsewhere.

## MADISON, Wis. (ANS)—Fifteen-year-old Darrell Swetmore came charging to the rescue when fire swept the Municipal Humane Society.

As a result, the Swetmore basement now provides temporary shelter for ten dogs, two cats, and a brace of white mice—all in addition to Darrell's own pets—two skunks, two Angora cats, a rabbit and a dog. Darrell wants to be a kennel operator or a zoo director when he grows up.

## Girl, 26, Married 8 Times In 5 Years

SAN FRANCISCO, (ANS)—The FBI said it had arrested Wilma Suberly, 26, who married eight times in five years and received dependency allotments from six servicemen. The girl, arrested in Eugene, Oregon, beauty shop after a years hunt also used 27 other names and was variously blonde, brunette and redhead, said the FBI. She said none of the servicemen husbands from whom she received \$4,600 in allotments knew of her other marriages.

FBI listed the husbands in order as Herman Goodman, a Pvt in the Army, Edwin March, civilian, Roy Suberly, Navy, Theodore Siner, Navy—now dead, Walter Isakson, civilian Navy employee and William Cavender, Harold Winninger, Louis Smith all of the Navy.

## Buffalo, N. Y. (CNS)—When their bus became wedged in a snow bank, 30 passengers alighted, but their shoulders to the wheels and pushed it back on the road. The driver then sped off, leaving them standing in the snow.

## Maverick Spans Drive to Abolish Term of 'GI Joe'

An old hand at crusading has set out on a new crusade aimed at abolishing the expression "GI Joe." It's beneath the dignity of the American soldier, Maveryk insists, to be called "GI Joe," particularly since soldiers do not use the expression in referring to themselves.

Maveryk, a vice chairman of the War Production Board and chairman of the Small War Plants Corp., recently returned from his second trip to the European battlefield.

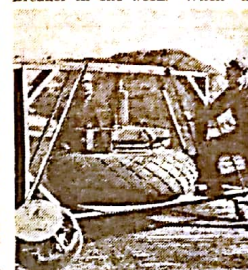
In addition to abolishing "GI Joe," Mr. Maveryk wants "less hooey" about soldiers saying "mom" and "pop."

All the boys he talked to, Maveryk reported, said "mother."

## GIs Invent Bead-Breaker In China

1339th. AAF BU, CHINA.—No, this is not a Rube Goldberg invention. It is a bead breaker used to break the tire away from the rim of an aircraft wheel.

When Hc. Sam Skuraw of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Pfc. Charles Foster of Marion, N.C., found out that it took any where from an hour to an hour and a half to break the bead of a tire away from a rim they put their heads together and built this bead breaker. As a result the time was cut to approximately three minutes. Working in their spare time the boys built the Bead Breaker in one week. When they



Pfc. Sam Skuraw, left, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Pfc. Charles Foster, Marion, N.C., proudly display their bead breaker.

had a piece of scrap iron that they couldn't use, they traded it for one that they needed. Parts were salvaged from junked aircraft: such as armor plate and a brake drum from a B-24. Old bomb crates were used. The wheels were taken from a broken engine overhaul stand. The breaker will fit two wheel sizes by the use of the smaller attachment shown at the bottom of the picture. It operates like this; you just lay the wheel in place, put the proper attachment on top of the wheel, give the handle of the hydraulic jack a few pumps and the job is done.

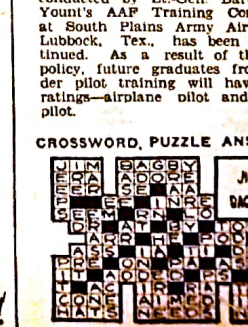
## Cleveland (CNS)—Mrs. Ruth Zelman, an expectant mother, collapsed in the snow in front of the maternity hospital. Doctors rushed her inside, prepared to deliver the baby. Later the baby was found under the snow, where the mother had collapsed. Both are doing well.

## GLIDER PILOT TRAINING PROGRAM CUT PLANNED

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Only those officers who have the airplane pilots' wings and are proficient in flying two-engine planes will be eligible for glider pilot training in the Army Air Force beginning Feb. 15.

Individual glider pilot training conducted by Lt.-Gen. Barton K. Young's AAF Training Command at South Plains Army Air Field, Lubbock, Tex., has been discontinued. As a result of the new policy, future graduates from glider pilot training will have dual ratings—airplane pilot and glider pilot.

## CROSSWORD, PUZZLE ANSWER





# SELECTEES GET NEW BASIC; COMBAT INFLUENCES TRAINING

Although the Army reached its designated strength a short time ago, men still are being inducted at the rate of about 800,000 a year, selective service officials estimate.

A large percentage—how large is an official secret—is going into the Army, where a training program of considerable proportions still is in effect, for training and replacements.

What kind of training are they getting? How does their "basic" differ from that endured by OIs now in overseas theatres back in '41, '42 and '43? And to what extent have the lessons learned in combat influenced training methods?

In an effort to obtain an authoritative answer to these questions, CNS sent a staff man to interview Lt. Col. H. W. Dammer, Assistant G-3, Army Ground Forces. Col. Dammer has some special qualifications. He served as Executive Officer with the famed Rangers in Italy and North Africa.

Viewing the subject from the vantage point of experience in both combat and training, Col. Dammer arrived at two main conclusions:

1. Basic is a lot more rugged, physically, than it was in the days before he went overseas in '42.

2. It is also more "realistic," better geared to the practical necessities of the job at hand.

"I get a feeling of high power from the present program that was absent in the early days," is the way Col. Dammer puts it.

Of the physical training phase, he says, "the trend over a period of time toward conditioning through use of obstacle courses continues. Such conditioning is designed to improve a man in agility and the handling of his body rather than merely his feet and legs. At the same time, marches and hikes also are stressed."

The lessons learned in combat find their way into the training program in two ways—by being incorporated into official training doctrine after evaluation by G-3 and through personal contact between new men and veterans with combat experience.

"Over a period of time," Col. Dammer says, "personnel in this headquarters, in IRTCs and even in units has gradually included people who have had overseas service."

Some of the changes incorporated into training doctrine are still not for publication but here are a few cited by Col. Dammer:

Use of overhead artillery in small unit problems: Field artillery pieces operate as they would

in battle in support of the units during tactical problems. AIRTRCS have a battery or more of field artillery for this purpose.

**Revision of Extended Order Drill:** As revised, the squad is broken down, under the "Abbe-Baker-Charlie" system, into 3 groups. The "Abbe" group includes the scouts; the "Baker" group the BAR and the "Charlie" group the rifleman. The squad or platoon leader can move the group independently to meet specific problems.

**First Aid:** As a result of experiences in the field instruction in First Aid, Hygiene and Sanitation is much more thorough. Malaria prevention and control is stressed and knowledge gained in Africa, Italy and the South Pacific utilized.

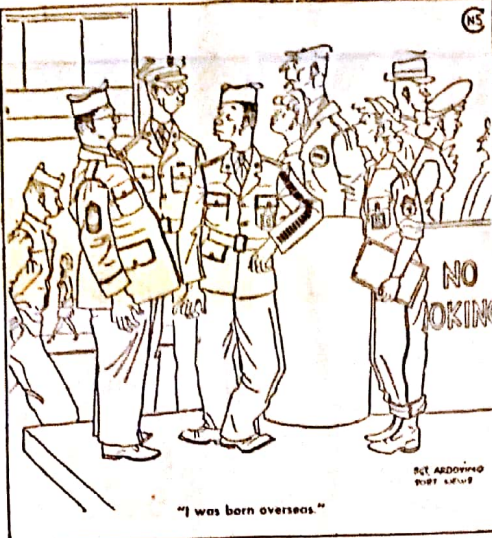
**Information and Education:** Greater efforts are being made to keep men informed and to give them a feeling of personal responsibility in the war.

## New Hollywood Pix Have Religious Theme

**HOLLYWOOD (ANS)**—Hollywood has suddenly got religion—but good. The success of "The Song of Bernadette," poignant story about nuns which won for Jennifer Jones on Academy Award, and the more recent triumph of Bing Crosby's "Going My Way" has started a spate of scripts with religious themes.

Just released was the screen version of A. J. Cronin's much-read novel "Keys of the Kingdom" with Gregory Peck in the role of the priest. In production by Frank Ross is "The Robe," Lloyd Douglas' best-seller. Director Mervyn LeRoy is procuring authentic data of costumes, folklore and biblical speech from the famed libraries of Notre Dame University, Union Theological Seminary, New York, and Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass.

"The Scarlet Lily," a prize-winning story of Mary Magdalene by Rev. Edward F. Murphy, S.S.J., which is in its third printing, has been bought for Technicolor production by David O. Selznick. Ingrid Bergman will be the star. George Pal is dickering for the rights to "The Virgin of Macarena," a Mexican folk story which long has figured in the ceremony preceding the Mexican bull fights. And Warner Brothers have obtained the screen privileges to "Four Men of God," the true story of four Army chaplains who gave up their life belts and went down when the transport Dorchester was torpedoed in the Atlantic early in the war.



## G. I. Shakespeare In China . . . . .

### Bended Knees

*Little Bones—*

*You cause me so much misery,  
I call for seven you come up three.*

*Haven't I always treated you right  
Kept you clean and nice and bright?*

*Dotted Cubes—*

*With your bouncing ironic behavior,  
I'm counting on you as my financial saviour.  
Treat me right now, and apologize.  
Oh! You did it again—snake eyes!*

*Little Dicies—*

*I'm down to my last ten,  
Promise me you won't do it again—  
Big digs! Okay, make 'em see stars!*

*You—you gave me box cars*

*Dear Wifey—*

*No fooling honey, believe me please,  
I lost it, I swear, on bended knees.  
Don't know just where or how or when  
But honey, I swear it won't happen again.*

—Pvt. Robert E. Mott

### CQ Report

*Three o'clock, and all is well—  
Smith and Jones have gone on guard,  
And now their footsteps die away.*

*The night is chill and many-starred,  
Within the tents in khaki rows,  
The soldier scores lie dreaming.*

*The little town sleeps on its hill  
And not a light is gleaming.  
This is a hushed and quiet hour—*

*Slumber, soldiers—dream and smile;  
Rest, ye weary, war-torn town  
I will watch with God awhile.*

—Sgt. Virgil Scott

### Appreciation

*And if I live to see again  
The land I claim by birth  
My eyes will surely rest upon  
The grandest place on earth,  
For I will see her rivers,  
Her mountains and her plains  
And I will think of men I knew*

*In agony—in pain,  
Men who shaped her destiny  
With courage tried and true;  
Men who gave unselfishly;  
Men I'm proud I knew.*

*And if I live to see again,  
Those wondrous Yankee shores,  
My wanderings will have taught me  
To love her all the more.*

—Pvt. Larry Scheibez

## Radio-Banned Song Jumps Into "Big Ten"

**(ANS)**—The biggest change in the popular song lineup in early February was the splashing of "Rum and Coca Cola" right in its sixth place despite a ban on it by the major networks because of its suggestive lines and juke box sales more than made up for the lack of radio plugs for the calypso type number written by Morley Amsterdam after a USO show tour in Trinidad.

"Don't Fence Me In," Cole Porter's western, continued to top the list, with "Accentuate the Positive," by Johnny Mercer and Harold Arlen moving into second place, and the melodic "I Dream of You" into third. The Sammy Cahn-Jule Styne opus, "There Goes That Song Again," slipped to fourth and another sentimental song, "Sweet Dreams, Sweetheart," by Ted Koehler and M. K. Jerome, continued in fifth place. "The Trolley Song," which had changed along on top for several weeks, moved further down the line to seventh. Next came "That's an Irish Lullaby," "I'm Making Believe" and "Eveline."



Q. Will you please settle the argument as to how decoration ribbons should be worn? Most discussion seems to center around the Good Conduct Medal and the American Defense Ribbon.

A. We've done this before, but we'll do it again, for what we hope is the last time. AR 600-40 (para 69) prescribes the manner in which decorations shall be worn. We quote: "The Medal of Honor is worn pendant from the ribbon placed around the neck outside the shirt collar and inside the coat collar, the medal proper hanging over the necktie near the collar. Distinguished Service Cross (Army), Navy Cross (Navy), Distinguished Service Medal (Army), Distinguished Service Medal (Navy), Legion of Merit, Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Soldier's Medal (Army), Navy and Marine Corps Medal, Bronze Star, Air Medal, Purple Heart, Gold Life-Saving Medal (Treasury Department), Silver Life-Saving Medal (Treasury Department), Good Conduct Medal (Army), Good Conduct Medal (Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard), in that order of precedence followed by service medals in order of the date of service performed, will be worn on the left breast in order from right to left of the wearer about 4 inches below the middle point of the top of the shoulder, in one or more lines. When more than one line is worn, the lines will overlap."

Q. Does the cavalry still maintain mounted troops or is it all mechanized? If they do still maintain mounted troops are OCS applications being accepted for it?

A. There are some units of horse cavalry and, although there is no OCS for horse cavalry, applications are being accepted for mechanized cavalry (armored force).

### HE COULDN'T WAIT

FT. MEADE, MD. (CNS)—A GI who recently arrived at the Separation Center here, went AWOL while awaiting his discharge from

## HOLLYWOOD BROADWAY

**(ANS)**—The newest musical to hit Broadway has Manhattan's 800-acre backyard—Central Park—for its locale. The settings are in the 1870's and Noah Berry, Sr. has been borrowed from Hollywood to play the role of Boss Tweed, whose ill-famed political machinations are a plot basis. "Up In Central Park" got a good critics reception, though some found it a bit slow in developing. The veteran Sigmond Romberg wrote the music, traditional Romberg tunes. Dorothy Fields did the lyrics. The pleasing mannered and pleasant-voiced Wilbur Evans, who was in the original "Mexican Hayride" cast, has the male lead. Grabbing a big share of plaudits is a comparatively newcomer, a little upstart named Maureen Cannon, who got some early stage upbringing in Summer operetta series in St. Louis. "The Fireman's Bride," "The Big Back Yard" and "It Doesn't Cost You Anything To Dream" are among the top tunes. Central Park is a natural retreat around which Broadway and all New York's modernity detours. "Up In Central Park" is a "natural" bound to advance for months to come.

Artie Shaw bounded back on Broadway and found the bobby-soxers awaiting him despite near-zero weather. He had been on the road trying out a new band he recruited. Miss Gloria Swanson, oldtime "Miss Gandy" star, made a long deferred debut on Broadway in "A Goose for the Gander." The critics took one long gander at it and gave it a ducking. Veteran film actor Warner Baxter is chairman of the ration board in the Malibu Beach area, near Hollywood, whose residents fags from beachcombers to Bing Crosby from beachcombers to Bing Crosby with Ingrid Bergman for a film version of "The Bells of St. Mary's."

"Psycho" pictures are popping up. "Psychoanalysis is the theme of 'I'll Be Seeing You,' Ginger Rogers' latest. Featured with her are Joseph Cotten and Shirley Temple in her first almost-grown-up role. Holy Lamarr goes into her first period picture in "Experiment Perilous" set in the early 1900's. She's the wife of a psycho-neurotic husband (Paul Lukas) who goes green-eyed when she so much as looks at another man. It might be more fun getting eyes blackened.

For the record: Screen star Rosalind Russell has 37 costume changes in the filming of "Roughly Speaking." Variety, no doubt. Cecil Brown, Mutual network commentator, has been signed for another year of newscasting.

"Carry On, Brother, Carry On," by Corp. Howard Phillips and Sgt. Bob Carroll, of the Army Air Forces, was introduced by Perry Como, singing star of an NBC program. Corp. Phillips is formerly of Ray Noble's orchestra and Sgt. Carroll was with Dave Rose's aggregation. Humphrey Bogart and Eleanor Parker will be costarred in "Confidential Agent" based on Graham Greene's novel. Humphrey, incidentally, is reported by a feminine columnist as having been chosen by "The Apple Pickers of Oregon" as the "Apple of Their Eye." But the source from which it stems is questionable.

Dummies seem to be doing well on the radio. There's a report that Edgar Bergen and his saucy Charlie McCarthy may do a legitimate stage show. Edgar and Charlie were on the old Keith circuit before radio began to keep some people home nights. The newest big-time ventriloquist, Paul Winchell, is clicking with his chatty dummy Jerry Mahoney on Sammy Kaye's program over Mutual.

## American Soldiers Form Arctic Club

**NEW YORK (Air Mail)**—To qualify for membership in a club called the "Arctic Blues," American soldiers in Greenland must have flown over the Arctic ice-cap. They must also be able to hear "ice-worms" bark. Longtime Greenland recruits declare the worms crawl into porous stones to shelter from the cold; when the wind howls, seasoned veterans assert the worms can be heard to bark.

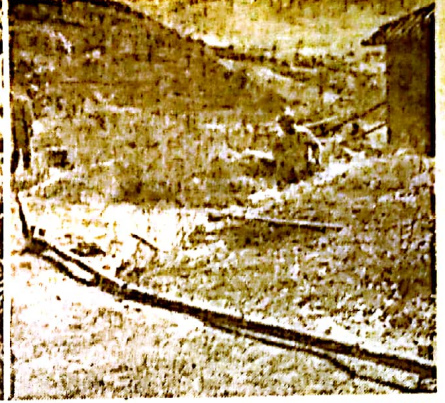
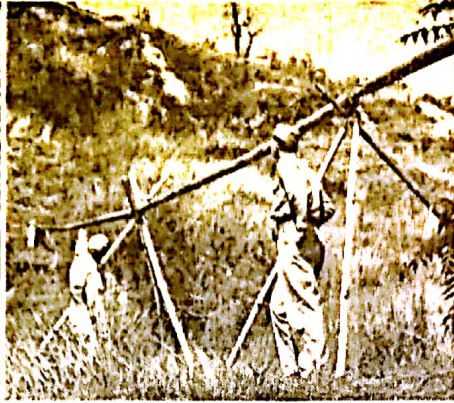
Members must also be able to endure the "Greenland stare"—a malady caused by the freezing of moisture in the eyes, making it impossible to blink. Finally, they must promise not to brush "snow-buns" from their coats onto the clothing of anyone else. "Snow-buns," the soldiers say, "crawl in the garments of anyone exposed too long to Arctic blizzards."

## CUTIES :: By E. Simms Campbell



"He was bashful at first, but after he saw I had a Justice-of-the-Peace and two policemen with me—he proposed immediately!"





### Bamboo "Little Inch"

Using bamboo to save metal pipe and vitally needed cargo space over the Hump, US Army Engineers on duty with the "Y" Force in Yunnan Province improvise a

bamboo "little inch" water-line. LEFT: Calking a joint in the water-line are Sgt. Omar E. Couger, left, Graham, Tex., and S/Sgt. Horace M. Brown of Kansas City, Mo. CENTER: "Little inch" is supported across a defile by a trestle also made of bamboo. RIGHT: Over a fairly smooth decline the water-line is staked to keep each joint

ridged and wooden pegs are driven into the small holes in the bamboo to stop leaks. In addition to releasing coolies from carrying water to carrying other supplies, the "little inch" kept from calling on the "homefront" for 800 feet of metal pipe and saved 878 lbs. of cargo space, enough for 7,500 rounds of .30 caliber ammunition.

### "Don't Fence Me In" Roams Top Hit Tunes

(ANS) — Cole Porter's catchy western, "Don't Fence Me In," continued to ride high and unchallenged on the range of current song hits in late January. The song, written back in the mid-thirties and kept corralled until last Fall, is the top favorite based on radio reports, band-leader choices and record, sheet music and jukebox sales.

The more melodic, "There Goes That Song Again," by Sammy Cann and Jute Styne moved to second place with the Johnny Mercer-Harold Arlen number, "Accentuate the Positive," third. The sentimental, "I Dream of You," continued to hold fourth. The Trolley Song slipped down to sixth to make way for "Sweet Dreams, Sweetheart," by Ted Koehler and M. K. Jerome. Next came, "I'm Making Believe," "That's An Irish Lullaby" and "I Don't Want to Love You." A newcomer in tenth place is the fetching "Evalina" from the new Broadway musical, "Bloomer Girl."

### Historic US Documents Returned To Capital

WASHINGTON:—The US Library of Congress last week announced that the original documents of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States, which were among the historic British and American records stored in the gold vaults of Fort Knox, Ky. for safe keeping shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor, have been returned to the capital.

Also stored in Fort Knox were copies of the Magna Carta and the Gutenberg Bible; sent by the British Government; the original of the articles of the United States Confederation; and the autographed copy of Abraham Lincoln's second inaugural address and two autographed drafts of his Gettysburg address.

### Barry Fitzgerald Gets 2 Hollywood "Oscars"

HOLLYWOOD:—The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences nominated Barry Fitzgerald for two "Oscars" for his performance in "Going My Way." The 56-year-old actor was proposed for the best 1944 performance by an actor and the best performance by a supporting actor in the first double nomination in the Academy's history. "Going My Way" was picked as one of the year's five best pictures.

It's star, Bing Crosby, was also nominated for the best acting award, and its director, Leo McCarey, for the year's best directing. Other pictures nominated were "Double Indemnity," "Gallant," "Since You Went Away" and "Wilson."

### Reed College Men To Get Book For Asking

PORTLAND, OREGON (ANS) —An anonymous Reed College donor has set up a fund to provide a book for every former student now in the armed forces.

The plan provides that servicemen indicate their choice of book from a list of 20 chosen by the faculty committee as "Book I would most like to have in a Fox hole."

### Foot Notes . . . With Pointers



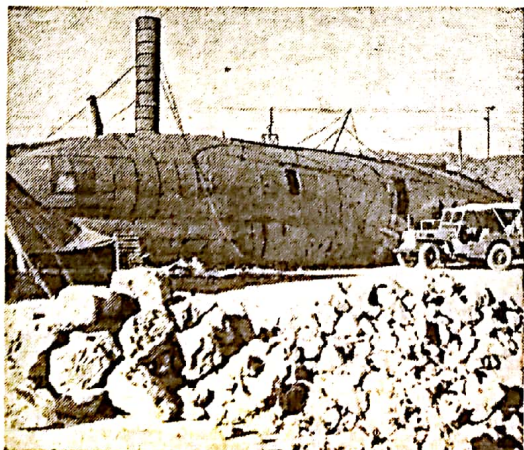
Pfc. William Carroll, Philadelphia, Pa., argues out the merits of the GI brogan vs. the sandal with a Chinese soldier at his ATC base in China. Carroll works in the Tech Supply section and has been with the ICD-ATC in China for 14 months.—(ICD-ATC photo.)

### K-9 CANINES EQUIPPED WITH MASKS BY CWS

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Chemical Warfare Service has adopted a dog gas mask, weighing 2.1 pounds which affords protection against chlorine, phosgene and other choking gases and will fit 97 percent of all war dogs. Nomenclature: Mask, Gas, Dog, M6-12-8.

COLUMBUS, O. (ANS)—Patrolman Guy Dowler is no more modest than the average policeman, but when he tells of his deeds he is somewhat overdramatic. While relating to city clerk office employees a cutting he had investigated during the night, Dowler whipped out his penknife, made a slashing motion with it—and inflicted a four-inch gash along his jaw.

### Club 46 Complete With Heat



Men of a China ATC Base have fashioned the salvaged fuselage of a wrecked C-46 into a combination mail-room, day-room and snack bar. A partition divides the tail from the rest of the former spacious Hump flyer, and there mail is sorted and distributed. The center section is a day-room with writing tables and books, and the nose contains a snack-bar complete with stove, service counter and stools.—(ICD-ATC photo.)

### Edward Arnold Flays DeMille Union Stand

HOLLYWOOD (ANS):—Actor Edward Arnold, refuting film director Cecil DeMille on the question of payment of a one dollar union assessment which DeMille refused to pay to the American Federation of Radio Artists, said this week in a radio address that the producer "has discovered his own private economic philosophy is in conflict with the majestic march of the working men and women towards a prosperous and abundant tomorrow."

Commenting on the fact that DeMille gave up a \$5,000 weekly radio show rather than pay the union assessment because it allegedly violated his democratic union assessment which DeMille "never attended a meeting of his union in all six years of his affiliation" and that DeMille's "voice was not heard when the question of assessment was being democratically discussed and voted upon."

### New Security Research Board Organized In US

NEW YORK, Feb. 15:—Twenty-five civilian scientists with an equal number of Army and Navy experts will compose the membership of a new research board for national security, the formation of which was announced jointly by US Secretaries Stimson and For-estal and Dr. Frank Jewett, president of the National Academy of Science.

This follows a recommendation that a committee be established to concentrate on post-war research thus enabling Congress to refer to a permanent agency that would have charge of the scientific development of war weapons for any future conflict.

The board will service in the interim between the expiration of the wartime Office of Scientific Research and the development of the new agency.

### \$30 Eggs Stand On End In Chungking

CHUNGKING:—Columbus wagged the King of Spain that the latter could not stand an egg on end. If he had been in China on the 21st day of the 12th moon this year from 1130 hrs. until about 1300 hrs. he would have lost the bet.

Old Chinese almanacs set aside a few hours on a certain day of every 12th moon when eggs will stand on end. February 6th was the day this year and eggs stood on end.

According to Chinese folklore, the hour and a half on this particular day marks the transition from winter to spring. It is the time, Chinese believe, when death, represented by winter, begins to be overcome by life, represented by spring.

NOTE: Eggs in Chungking today cost 30 Chinese dollars each.

### "MORALE OFFICERS" FOR CHINESE ARMY

CHUNGKING, Feb. 15:—For the first time in history a non-Christian nation is placing Christian chaplains with her armed forces.

President Chiang Kai-shek is himself a devout Christian, and he has just requested the national agency uniting most of the Chinese protestants to nominate 1,000 Christian workers to enter the Chinese Army as "morale officers."

### Kunming . . .

(Continued From Page 4) Hanoi in French Indo-China and even to-day a great many shops and business houses carry French signs over the doorways and on facades.

Today French influence is rapidly disappearing under the swamping influence of the United States. Kunming is changing swiftly. It has changed tremendously in the last ten years. How much will it change in the coming decade? Already it is the center of a vast network of communications by road and air. It is the focal point of a system of mighty airfields of which Kunming's main field is reputedly the busiest in the whole world. It is the new home for countless tens of thousands of refugees driven in from the conquered provinces of Chekiang, Kwantung, Kwangsi. It has, in this last week, become again the terminus of the vital Burma Road. It has become the center of industry and business. Ten years ago Kunming didn't have a single newspaper, to-day it has six dailies. It is a great crossroads for armies on the move—steering along stretching roads to and from the western front beyond the Salween from northern war areas, backward and forward between Kunming and the vital eastern front where only a few weeks ago the Japs were driving toward Kunming itself, moving down rutted roads to the southward and the silent, tense mystery of Indo-China frontier.

Over the great green bowl of Kunming valley, combat aircraft fly endlessly—shark-nosed fighters and big bombers. And in sheltered valleys and satellite villages the simple people of China go on with their lives as they have for countless centuries—plodding wet paddies behind shambling water buffaloes, bringing up precious water by treadmill, leading their pack a trains of mules and tiny Mongolian ponies along traffic thronged roads, choking narrow lanes with the constant bustle of a conglomeration of humanity that never seems to stand still—peddlars with toys and joss sticks and sweetmeats, food vendors crying their wares and beating their tiny metal cymbals far into the night, rickshaw coolies chanting their toneless songs, peasants and beggars and slim rouged girls with skirts split to their thighs, hurrying through the crowds. Booths with silveramiths busy behind windows screened with red paper through which lights shine dimly, the tap of hammers and rasp of saws in the street of coffin makers, the smell of incense and shrill wailing of fiddles and clashing of bruzen gongs. And the drone of aircraft, rumble of huge military trucks, the rattle of jeeps and crunch of mashing feet.

In view of the last ten years of Kunming's history, who would predict the next ten? But at least the city of Bright Omen in the land of the Southern Cloud will never again be merely China's barbaric, primitive Siberia.

### Italian School Children Get Revamped Text Books

Italy (CNS)—The Allied Commission in Italy has printed 1,000,000 textbooks for a re-education campaign designed to remove Fascist doctrines and ideology from the minds of Italian children. In order to expunge Fascist dogma, it was necessary to completely rewrite a series of textbooks used in the elementary schools, while 750 books used in secondary schools were eliminated or edited.



# COMMAND POST COMIC PAGE

## Private Bregar Abroad By Dave Bregar



"He's been ordered to the front!"

## LIFE'S LIKE THAT By Fred Neher



"You can't make a little attention... after all, he listened for airplanes... you tell how you captured the Argentinian President!"

## SIDE GLANCES—By Galbraith



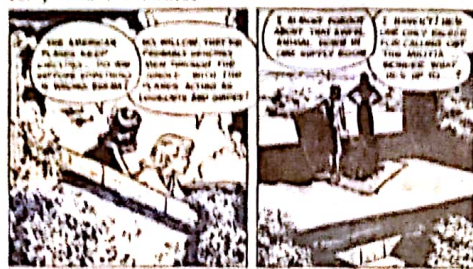
"And I never want to see you again as long as I live—sir!"

## ALL IN A LIFETIME



Popular people

## Terry And The Pirates



## Disgrace On The Supplyroom Floor

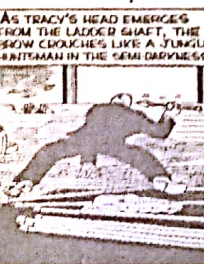
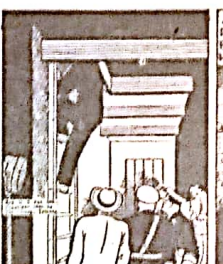


## Blondie



## It Can't Be Beat

## Dick Tracy



## Spear Man

## Napoleon And Uncle Elby



## Sometimes The Real Thing's Not That Good



## Male Call

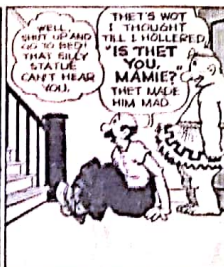
by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



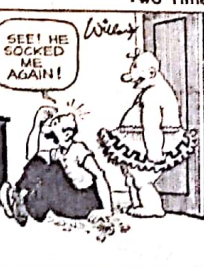
## Is He Trapped Or Is She A Mouse?



## Moon Mullins



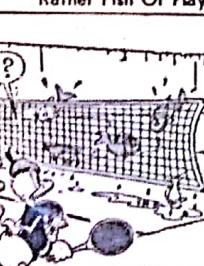
## Two Timer



## Donald Duck



## Rather Fish Or Play?



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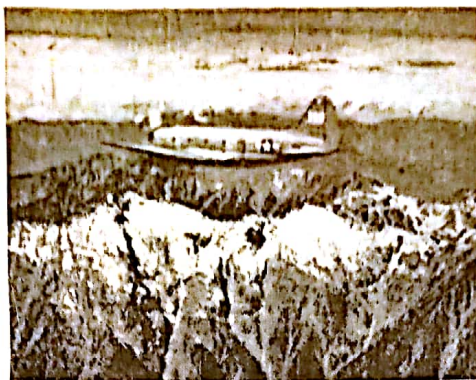


# WORLD EVENTS IN PICTURES



## Hewn Out Of The Mountain

Striking aerial view of a section of the newly-opened Stilwell Road, photographed east of Wanking on the Burma-China border by a photographer of the USAAF Tenth Combat Camera Unit. (AAF photo).



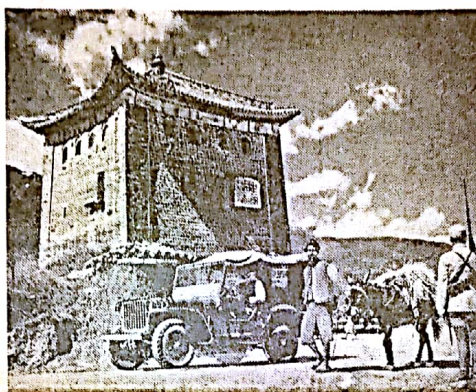
## The Rock Pile

Recent view of the Hump, one of the world's most treacherous air routes over which is flown an ever increasing flow of supply from India to China. Referred to as "the Rock Pile" by pilots it is usually enveloped in mist.



## Easy To Take

Supposed to have enough energy for five average people (is that good?), Adele Mara's drum beaters are hailing her as the Vitamin Girl. Currently appearing in Columbia's "Good Luck, Mr. Yates," Adele—her press agent says—fills in most of her spare time entertaining visiting service men. What are we, civilians?



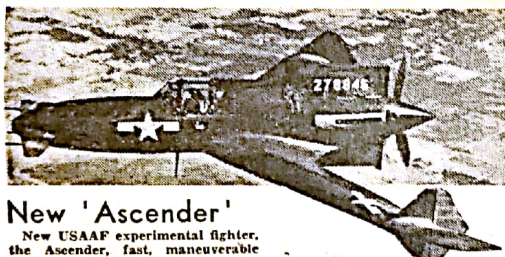
## Old And New

Hard working mules and the rugged, versatile jeeps have both added their bit to the construction of the China-India road. Here the two pass along the Road somewhere in China. A typical oriental style blockhouse forms the background and on the right a Chinese soldier stands guard. (Signal Corps photo.)



## Manila Commander

Maj.-Gen. Robert S. Beightles, commander of the US 37th Infantry Division, elements of which entered Manila, capital of the Philippines, early this month. Two days after the original entry, three American divisions had surrounded the Japanese in the city. (Radiophoto.)



## New 'Ascender'

New USAAF experimental fighter, the Ascender, fast, maneuverable and with a high rate of climb, the plane carries a gun in its nose. The position of the engine, propeller and wing surfaces behind the pilot and "tail" fins in front of him constitute a revolution in plane design and give the impression that the plane is flying backwards. (Radiophoto) file.



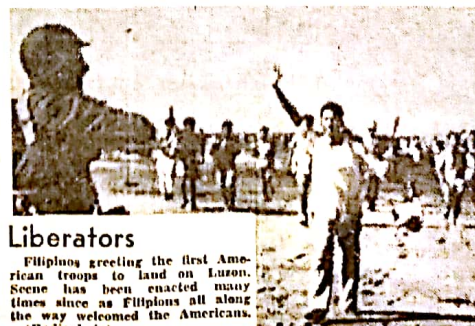
## Seventh Army Approaches Reich

War machines of the Seventh US Army rolled toward the German border in the area of Wissembourg. The Seventh was the 7th Allied Army to cross the border; the US First, Third and Ninth Armies and the British Second Army were already battling in Germany.

## Life Can Be Beautiful



1243 AAF-BU, CHINA—Sweet oblivion to the cares of this wicked world. These two ICD-ATC pups pick out a nice comfortable spot on their master's fur flying jacket, worrying not a bit about the woeful lack of dry cleaning facilities in China, and calmly new on each other under the warm Yunnan sun.



## Liberators

Filipinos greeting the first American troops to land on Luzon. Scene has been enacted many times since as Filipinos all along the way welcomed the Americans. —(Radiophoto)..



## Jubilant Filipinos

A happy group of Filipinos in New York celebrating shortly after the announcement that American troops entered Manila. Troops of the First Cavalry Division entered Manila on the night of February 4, pushed to the north bank of the Pasig and captured the civil internment camp at Santo Tomas. (Radiophoto)