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NAZI RETREAT CHAOTIC

Russians Capture Gdynia; Only 60 Miles From Vienna

MOSCOW, March 29:—Gdynia has been captured by the Red Army, Marshal Stalin announced in an Order of the Day.

Gorna and Sarvar important railway junctions covering the road to the Austrian frontier, were captured by the Red Army on Wednesday when they forced the River Raba.

Two Danube towns—Komarom, 43 miles north-west of Budapest on the Czechoslovak border and Gyor, 26 miles east of the Austrian frontier have also been captured by the Red Army.

The German Radio on Wednesday reported a new German withdrawal at Stettin on the Eastern Front. "The under line of the Stettin bridgehead has been withdrawn, according to plan," the report said. "The harbor is now empty and deserted. The town is being shelled by Russian guns."

The Red Air Force to-day carried the war over the Austrian frontier as advanced ground forces broke through to within a little over 60 miles from Vienna. Only 20 miles now lie between the Russians and the Austrian frontier.

Wednesday's Soviet communique says that south-west of Koenigsberg the Red Army continued fighting for destruction of the remnants of the German units in the western part of Danzig was captured after stiff fighting.

The German Overseas News Agency on Wednesday night reported that Russian forces had occupied Lebus on the Oder west bank, seven miles north of Frankfurt on Oder.

"German troops are being subjected to a fierce three-hour artillery barrage from Russian forces which have occupied the town," said the German report.

Marshal Stalin's Order, which is addressed to Marshal Rokossovsky, says "troops of the Second White Russian Command on Wednesday carried by assault the town of Gdynia, important naval base and large port on the Baltic.

"During the fighting for Gdynia our troops took about 9,000 prisoners and captured a large quantity of booty."

This latest advance was by powerful armored forces which are now storming the Lower Raba—the last water barrier before the frontier—and are battling on near the approaches to the key railway junction of Gyor.

Marshals Tolbukhin and Malinovsky have broadened their front against Austria and Vienna to an arc nearly 100 miles.

I EXPECT FIRST ARMY TO LICK EVERYBODY

WITH THE 1ST ARMY.—Gen. Eisenhower, supreme Allied commander, told Gen. Hodges, First Army commander:

"I expect the First Army to lick everybody they come up against. They did it all the way across France and I see no reason why they should stop on the road to Berlin."

Eisenhower talked at the hill top hotel at which Neville Chamberlain stayed for the Godesberg talks—the first installment of Munich in 1938.

ETO TROOPS TO GO TO PACIFIC

FREMONT, OHIO (ANS):—The end of the war in Europe will see thousands of soldiers who are veterans of combat in that theater transferred to the Pacific, Maj-Gen. Fred L. Walker, commandant of the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga., said Sunday.

The general made the statement at ceremonies dedicating a park and swimming pool in honor of the late Pvt. Rodger W. Young.

Walker said, "redeployment will be hard on our combat soldiers but they have shown they are made of stuff that can withstand hardship." Veteran troops must be sent to Asiatic theater because of mounting casualties and because battle-hardened troops are better than those being trained as replacements, he said. Young, the subject in a current song, was awarded the Congressional Medal, posthumously, for deliberately drawing Japanese fire and saving his platoon in New Georgia.

PATTON DEFENDS YANKS' TANKS

WASHINGTON (ANS):—Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., has fired a high velocity volley of words and figures at "certain misguided or perhaps deliberately mendacious individuals" who criticize American tanks. The War Department made public the letter from the Third Army commander to Lt. Gen. Thomas T. Handy, deputy chief of staff, in which Patton answered the charges that American tanks are not comparable with the German Panther or Tiger tanks.

This, said Patton "is wholly incorrect for several reasons." He said since last August, German tank losses have been virtually double to those of the Third Army—2,287 to 1,136. "These figures of themselves refute any inferiority of our tanks but let me add that the Third Army has always attacked and therefore better than 70 per cent of our tank casualties have occurred from dug-in anti-tank guns and not enemy tanks whereas the majority of enemy tanks have been put out by our tanks," he said.

Patton conceded that if the American Sherman medium tank were to engage in a fixed place duel with the Tiger medium "it would not last." But, he insisted, the purpose of the American tank is not to engage in a slugging match but to attack from the rear.



TEN TONNER—First photograph to reach China of the RAF's new ten-ton bomb. This one is just coming off the filling line.

CHINA REPS TO 'FRISCO LISTED

CHUNGKING, March 29:—China will be represented at the San Francisco Conference by ten delegates, including the Foreign Minister Mr. T. V. Soong, the Ambassador in London, Dr. Wellington Koo, the Secretary General of the Supreme National Defence Council, Wang Hung Hui, the Ambassador in America, Mr. W. Tomang Taoming, a former Ambassador to America, Mr. Hu Shih, and Mr. Hu Lin, member of the 1944 goodwill mission to Britain.

Leaders of the Chinese National Socialist Party and the Chinese Youth Party and one communist, and also Miss Wu Fiyang, president of Gingling College have been included in the delegation. Mr. Alfred Sze, ex-Ambassador to America has been appointed senior adviser.

LLOYD GEORGE DIES IN LONDON AT 82

LONDON:—Earl Lloyd George, veteran statesman who led Britain to victory in World War I, died Monday at the age of 82.

Born in Manchester of Welsh parents, David Lloyd George grew up in Wales and qualified as a lawyer. In 1890, at the age of 27, he entered the House of Commons and held his seat for 54 years.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT NO LONGER IN BERLIN?

BERNE, March 29:—Political quarters here state that the German government has officially left Berlin and withdrawn to an unspecified place. Gestapo headquarters has moved to Constance on the Swiss frontier.

Entire Western Defense Line Eliminated; Flee Rhine Areas

LONDON, March 29:—Third Army troops have advanced seven miles to clear nine towns. They have made another crossing of the Rhine between Boppard and Worms.

American First Army forces on Wednesday rolled to within 225 miles of Berlin in the area of Giessen, 60 miles east of the Rhine.

British troops have driven into the town of Dorsten on the Lippe Canal and 25 miles from the Rhine.

DRAFT EXTENDED ANOTHER YEAR

WASHINGTON (ANS):—The House Military Affairs Committee Thursday unanimously approved extending the draft law for one year beyond the present May 15th expiration date. The Committee placed no restriction on the policy of putting teenage inductees in combat with five months of training if necessary after Maj-Gen. I. Edwards, assistant chief of staff in charge of training, told members that the use of teen-agers may have averted stalemate in the war.

Without disclosing the exact figures, Maj-Gen. Stephen G. Henry, assistant chief of staff in charge of personnel, said there were relatively few troops in the United States qualified for combat duty. Many of those here have been returned under rotation system, he said, while others are new troops in training.

REPORT KERAMA LANDINGS BY US

NEW YORK, March 29:—A Tokyo broadcast heard here yesterday said: "American forces have finally effected landings in the Kerama group (Ryukyu group between Japan and Formosa) and that Japanese forces are continuing their gallant battle against them."

The radio added that the troops who landed on Tokashiki Island were repulsed but that on Aka the Americans put reinforcements ashore.

There is still no Allied confirmation of the landing by American troops in the Ryukyus. The Kerama Islands are four hundred miles from Kyushu the most southerly of the Japanese home islands.

SOME GIs TO COME HOME AFTER VICTORY IN EUROPE

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Although the most difficult shipping problem of the war will follow cessation of hostilities in Germany, the Army will bring some of the troops in Europe back to the United States for furloughs before they are re-assigned or discharged. That was disclosed by Lt. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell, Chief of Army Service Forces. Other troops, mostly service troops, will be moved directly from Europe to the Orient.

Dorsten is on the Lippe river about 12 miles north of Essen.

Pilots of the Second Tactical Air Force returning from flights over the German rear on Wednesday reported a general German retreat east of the Rhine.

The retreat in many areas, they said, has the appearance of a rout with German columns fleeing helter skelter eastwards.

The whole German western defence line has been eliminated and Kesselring's armies are in a general retreat, according to dispatches from the battlefield on Wednesday. In some areas well east of the Rhine it is a rout, and it is now extremely doubtful whether the Germans can recover even if Hoyle's ability to offer job of best organized resistance and crew

The German News Agency reported here stated that the streets of Mannheim opposite Ludwigshafen on the Rhine.

The Agency added that the area of the fighting was the northern suburbs of Mannheim.

First Army tanks making a 10-mile dash reached Giessen, 33 miles north of Frankfurt and Belinhausen, 8 miles further north, at a point 69 miles east of the Rhine on the great south-north highway connecting Frankfurt with Hanover and the port of Bremen.

Sensational progress lies hidden by the continued black-out over movements of the First Army's very powerful armored task force.

Close air support for the armor is described as "non-productive" because there is no German resistance. Tank do not seem to need any help. There are no signs of road blocks or German concentrations.

At the other end of Field Marshal Montgomery's front the Ninth United States Army pushing in all directions against moderate opposition is virtually in the outskirts of the great Rhine port of Duisburg.

Gen. Hodges has linked up with Gen. Patton's bridgehead at Boppard south of Coblenz, has captured Weillburg, 40 miles due east of the Rhine, and is nearing Giessen, 60 miles east of the river against even less than token resistance.

Gen. Patton's Fourth Armored Division is clearing up the Frankfurt-Hannau area and the Third Infantry Division is fighting in the western end of Frankfurt itself. Other units are battling inside Aschaffenburg, 23 miles to the south-east.

With the Third United States Army exploiting the north bank of the Rhine west of Mainz a continuous bridgehead from Bonn to Mannheim is imminent—a distance of well over a hundred miles.

SOUTH YUNNAN SECRET CHINESE ARMY PLANS OFFENSIVE

KUNMING, March 29:—A secret army commander whose name can not be revealed but who is described as "one of China's ablest generals" has been put in charge of the Chinese armies stationed "somewhere in southern Yunnan".

Some of China's best armies, including veteran units which fought from Tairchwang to Hankow are now grouped under his single command here.

Gen. Ho Yingchin, chief of the General Staff of the Chinese Army, and Maj-Gen. Robert B. McClure, Commanding General of Chinese Combat Command, have just been touring this area and it is disclosed that at one point they were within 15 miles of the French Indo-China border. No details of their tour have been made public for reasons of military security but it may be said that they covered about 850 miles travelling in jeeps, trains, on horseback and on foot.

It is understood that the tour had been planned long in advance—before the recent Japanese move to disarm the French and Annamite troops in Indo-China—but what the two generals have seen or heard will certainly have bearings on offensive plans they have made or may make for the future.

Wherever Gen. Ho Yingchin and Gen. McClure went they tried to drill confidence into the minds of the Chinese soldiers who have for so long been facing a better equipped foe. The Chief of the Chinese General Staff told them "only offensive can lead us to victory—we must prepare now for the task ahead."

It is without question that the secret general's command is as-

suming importance never before felt so keenly as to-day in view of developments in the Pacific and on the south border. His troops there guarding "China's side-door" are earmarked to receive some American equipment already in China and are now being re-organized and trained in modern warfare technique in preparation for the day of full battle.

Generalissimo Goes Visiting

China Chief Sees 14th AF, SOS, CTC

Visiting southwestern China early this week, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek had as his hosts a number of high ranking American officers including Maj.-Gen. C. L. Chennault, commanding general, Fourteenth Air Force; Maj.-Gen. G. X. Cheves, commanding general, Services of Supply, CTC; and Col. John W. Middleton, commanding officer of the Chinese Training Center.

Addressing Gen. Chennault and the staff officers of the headquarters, Air Service Command, ATC and combat wings of the Fourteenth, the Generalissimo said:

"You have established in the past few years an enviable record and have dealt severe blows to the enemy."

"I have come here particularly to-day to greet you in person and to offer thanks for the good work you have done."

Later the Generalissimo visited the SOS headquarters of Maj.-Gen. G. X. Cheves and discussed some of the supply problems linked up with military operations in China. Cheves reaffirmed his determination to be assistance wherever possible.

At SOS, the Generalissimo also met Col. Mason H. Lucas, chief of staff of the Chinese SOS, and Lt. Col. A. J. Grictus, chief of staff, USEF, SOS, CTC, as well as other members of the two staffs.

At the Chinese Training Center, the Generalissimo paid high tribute to US Army personnel for teaching modern methods of warfare to Chinese soldiers. He said that results of the teaching are already evident and that American training will inevitable bring about the defeat of the common enemy.

The Generalissimo was welcomed to the Chinese Training Center by Col. John W. Middleton.

Among CTC installations visited by the Chinese leaders were the General Staff School, the Infantry Training School and the Interpreters School.

Wearing a military cape over his smartly cut uniform, the Generalissimo impressed all the Americans at the Chinese Training Center with his soldierly bearing, but surprised many of the "Maygaws" with his affable, democratic manner. He stopped to pose for pictures for GIs as readily as for the official Signal Corps lensmen covering the inspection trip.

One GI who asked him to "hold it" while he snapped a close-up of the smiling 'Gissimo, exclaimed: "Why, he's as good a scout as Jinx Falkenburg!"

Which is about the highest praise any individual can receive from an American soldier in China.

Following his visit to the Chinese Training Center, the Generalissimo returned by plane to Chungking.



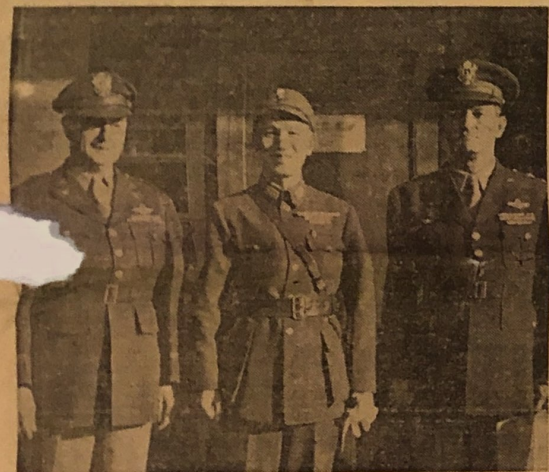
ABOVE: The Generalissimo departing from the base of an East China Wing of the Fourteenth Air Force, where he was welcomed by Col. Clayton E. Claassen, wing commander. The Generalissimo spoke to the men and praised their accomplishments in the China war. LEFT: Brig.-Gen. Albert F. Hegenberger, chief of staff, Fourteenth Air Force, the Generalissimo, and Maj.-Gen. C. L. Chennault.



ABOVE: At SOS headquarters in Kunming, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek autographs a picture for Maj.-Gen. G. X. Cheves, right, while Maj.-Gen. C. L. Chennault, left, looks on. The Chinese leader expressed keen interest in supply problems.



ABOVE: The Generalissimo accompanied by Gen. Chien Ta Chau, personal chief of staff; Lt.-Gen. Tu Li-ming and Gen. Wei Li-huang, inspect troops of the youth army. RIGHT: GI and officer camera fans train their lenses on the distinguished visitors. BELOW: Addressing a portion of the new student volunteer army.



Chinese SOS Names 7 Area Commanders

HQ. CHINESE SOS, KUNMING.—Rapid progress in the organization of the field force of the Chinese Services of Supply is being made, it was indicated this week when Maj.-Gen. G. X. Cheves, commanding general of Services of Supply for US Forces in China, announced appointment of seven Area Chinese SOS Commanders with approval of Gen. Ho Ying-chin, supreme commander of Chinese Forces.

The Chinese SOS was organized only a few weeks ago with headquarters here as an integrated organization of Chinese and American officers and enlisted men to develop a modern supply system for the Chinese Army.

Several advances have already been made in food program, transportation, and the adaptation of American methods to many Chinese Army supply problems.

The seven Area Commanders of Chinese SOS appointed include Maj.-Gen. Lung Tsen-hui, Maj.-Gen. Chen Yin-chi, Lt.-Gen. Chen Yao-shien, Maj.-Gen. Chang Nai-heng, Maj.-Gen. Chiang Jui-ching, Lt.-Gen. Tuan Keh-chang, and Col. Wang Tse-chen.

Most of the Chinese SOS Area Commanders will have American deputies and associates to carry the integrated organization into the field forces.

Details of the headquarters and field organization of Chinese SOS are being worked out largely under the direction of Col. Mason H. Lucas, chief of staff, who holds the equivalent rank of major general in the Chinese Army.

EFM MIXUP CAUSES CHINA GI HEADACHE

AN ADVANCED AIR BASE, CHINA.—A soldier who wanted this story published "so my fiancée may believe me" has a sad, sad tale dealing with St. Valentine's Day and Expeditionary Force Messages.

The soldier, a member of the Chinese - American Composite Wing, Fourteenth Air Force, sent almost identical messages to his mother and his girl friend a few days before St. Valentine's Day. Both messages got through—at least the Chinese - American Composite Wing member thought so when he received a letter from his mother thanking him. Then came a letter from the fiancée: "There must have been some mistake. I received a message from you and it went something like this: You are my Valentine. Happy birthday greetings. I am well. Love. You are the finest mother in the world!"

CACW OP OFFICER GETS EAGLE AT 27

AN ADVANCED AIR BASE, CHINA.—Eugene L. Strickland, Arlington, Texas, operations officer of the Chinese-American Composite Wing, last week was promoted to the rank of Colonel at the age of 27. The eagle insignia was pinned on Col. Strickland by Brig.-Gen. Winslow C. Morse at the Composite Wing Headquarters.

Col. Strickland has been with the Composite Wing since July, 1943, when he came overseas and became squadron commander. In addition to leading both the Chinese and American pilots, he has been responsible for much of the advanced training given by the Chinese pilots, who have the wing one of the most outstanding organizations in World War II.

Col. Strickland has participated in 74 combat missions in his capacity as squadron commander. He has two confirmed victories in the air and four on the ground. In addition he has destroyed locomotives, shipping and land installations in sweeps against the Jap. He has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and the Purple Heart.

He entered the Army as a flying cadet in March, 1938 and was commissioned in February, 1939. In August of the same year he received a regular Army commission. Before coming overseas he was fighter section commander at the AAF Proving Grounds, Elgin Field, Fla. The Colonel served as CACW squadron commander until November, 1944, when he became operations officer.

MARCH ANNIVERSARY MONTH FOR 'RAIDERS'

March was anniversary month not only for The West China Raiders, but for several units within the one-year old Fighter Wing. The Golden Tigers, Yellow Scorpions and Dragonflies all celebrated "organizational day," early in the month. All are veteran fighter squadrons with a top-heavy scoreboard of missions flown against the Japanese in India, Burma and China.

Floods Continue In Tenn.-La. Area

MEMPHIS, TENN. (ANS).—Floods inundated additional thousands of acres of farm-land in west Tennessee and southeast Louisiana Tuesday and a new threat developed along the St. Francis River in southern Missouri and Arkansas. A growing break in Booths Point levee in Dyer County Tenn., sent the Mississippi pouring over some 30,000 acres and scores of families were evacuated without an incident.

Thirty families fled from their homes in the Vick area of Avoyelles Parish when a crevice occurred in the Red River levee, 30 miles southeast of Alexandria, La.

No weak spots had developed in the main levees along the lower Mississippi and with opening of 66 of 350 bays of Bonnet Carré spillway, the river was expected to be kept under 20 feet at New Orleans. The Mississippi reached four and eight tenths feet above flood stage at Memphis Monday and was two feet above flood level at New Orleans.

Colonel's 'Eagle' To Hospital Head

Aleksie A. Leonidoff, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., commanding officer of a station hospital near Kunming, was promoted from lieutenant-colonel to colonel this week, it was announced by the commanding general, China Theater.

Since his assignment as commanding officer of the station hospital, Col. Leonidoff has been outstanding in his supervision and planning of the rapidly expanding facilities there.

The Russian-born Col. Leonidoff was graduated from the Moscow University School of Medicine in 1916, and upon graduation accepted a commission as captain, and became medical officer of a field artillery unit. After serving a four-year hitch he was discharged as a lieutenant-colonel.

Coming to the United States, he set up medical practice in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and took training courses in specialized fields of medicine. He later accepted a commission in the Army of the United States as a major in the Medical Corp., and in less than a year's time was promoted to the rank of lieutenant-colonel.

Upon coming overseas in February, 1944, he was assigned as Medical Advisor to the Chinese Troops with the "Z" Forces. For his work with this command he has received the Bronze Star, the Certificate of Distinguished Service from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, and the "Spirit of Cooperation" Medal from a Chinese Artillery unit.

Nashville, Tenn. (CNS)—"Lipstick is a dangerous instrument," says a bill recently introduced in the Tennessee State legislature. The bill would prohibit use of the smeary stuff and fine users \$10,000.

Helicopters In Post-War RR Plan

DES MOINES (ANS).—Burlington Transportation Company last week proposed to carry persons living off the main transportation routes in Helicopters to trains and planes after the war.

Ralph Budd, president of Chicago Burlington and Quincy Railroad, of which Burlington Transportation Company is a subsidiary, presented a proposal before examiners of the Civil Aeronautics Board. Budd said Helicopters would land on the present C. B. and Q. station grounds and he believed it would be a definite public service to communities not on high speed transportation routes.

Stateside Stuff

HOLLYWOOD (ANS)—Actor Clark Gable was slightly injured in a traffic accident last Sunday and required hospital treatment for a leg laceration and chest injuries. The actor drove his auto over the curb and into a tree to avoid striking a machine traveling in the wrong direction, his studio said.

PITTSBURG (ANS)—After shooting a man in an argument over a dice game, a local resident running away wedged himself into the front seat of an automobile waiting for a red light to change. It was a police car.

WASHINGTON (ANS)—Wounded enlisted soldiers who have been returned from overseas with no appropriate assignment available may be discharged upon their request, the War Department announced this week. Wounded men may be retained in service if they request it provided their physical condition permits reasonable employment.

MANTEO, N.C. (ANS)—Two North Carolina fishermen did their bit over last week-end to alleviate the meat shortage netting 82,000 pounds of croakers in one haul and selling them for \$3,000.

NEW YORK (ANS)—Navy Capt. Oliver Wolford, 58, Sunday shot himself fatally in his room at an athletic club 30 minutes after firing three shots and slightly wounding his 20-year-old British born wife, Molly, at her hotel. He had been separated from his wife since last fall and she had asked for a divorce.

PALM SPRINGS, CAL. (ANS)—Al Jolson, 56-year-old singing film star, reached Palm Springs last week-end with his 22-year-old bride, Merle Galbath, studio extra. They were married Saturday afternoon near Yuma, Ariz., and remained here overnight and left Sunday for Beverly Hills, Miss Galbath, who formerly lived in Little Rock, Ark., is Jolson's fourth wife.

PORTLAND, ORE. (ANS)—Memories of prohibition days were revived here last week when a vice squad used sledge hammers to smash furniture and bar at a small night spot cited for fourth violation of midnight curfew. The police said it was the city's only consistent offender.

KILLDEER, N.D. (ANS)—Farmer Emil Hawkinson missed his dog nearly two months ago. Last Saturday he threw some debris into an abandoned well and heard a faint bark. He found the dog 60-feet down where he believes it had been imprisoned without food since falling into the well 50-days earlier. Hawkinson now has his pup on extra rations.

CHICAGO (ANS)—Veterans of the production front were forming a national organization last week to seek "equal rights with war veterans" in the reconversion period.

NEW YORK (ANS)—Leading nightclubs, restaurants, cafes and hotels in New York city voted last week to ignore Mayor LaGuardia's "extra hour of tolerance" extending the curfew on amusement places to one a.m. and to go along with the rest of the nation on midnight closing. They said that they appreciated Mayor LaGuardia's tolerance in allowing them an extra hour, but since Pres. Roosevelt had backed the 12 o'clock closing they would follow suit. The statement added, "Nor are we inclined to serve civilians when service is denied to men in uniform."

CHICAGO (ANS)—An article by three officers in the American Medical Association Journal said that last week that malaria victims often show false symptoms of syphilis when given venereal disease tests. They asserted that the factors responsible for the false symptoms appear in the blood but not in spinal fluids and recommended that a month should elapse after an acute malaria attacks before blood is taken for other tests.

SAN FRANCISCO (ANS)—Francis Van Wie, 58-year-old marrying street-car conductor, was found guilty of three counts of bigamy last week by a jury of nine men and three women which deliberated only ten minutes.

NEW YORK (ANS)—Sentenced to serve up to three years in prison for grand larceny, Marine Pvt. Anthony W. Angelo, 21, Pacific campaign veteran on leave, had his sentence suspended when Col. John Howland appealed to the court to return Angelo to duty. The request was granted when Howland said, "In view of his record, the Corps wants him back."

WASHINGTON (ANS)—The Navy Tuesday cut 72 combat ships from its building program. Plans for building 84 combat ships totaling 636,000 tons have been altered so that only 12 escort carriers included in that program will be built. They represent 150,000 tons.

TOPEKA, KANS. (ANS)—Eisenhower's home state wants him to be named as the representative of the fighting men at the peace table. A resolution asking the President to appoint Eisenhower is being circulated in the State House of Representatives.

SEATTLE (ANS)—The sergeant whose horseplay on a walkie-talkie radio provoked an hour-long celebration on Two Jima over false German surrender, cost him his sergeant's stripes, his wife said here. The wife, who wanted her husband's name withheld, said her husband had described the incident in a letter and "felt pretty bad about it." He was busted to private.

CHICAGO (ANS)—Roger "the terrible" Touhy has started another attempt to obtain his release from prison by filing a 62-page petition, claiming he was wrongfully convicted of kidnapping John "Jake the barber" Factor. The one time gangster serving a 99 year term in Stateville penitentiary prepared his own petition.

WASHINGTON (ANS)—Three months premature, the remaining four of quintuplet girls born to 36-year-old negroess died today. The first infant was still-born. The mother, Mrs. Ada Turner, wife of a government worker, is the mother of six other children.

WASHINGTON (ANS)—Peace rumors swept the United States Tuesday as Allied armies swept deeper into Germany. In Chicago a murder trial was adjourned and grain futures dropped two cents. The Los Angeles City Council halted proceedings to recite the oath of allegiance and New Jersey State Legislature took time out to call for radio sets. Newspaper switchboards over the nation were swamped with calls. Many individual stores closed for the day—until the rumors proved false.

DETROIT (ANS)—Arrest of a former soldier who allegedly put his foot under a freight car wheel to escape overseas duty then sought disability compensation, is announced by the FBI. FBI said the former Pfc., John H. Buell of Cloverdale, Cal., underwent amputation of his mutilated foot later. Also arrested was Buell's sweetheart, Mrs. Gladys Riley of Ardmore, Okla., who allegedly held his hand to give him courage while his foot was crushed.

WASHINGTON (ANS)—Four hundred thousand soft coal miners over the nation cast ballots Wednesday on whether to strike for John Lewis contract demands. The vote was expected to be overwhelmingly in support of the strike but it appeared virtually certain that the Government would step in to prevent the coal production halt. The present contract ends Saturday. Contract negotiations between operators and labor leaders is now in its 25th day and still deadlocked.

WASHINGTON (ANS)—Gen. H. Arnold broadly indicated Wednesday that there will be only a limited, if any, demobilization of the Army Air Force after Germany's fall. He said the Army will need all Air Force men to see that the Pacific war "is finished." He said Japan will get just "what we did to Germany."

HALSEY AGAIN CALLS JAPANESE NAVY "RATS"

PHILADELPHIA (ANS)—Expressing impatience to return to his "unfinished business in the western Pacific," Adm. William F. Halsey said Tuesday it "didn't make much difference whether the Japanese fleet comes out of its home waters. They're just plain rats and like rats you usually have to dig them out of their holes," he told interviewers. The quality of Japanese pilots is deteriorating, he said, "they do awfully fancy maneuvers particularly when they're falling into water."

SENATORS INVESTIGATING MEAT SHORTAGE IN U.S.

WASHINGTON (ANS)—Senators asked Monday why Great Britain doesn't get more meat from Canada and less from the United States as they began a broad investigation into the nation's food situation. Sen. Wheeler, Mont. Dem., told the Agriculture subcommittee he understood that the Canadians had ample meat and recommended an inquiry into why more of it is not used for Lend-Lease. Government agencies announced recently that Lend-Lease meat shipments to Britain are being drastically cut for this quarter.

San Francisco (CNS)—Women are taking over more men's jobs here every day. Recently a nifty little number walked into a downtown chow house, tickled the counterman's nose with a rose, "In a stickup man," she announced from the cash register. She left immediately.

WCTU Opposes The Drafting Of Nurses

WASHINGTON (ANS)—Nurse Draft legislation was opposed Monday by the National Womens Christian Temperance Union as a vehicle for enslavement of women.

WCTU, asserting that the Army had not yet "made out a case," for induction of nurses said "no nation can survive as a civilized nation that enslaves its women because no nation rises much higher than the ideals of its mothers. It would, in our judgment, be most unfortunate for the sake of acquiring a few hundred or couple of thousand nurses to break the unwritten prohibition against conscription of women." Meanwhile Rep. Rogers, Mass., Rep. coupled an appeal for the quick passage of nurse draft with the demand for creation of a permanent Nurse corps for veterans hospitals.

3 More Rivers To Cross To Berlin

LONDON, March 29.—Some three hundred air miles lie between the Rhine crossing points and Berlin, and for the most part the country between the river and the German capital is moorland—excellent tank country.

The only considerable military obstacles are the rivers Ems, 59 miles ahead of the Allies, Weser, 80 miles east of the Ems, and Elbe, some 60 miles from Berlin.

Between the Elbe, where the German Command can be expected to put up a last ditch fight, and Berlin, there is more healthland, interspersed with lakes which should not seriously interfere with the progress of the Allies.

Practically the whole of the North German Plain, which stretches 150 miles from north to south across the path of the Allies, is ideal for the "cracking about" which Montgomery has promised. The crossing of the three rivers ought not to prove a serious problem after what has been achieved over the Rhine.



EVACUEES—Happy over good fortune, Army nurse Lt. Anna Louise Bonner-Pardew of Portland, Ore., and daughter Oliver Jane, hugging panda, arrive at Hamilton Field, Calif. For three years they were prisoners of Japs.

HOUSES PASSES NEW MANPOWER LEGISLATION

WASHINGTON (ANS)—The House passed and sent to Senate Tuesday compromise Manpower Bill giving war mobilizer Byrnes broad control over nations employers and employees. Passage was on rollcall vote of 167 to 160. The Bill authorizes Byrnes or any agency designated by him to impose employment ceilings on any activity to freeze workers in their jobs and to regulate hiring and rehiring of all employees regardless of age or sex.

Violators of orders would be subject to one year in jail and a \$10,000 fine. Opponents of the Legislation termed it as "an outright anti-strike measure."

Military Bypass Road Around Kunming Goes Into Operation



A BY-PASS TO DIVERT VEHICLES arriving over the Burma Road around the ancient city walls, avoiding city traffic in Kunming, was recently opened with due ceremony. Mrs. Charles Lin, wife of chief engineer, District 8, National Military Council, cut the red ribbon to open the eight-kilometer bypass. She was assisted by her two daughters—Mei-Mei and San-San. Present also for the ceremony were Capt. Thomas H. Hopkins, Lt.-Col. Ernest W. Evely, Maj.-Gen. G. X. Cheves, commanding general, Services of supply; Mrs. Lin, Col. Joseph S. Gorlinski, China Theater engineer; Major Martin A. Nicholas, and Mayor T. Y. Lo of Kunming.

KUNMING—The wife of the Chief Engineer, Madame Lin, cut the red ribbon and the ceremonial convoy rolled through, signaling the opening of the eight-kilometer Kunming bypass, the first exclusively military road in China, at a formal ceremony last week. The bypass will be used exclusively by convoys and Army traffic over the Burma Road to get to the depots and ordnance shops without the necessity of passing through the crowded streets of the city.

The road, which skirts the northern part of the city, passing outside segments of the ancient stone wall of Kunming, was built in one month by the Eighth Construction Office, Engineering Commission of the Chinese National Military Council, headed by Mr. Charles Lin. Guest of honor at the formal opening was Maj.-Gen. G. X. Cheves, Col. Joseph S. Gorlinski, theater engineer, Lt.-Col. Ernest W. Evely, Maj. Martin A. Nicholas, and Capt. Thomas H. Hopkins, all of the Corps of Engineers, who gave technical assistance to the Chinese engineers, were decorated with flowers by the small daughters of Chief Engineer Lin.

At a dinner party given by the Eighth District Engineers in the Kunming Tennis club following the bypass opening, Gen. Cheves congratulated the engineers and said that the target date of March 15 for completion of the road had been set by Lt.-Gen. A. C. Wedemeyer, theater commander, and assured the Chinese engineers that Gen. Wedemeyer will be pleased to know they met the target date.

"This accomplishment by Chinese engineers proves that you can meet a goal or target date," said Gen. Cheves, "and if all our forces can meet the target dates set up in our planning, we will hasten the day of a real offensive." Guests were entertained with a Dragon dance outdoor and dancing.

Bronze Stars To CACW Personnel

HEADQUARTERS, A COMPOSITE WING, WESTERN CHINA—Seven officers and enlisted men of Brig-Gen. J. C. Kennedy's Composite Wing headquarters were awarded Bronze Star medals recently in a formal ceremony at a Fourteenth USAAF base in China. All men receiving awards had been active in field work during the Salween campaign.

Maj. Claude C. Hookley Jr., Portland, Ore. Capt. Robert I. Standish, San Bernardino, Cal., and Capt. Jack Pancake, Miller, Ohio, were air party officers in charge of the air-ground coordination activities between Chinese troops in the field and Maj.-Gen. C. L. Chennault's Fourteenth Air Force planes.

Sgt. Ralph J. Mehle, Reading, Pa. Sgt. Theodore M. Freedman, Brooklyn, N.Y., Sgt. Frank F. Greene Jr., Los Angeles, Cal., and Sgt. Edward F. Roessler, Cincinnati, Ohio were communications men who operated in front line dugouts during the offensive.

Citations accompanying the awards stated that each of these officers and non-commissioned officers had performed outstanding service in assisting aerial operations against the Jap from the time Chinese units crossed the Salween river until the fall of Tengchung.

M Sgt. John P. Hanrahan, Providence, R.I., and T/Sgt. Charles H. Hoyle, Tallahassee, Ala., both veteran members of the "Spray and Pray" squadron of the Chinese-American Composite Wing were awarded Bronze-Stars recently for meritorious achievement on the ground.

Both men fly combat missions in B-25 Mitchell bombers in addition to performing extremely responsible ground crew jobs. M/Sgt. Hanrahan is communications chief for the squadron, and T/Sgt. Hoyle is armament chief.

M/Sgt. Hanrahan supervises the maintenance of the radio equipment and instructs Chinese radio operators, and T/Sgt. Hoyle handles the meticulous job of instructing Chinese ground crew personnel in the proper loading and handling of bombs and ammunition.

59 CCC Officer Promotions Listed

CHINESE COMBAT COMMAND—Orders promoting 59 Chinese Combat Command officers on duty in the field and three serving at Hq. CCC, have been received by Maj.-Gen. R. B. McClure, commanding general, CCC, from the China Theater headquarters of Lt.-Gen. A. C. Wedemeyer.

The order promoted the following:

- From captain to major:—James E. Beacon, Jr., Omaha, Neb.; Grant E. Bolton, San Antonio, Tex.; Ralph R. Camien, Wichita, Kans.; Uriah M. Clemmer, Jr., Midway, Tenn.; James M. Cullison, Charleston, Mo.; Charles J. Curtin, Clarks Summit, Ga.; Austin A. R. Dyson, Urbana, Ill.; John F. Gordon, New Brunswick, N.J.; Albert D. Goudreau, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Gail W. Haut, Bronx, N.Y.; James G. Henrick, Topeka, Kans.; Walter C. Hodnett, Jr., Atlanta, Ga.; Franklin J. Holmes, Kansas, Mo.; Peter S. Hopkins; Milton Horowitz, Elizabeth, N.J.; Eric C. Kinsey, Jr., San Francisco, Calif.; Cecil D. Laidlaw, Howard A. Lowy, Peoria, Ill.; George E. Massaro, Greenville, S.C.; George L. McQueen, Roseburg, Ore.; Russell D. Nolte, Hudson, Mich.; John F. O'Grady, Jr., Richmond, Va.; Richard L. Parker, Robert F. Podlich, Severn, Park, Md.; Elwin B. Prather, Eureka, Kans.; Carl F. Raab, Washington, D.C.; Bert Reimow, Jerome H. Ross, Los Angeles, Calif.; Cecil L. Skoger, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Darling L. Skogstrom, Chicago, Ill.; Victor L. Stedronsky, Leland, Miss.; Edmund D. Taylor, Atlanta, Ga.; Frederick R. Van Tassel, Calif.; Fredrick W. Van Horn, Loan, Buffalo, N.Y.; Ben H. Ward, Athens, Tenn.; and Arthur P. Wilkerson, Marion, Ala.
- From first lieutenant to captain:—Isadore N. Axelrod; Richard Ducker, Tecumseh, Okla.; John D. Haynes, Morton W. Kiger, Glensdale, Calif.; Manuel Kwon, Honolulu, T.H.; Peter M. Lighter, Walling, N.Y.; Milton S. Meyer, New York, N.Y.; Beaven W. Mills, New York, N.Y.; Daniel M. Schaeffer, Newark, N.J.; Kenneth G. Stobitzman, St. Louis, Mo.; and Earl A. Waller, Lancaster, Pa.
- From second lieutenant to first lieutenant:—William P. Boswell, Cincinnati, O.; Gene A. Fishery, Austin, Tex.; Robert E. Grant; Joseph A. P. Lamothe, Providence, R.I.; Henry A. Langhelm, Waverly, Ill.; Joseph T. Lee, Jr.; Lloyd C. Long, McAlester, Okla.; Robert K. Riel, Muskogee, Okla.; Wesley R. Sampson, Fulton, Mo.; Henry L. Sawaski, William F. Thompson, Aurora, Ore.; Edward A. Tjeburski, Schenectady, N.Y.; Spencer C. Vail, New York, N.Y.; Charles L. Young, and Jack T. Young, New York, N.Y.

WEEKLY REVIEW

THE CHINA LANTERN OF THE WAR

"HATCHET MEN" SAVE 14th AF CARGO PLANE

Quick thinking on the part of a crew in a troop carrier... saved a transport from destruction...

The plane was on a dropping mission and started the return flight with sufficient gasoline to reach the home base...

Part of the freight aboard the plane consisted of two drums of gas and after the crew conferred on the subject Lt. Philbrick ordered the aerial engineer...

Corp. McKee aided by Lt. Herbert J. Adams, Navigator, Tropic, Ill., succeeded in chopping the hole through the floor...

Quick thinking and a hole in the floor and gas tanks saved thousands of dollars worth of Air Corps equipment.

WASHINGTON (ANS)—Admitting that B-29 Superfortresses had struck a damaging blow to the heart of Japan's war industry...

Italy Lt-Gen. Mark W. Clark, Allied commander in Italy, declared Wednesday that the German retreat northward was inevitable...

Patriots on escape routes north from Bologno to the Brenner Pass and along railroads leading to the Alpine passes should prepare now for hampering the withdrawal...

Warm Welcomes Extended To Stilwell Highway Drivers

KUNMING—Travel-weary GIs, drivers of vehicles coming into China over the Stilwell Highway, have been awe-stricken by the top brass on hand to meet them...

Truck drivers and mechanics of the convoys have high praise for the members of "G" mess hall staff who have labored far into the night to prepare a feast of fried chicken and ice cream...

Red Cross clubmobile girls extended the hand of hospitality to the vehicles bringing vitally needed war materials to China...

Denver, Col. (CNS)—Walter Schoonover and A. M. Tennant were bickering over the price of a horse owned by the latter...

HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT (ANS)—Admiral Thomas Hart who takes the seat this week as senior United States Senator from Connecticut...

Four Allied armies, in the greatest operation since D-Day in Normandy, vaulted the Rhine river, north of the Ruhr basin, late Friday and early Saturday, and quickly established three firm bridgeheads in advance up to three miles.

The US Ninth Army started across in the dark Saturday morning with elements of the Canadian First Army while the Allied First Airborne Army leaped into the struggle eight hours later from a fleet of 1,500 troop-carrying planes and trains of gliders 500 miles long forming the greatest airborne operation in history.

The first crossing was made by the Fifty-first Scottish Highlander Division which promptly captured Rees and then fanned out to link up with the airborne troops.

Plots flying over the battle area reported that many pontoon bridges had been across the Rhine within hours of the initial crossings. So tremendous was the task of ferrying men and supplies across that FM Montgomery called on the US Navy to man a large part of his fleet of assault boats.

The massive offensive was coordinated with drives of the First and Third Armies. The American Fourth Armored Division, in the Third Army sector, Sunday swept 20 miles east and captured intact the German bridge across the main river southeast of Frankfurt, placing its spearheads 40 miles east of the Rhine from its starting point between Mainz and Worms.

Also on Sunday, the Third Army forced a new Rhine crossing against heavy opposition only 11 miles south of the First Army's bridgehead. Meanwhile the First was pounding ahead and gained three miles, bringing it's bridgehead to 35 miles. The US Ninth Army on Sunday smashed eight miles beyond the Rhine, establishing yet another bridgehead, and moved to within ten miles of Essen.

Monday, the Third Army closed to within six miles of Frankfurt and sent tanks racing through the broken German lines within 250 miles of the Russian lines and 235 miles from Berlin. Making new crossings on the upper Rhine, the Third was exploiting seven bridgeheads at the beginning of the week. Moving 40 miles beyond the Rhine, the Third captured Darmstadt.

of the Austrian frontier and 69 miles from the capital's limits. The Germans said that the Russians had struck to the lower Raba river, with the First, Third and Seventh linked up in a solid front east of the Rhine when the Seventh cut 35-

- ALLIED PARATROOPERS VAULT RHINE
• GERMANS SURRENDERING BY THOUSANDS
• RUSSIANS LAUNCH POWERFUL DANUBE DRIVE
• NAVY BLASTING STRATEGIC RYUKYU
• CEBU ISLAND INVADED BY US TROOPS

FIRST, THIRD CLOSE IN First and Third Army elements were barely six miles apart in the Coblenz area Monday, while to the north the First expanded another break-through of German defenses and advanced three miles nearer Berlin overnight from the Remagen-Bonn sector.

Tuesday, American and British forces poured across middle Germany toward a link-up with Russian armies in the east with Berlin less than 237 miles away. Partial censorship shrouded the extent of Allied advances, but the enemy radio said that the Third US Army was approaching Wuerzburg in Bavaria and had reached Lohr, 225 miles from Berlin.

The Third was fighting on Frankfurt on the Main and First and Third Army troops had linked-up four miles south of Coblenz. The First had swept 22-miles northeast from Limburg.

The Seventh Army, by Tuesday, north of Mannheim, had a 19-mile wide bridgehead secured and six towns on the east bank had been cleared. British airborne troops were at the outskirts of Brunen, near Wesel, and the US Seventeenth Airborne was linked with the Thirtieth at Grudenburg.

By Wednesday Allied Armies were surging through wide breakthroughs in the disintegrating German lines with the full extent of the victories obscured by a partial news security blackout.

The easternmost advance of the Third Army was at Aschaffenburg, 22-miles southeast of Frankfurt and that city was being conquered block by block. Offenbach, across the Main a few miles east was cleared. Berlin, meanwhile, said that the Third was in the vicinity of Gemunden, 218 miles southwest of Berlin, heads advanced to within 30 miles

miles from the Rhine to the Main river north of Worms. The First reached the Giessen area, 225 miles from Berlin and was within five miles of Weisbaden. The British Second slashed 25 miles deep into Westphalia, menacing Muenster and fighting in Dorsten, east of Wesel. The Canadians were in the eastern outskirts of Emmerich on the Rhine.

Two great Russian armies pressed ahead along the Danube river last Monday, less than 36 miles from the Austrian frontier. The Third and Second Ukrainian Armies linked up in a drive that swept along a 90-mile front through Hungary, driving the Germans back into well-fortified defenses in the Győr area as the Reds drove close to Bratislava.

Russian troops, north of the Danube, in Slovakia, captured Banska Bystrica. The push by the Second Army was the fourth offensive launched by the Russians up the Danube and in Silesia, in a converging drive on Vienna. US bombers supported the liquidation of the Nazi pocket southwest of Koeningberg.

The Germans were said to have shifted troops from Italy and the western front for the defense of the Austrian capital.

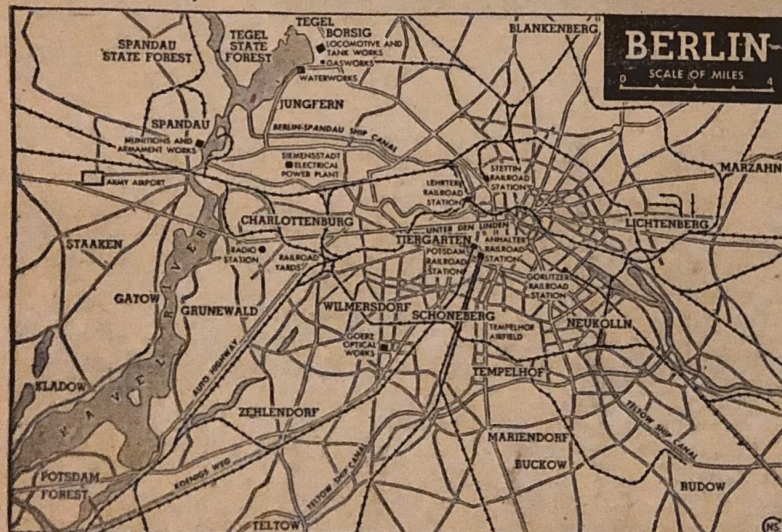
The fall of Banska Bystrica, 75 miles north of Budapest, meant that the Russians had forced the Hron river.

On the Baltic, the Russians broke into Danzigs northwestern suburbs and penetrated Gdynia.

By Tuesday the Red Army was wedged deeply into the strong German defense zone southeast of Vienna as Soviet, armored spear in 20 miles of the Austrian border in northwest Hungary.

Breaking loose on a 350-mile front, the Red Army captured the German bastions of Strehlen and Rybnik on Tuesday while Berlin said that Soviet troops were within 22-miles of the Austrian border.

A City That Was—Berlin Before Hitler



BEFORE HITLER'S ILL-FATED BID FOR WORLD DOMINATION brought upon Berlin the retribution of Allied airmen, it was one of the most modern and beautiful cities in the world—a city of magnificent business and governmental structures, wide, clean streets, neat, modern homes, beautiful parks, up-to-date transportation facilities, including electric elevated and underground railroads.

New vast areas are rubble. In 1933, Greater Berlin, which includes the suburbs, was the largest city on the European continent, in population, with 4,242,501, and was surpassed only by London, New York and Tokyo. In area (338 square miles), only Greater New York was largest. An important railway center and also one of Germany's leading seats of industry and commerce, has been a prime military target.

CH'ENG-TU

by
GEORGE H. JOHNSTON

... Custodian Of China's Culture

IN THE THIRTEENTH CENTURY a dusty traveler, weary from twenty days of tough wandering through high mountains, valleys and forests, "inhabited by people who worship idols," came to a rich and fertile plain watered by many rivers and streams. Set amid this green landscape was "the large and noble city of Sin-din-fu formerly the seat of many rich and powerful kings." Marco Polo, emissary of the great Kublai Khan, had reached the beautiful walled city that to-day is known as Ch'eng-tu, and which, after 700 years, remains the capital of the province in which it stands—the richest province of Free China and the site of its wartime capital, Chungking.

To-day there are modern military installations around the ancient walls of Ch'eng-tu, and troops of the Generalissimo's army train in assault operations across the rivers and streams that Marco Polo admired. Huge airfields have been carved out of the fertile plain where the Mongol hordes in conquering this present province of Szechuan claimed to have put 1,400,000 persons to the sword at the order of the Grand Khan. But inside its towering walls and beyond its massive horned gates Ch'eng-tu remains almost unchanged by wars and centuries, still the center of much of modern China's culture, still the home of ancient crafts handed down from father to son for countless forgotten generations.

In the narrow, twisting streets of polished cobblestones wander the tribes people from the little known territory that stands like an impregnable barrier between mediaeval China and forbidden Tibet. Oil lamps glow behind the red paper windows of the little shops, unchanged since the day of Marco Polo, where the tap-tap-tap of the silversmiths' hammers echo far into the night, and where women bend low in the dim illumination over the famous embroidered pictures on the rich silk of Szechuan and where the pincers are snapping briskly on the fine drawn

the east in the eight bitter years of struggle in modern China.

Where before the war Ch'eng-tu had one university, the famous National Szechuan University, now it has seven, for six others, among them some of the greatest institutions of learning in China, took part in the great westward migration of culture and settled down for the duration in or near Ch'eng-tu. Many of the lesser colleges of China have also come to this ancient seat of Chinese culture—and today it has much of the flavor of old Peking, with its antique charm, and its red-lacquered doorways and moon gates, and walled houses with the willows sagging over from hidden courtyards, and its young, eager students strolling down the narrow streets or walking the ancient gardens or browsing through the books in the little shops of the academic center of Hua



TRANSPORTATION—Pack horses bringing commodities in from the north-west.

brine, which are drilled up as oil is drilled, and the liquid is run down bamboo sluiceways and distilled over jets of flame from natural gases in the earth.

Everything in the factories is made of bamboo, except the boiling pans, and mechanical power is supplied by blinded oxen making their endless plodding circles. It is a family industry, for it takes at least a generation and a half to drill one well, and many a Chinese workman at Tzu Liu Ching will labor for a lifetime so that his sons and grandsons will have profit when he is dead. Some years ago an American engineer saw these primitive salt works, smiled a little pityingly and went away to form a syndicate to develop the salt deposits by modern methods. For two years he competed with the 1,500-year-old industry before his firm went bankrupt. He had been beaten by the past. The Chinese produced more salt and produced it more cheaply. He gave up.

To the north of Ch'eng-tu lies the ancient farming center of Kuan-hsien, last real settlement of Western China, and terminus of little known caravan routes from mysterious Eastern Tibet and Sincang. It is so close to the massive mountain barrier that half the town area which is enclosed within a crumbling crenellated wall stands almost perpendicular on the mountainside, and the road to forbidden Tibet actually runs from the center of



SCHUEN SHE ROAD, principle shopping street of Ch'eng-tu

Si Pa or sitting in the shadowy Szechuan teahouses, discussing their ambitions or reshaping the world as university students have done since the beginning of higher learning. Sometimes they sprawl with their books on the green lawns of the vast campus of the compound stretching towards the modern Chinese buildings, or watch the brown and white university cows stolidly cropping the green grass. Most of China's university students of today are poor, their poverty reflected in their shabby long gowns of faded blue cotton. Few wear western clothes, and they, too, are shabby.

This faded shabbiness is not confined to the students. It is the motif of the old city of Ch'eng-tu itself. Where Yunnan has massive, scarred mountains and a violence of red earth and indigo sky and a landscape of gigantic dimensions, Ch'eng-tu has a placid understatement of time, space and color. Even the vividly checkered fields of emerald rice and canary-colored sesame do not have the richly pigmented violence of Yunnan, for the soil is usually a neutral grey, and a pearly greenness is almost always in the sky, and the colorful fields extend back to grey mountains, misty with distance. Inside its high square walls, the city of Ch'eng-tu is a city of aged grey stone and faded red walls, and in the fields the houses are white, with the criss-cross black half-timbering that awakens vision of old thatched Tudor cottages. Through the hills are scattered the black clumps of tea bushes and between terraced farmlands stand little brick kilns of pink stone, kilns that are operated exactly as they were two thousand years ago.

In many of the things makeup the Ch'eng-tu Plain—one of the richest agricultural areas of the earth—there is a strange, easy timelessness that makes the centuries seem like yesterday.

South of the city, at Tzu Liu Ching, are salt mines that have been worked without interruption, and with practically no change of technique, for 1,500 years. Far below surface level there are limitless subterranean lakes of



A PRINCIPLE CRAFT IN CH'ENG-TU is the making of articles of silver. Here a craftsman is seen at work in one of the larger shops.

the town, through a high walled gate and straight into the soaring mountains. Surging down from these Tibetan hills, almost alongside the city wall comes the swollen tempestuous flood of the Min River, hurrying to join the mighty Yangtze, to be twisted and forked into a great inland delta, intersected by stone canals to form one of the greatest irrigation systems the world has ever seen.

Almost three thousand years ago, probably even before
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SOUTH END OF SCHUEN SHE ROAD at the inter-section of Chung Foo Street, looking west on Chung Foo.

silver wire that will be used for the delicate filigree jewellery of old Ch'eng-tu. In this ancient city the present, and the future, outwardly seem less important than the past.

The Nestorian Christians had a monastery in Ch'eng-tu twelve centuries ago—Marco Polo makes no mention of their survival five hundred years later, and they were probably all destroyed in the fierce persecutions that occurred in Ch'eng-tu and Sian before 1000 AD. It was in 883 AD that printed books were first discovered in the booths along the streets of Ch'eng-tu... history's first record of the printing of books. Fine printing paper was available in Ch'eng-tu a thousand years before it was known in Europe. Perhaps it is more than accident that today, as a millenium ago, Ch'eng-tu is the magnet and haven for the culture that remains to a China bled by war and defeat. For, just as the refugees of the Tang dynasty flocked from Shensi to Ch'eng-tu 1,000 years ago, so has the ancient city absorbed a great spate of refugees from



CH'ENG-TU CITY WALL in the north-west part of the city



STUDENTS ON THEIR WAY TO CLASSES at the refugee Nanking University in Ch'eng-tu.

Gagers Snap AACs Win Streak 31-28

In one of the most brilliant games of the season, a contest that was decided in the last two minutes, the Kunning Gagers upset the previously undefeated AACs Signals 31-28 Saturday night at the "Hangar" in APO 627.

The capacity crowd of better than 1,500 cage fans were in a constant uproar as the lead se-sawed back and forth in the contest in which quarter was neither given or received. Tenacious guarding featured the contest, and neither of the high-scoring teams had many opportunities for good shots.

The Gagers jumped out to a 10-3 first quarter lead as Freshione cut through for two baskets, Schall dumped a one-hander from the side, Wolfe tapped in a rebound, and Schall and Felice added free throws, while the Signals were unable to use their usual set plays against the Gagers man-to-man defense.

The Signals began to hit in the second period and piled up 12 points in a rally sparked by Crawford, Maceau and Knapp, while holding the Gagers to two baskets, to lead 15-14 at the halfway mark. The Gagers offense was upset midway in the period by the loss of Schall via the personal foul route.

The both teams matched point for point in the third quarter and the score was 23-22 in favor of the Signal as the last ten-minute period opened.

The last quarter opened with both teams at a white heat. The Signals dumped a set shot to go ahead 25-22 their biggest edge in the game, but Felice cut down the margin with a pivot shot. Knapp gave the AACs five a two-point margin in a foul shot, but Wolfe cut through for a layup to knot the count at 26-26.

With four minutes left in the game Maceau netted a onehander to put AACs in the lead once more, and Purcell twisted in a left-hander for the equalizer at 28-28. After the ball changed hands a few times Freshione threw in the winning basket for the Gagers and the end with a foul shot. The Gagers froze the ball after that and the game ended with Freshione being fouled as the Signals vainly tried to get possession of the ball.

In the opening game of the twin-bill The Ramblers topped an Ordnance five 59-41, with Paulsen and Beckman breaking fast out of the Rambler's zone netting 18 and 16 points respectively. Bradford with 14 and Shortt with 13 were top men for the Ordnance quintet.

The Boxscores :-

KUNNING GAGERS		AACs SIGNALS	
	E. F. Tot.		E. F. Tot.
Schall f.	11 3	Crawford f.	20 4
Wolfe f.	20 4	Maceau f.	30 6
Felice c.	2 0	Purcell f.	2 0
Calita f.	0 1	Knapp c.	2 0
Purcell f.	13 5	Maceau c.	31 7
Freshione c.	41 9	Hughes c.	10 2
Jaffe f.	1 1	Knapp c.	25 9
	11 31		11 6 28

RAMBLERS		ORDNANCE	
	E. F. Tot.		E. F. Tot.
Foulson f.	9 0 18	Diggs f.	20 4
Moses f.	10 2	Melina f.	0 0 0
Beckman f.	8 0 16	Sherritt f.	6 1 13
Paulsen f.	8 0 16	O'Connor c.	0 0 0
O'Neill c.	0 0 0	Bradford c.	6 2 14
McIntosh c.	20 4	Becker c.	0 1 1
Dawson c.	11 0 22	Davis c.	0 0 0
Zeller c.	0 0 0	Holmes c.	0 0 0
Muecel c.	3 4 10	Fisher c.	4 1 9
Ferrari c.	2 0 6	Wilson c.	0 0 0
	27 5 59		18 5 41

HOT STUFF - - - - - By Jack Sords



Generals To Award Trophies To All-China Cage Champions

Added importance was lent to the All-China Basketball Tournament, to be played at the "Hangar" at APO 627 on the week-end of April 6, 7 and 8, with the announcement from the Theater Special Service Office that the theater's ranking generals will present trophies to the winners and runners-up, in addition to individual awards to outstanding players.

The winners of the cage tourney will receive the "Gen. Wedemeyer Trophy," emblematic of the basketball championship of China; the runners-up will receive the "Gen. McClure Award," and the players on both of these teams will receive individual awards.

Gen. Chennault will present the "Chennault Award" to the cage adjudged the "Outstanding Player" by the Awards Committee, on the basis of all-around playing ability and leadership, and the "Gen. Cheves Award" will go to the tourney's "Best Sportsman."

Every effort is being made by the awards committee to have the Generals themselves on hand Sunday night, April 8, the final night of the tournament, to present their awards in person, but should business prevent the awards will be presented by a member of their staff immediately following the final game.

In addition it has been announced that banners are being secured and will be presented to all the team in the tournament as a memento, and testifying to their standing as one of the theaters outstanding teams.

Definite entries have been received by the Tournament Committee from the Kunning "Gagers," the SOS "Sharpshooters," the ATC "Commandos," the CTC "Snipers," the AACs "Signals," and teams have been assured from the Yangki, Chanyi, Yunnan, and Kwelyang areas pending the outcome of elimination tourneys in those areas to assure the entrance of the outstanding team or group of players.

In the meantime progress on the physical fixtures for the tournament has been reported by the committee. The hardwood at the "Hangar" will be reconditioned, the lighting checked, and the general playing facilities will be in perfect condition for the games.

From the spectator standpoint everything will be done to assure the top enjoyment of the games.



'FALCONS' FIVE—Tentative acceptance of a berth in the All-China Basketball Tourney has been extended to the APO 212 "Falcons." All recent week-end tournament at the Hangar, APO 627. The players, left to right, front row: Capt. George Velan, Chicago, Ill., U. of Ill.; Lt. Robert C. Perry, Crystal City, Mo., Mo. School of Mines; Lt. Richard U.; and Lt. Ed. Waite, Seattle, Wash., U. of Wash.

Rear row, left to right: Lt. E. Krobot, St. Louis, Mo., manager; S. Sgt. Richard Hutton, Auburn, Neb., Peru State Teachers; S. Sgt. Winfield Tobey, San Diego, Cal., S.D. State Teach. College; Lt. Fred Carey, Hartford, Conn., Dartmouth, Univ.; Lt. G. E. Doyle, Wash., D.C. Coach; Lt. W. E. Smith, Lakewood, Ohio, Baldwin-Wallace U.; Sgt. Leo Locher, Linton, N.D., N.D. State; Lt. James Carey, Hartford, Conn., Amherst U.; and Leibik, Chicago, Illinois.

NYU Tops Ohio State 70-65; Okla Downs Arkansas 68-41

AGGIES WIN CROWN

Oklahoma Aggies, with 7-foot Bob Kurland netting 22 points and dominating play, defeated NYU, 49-45, to take the NCAA national cage crown. In the first game of the twin-bill, New York Coast Guard beat Valley Forge General Hospital, 60-55, for the eastern service title.

New York University and the Oklahoma Aggies won the Eastern and Western NCAA basketball titles this week in New York and Kansas City respectively, the victors making a sensational comeback to beat Ohio State, 70-65, in an overtime, while the Aggies rapped Arkansas, 68-41.

In the New York finals, the violets made a game of it for the first half, then fell behind after three minutes of the second period. With Arnie Risen and Paul Huston leading the way the Buckeyes built a 36-34 halftime margin up to a 62-52 lead with two minutes remaining. The crowd started to filter out and some undoubtedly missed the great NYU spurt.

Coaches Ask Curb On Giant Centers

NEW YORK (ANS)—Suggestions for curbing the giant centers that lead some of the nation's college basketball teams filled the agenda as the Basketball Coaches Association met here this week. Numerous suggestions were introduced but no definite action was taken.

Nat Holman, coach of CCNY, made two suggestions that were carried over from his professional playing days with the Original Celtics. Holman would curb the high-scoring giants by banning any offensive player from standing with his back to the basket for more than two seconds. He insisted that the big fellows would not be able to "muscle their way to points under this rule."

Holman also suggested a basket with no backboard. Tall centers couldn't bank in pivot shots without the board, he explained. However Joe Lapchick, coach of St. John's College in Brooklyn and Holman's teammate on the Celtics, objected contending that baskets without backboards would slow up the game. Few shots would actually hit the naked basket, Lapchick said, and the ball would continue out of bounds and necessitate a new sequence of play.

Other coaches also came through with suggestions to halt the big fellows, but Frank Kearney, Rhode Island State mentor, who was the victim of George Nikan, DePaul center man, in a 53 point spurge last week, favors the big men.

"That big boy Mikan is good and a good shot," said Kearney, "some day I'll have a good big man and I want to be able to use him." Kearney contends that Mikan's ability, not his size, makes him a good player.

Conn-Louis Would Draw \$7,000,000

NEW YORK (ANS)—Mike Jacobs estimated this week that a return bout after the war between Billy Conn and Joe Louis, for the latter's heavyweight title, would bring in \$7,000,000.

Jacobs, the nation's leading boxing promoter and possessor of a rare set of self-disseminating bridge-work (M-I) said that the fans actually present at the fight would contribute about \$2,000,000, and the remainder would be realized from television rights.

Uncle Mike, who asked for, and got, \$12 for a ringside seat at the Elvins-Bettina turkey at the Garden last week, thinks that the Conn-Louis return engagement ought to demand at least a \$100 top.

The present record for receipts at a boxing match is the \$2,658,660 contributed by the 104,943 fans who witnessed the second Dempsey-Tunney battle at Chicago on Sept. 22, 1927, during the 'Golden Age' of sports.

80 Grand For 3 Flags

The St. Louis Cardinals have netted only \$80,000 for owner Sam Breadon in winning three straight pennants.

A public address system will keep the fans posted on all the action, a score-board is being installed, and, if the information from the various teams arrives in time, scorecards with the names and numbers of the players will be distributed so that the spectators can follow the play better.

The housing and messing of the teams will be taken care of through the co-operation of the officials of the Air Base and SOS, and transportation for the teams at the tourney area will be provided.

The officials committee report that sufficient and capable referees, timekeepers and scorers will be on hand to assure that the games will be handled in the most competent manner.

Marty Goldstein hit a long set shot to bring the violets up to 54-62; then Arnie Risen, Buckeye center, who led this team with 26 points, committed their fifth personal foul on the violet center, 16-year-old Adolph Schayes, dropped in two free throws. Then without Risen there to guard him, Schayes followed with two quick layups to make it 60-62 with 27 seconds remaining. The Bucks brought the ball in only to lose it to the fighting violets whose Don Forman tossed up a jump shot that whistled through for the tying basket just before the gun.

In the overtime, Schayes flipped in another layup after only 20 seconds. Then the Bucks got control of ball. Rod Caudill hit a jump-shot to tie the game then Don Gate converted a free throw that put the Bucks back in front. The scoring ended until 26 seconds remained, when Al Grenart scored with a long set shot from the side court for the deciding basket. To add insult to injury, Forman grabbed a Buckeye throw-in and banged home another jump shot. In the last second, Schayes got loose underneath for a sleeper lay-up that ended the scoring.

In the first game Kentucky topped Tufts, 66-56, for third place.

In Kansas City Western regional, Oklahoma Aggies, working beautifully around 7-foot Bob Kurland tromped Arkansas for the third time in four games this year, leading the Buckeyes 36-17, at half and pouring it on in the second period. The Aggies disdained from making any shots from outside the free-throw line, using high-scoring Kurland mostly as feeder and decoy as the Hogs concentrated their defense on Kurland. Kurland netted 15 points, seven in the first period and eight in the second but was most valuable feeding Doyle Parrack and Cecil Hankins for layups, Parrack counting 11 points and Hankins registering 22.

Shorty Kok, 6-foot, 10-inch Hog center, hit for 12 points to lead Arkansas and Parson Bill Flynn had 11.

In the opener, Oregon came from behind in the last half to beat Utah for consolation honors, 69-66. Dick Wilkins' 21 points and Ken Hays' 14 lead the Webfeet, while Dennis Dorton and Murray Satterfield were the whole Utah attack, caging 24 and 20 points each. Oregon won from the free-throw line, hitting 17 charity tosses to 10 for the Utes who had a 28-26 margin in field goals.

TORONTO TOPS MONTREAL 4-3 IN STANLEY PLAYOFF

Toronto scored a 4-3 victory over Montreal to take a 3-1 lead in the Stanley Cup hockey league playoff, while Detroit beat Boston, 3-2, to tie their series at 2 games each.

The Maple Leafs other wins over the Canadiens were by 1-0 and 3-2. They lost the third match, 1-4. Detroit won its other game by a score of 3-2, and the Bruins won their two games, 4-3 and 4-2.

The first round series will be a best 4 out of 7 game affair.

BOSTON TEAMS DROP MAJOR'S COLOR BAN

BOSTON (ANS)—City Councillor Isadore Muchnick, who had threatened to oppose the licensing of Sunday baseball in Boston unless the Red Sox and the Braves assured him that they would not bar Negroes, said this week that both Beantown teams had promised equal opportunity for everyone.

John Quinn and Eddie Collins, general managers of the Braves and the Red Sox, both told Muchnick that their teams would bar nobody because of race, creed or color.

Nelson Ties Snead Tourney Triumphs

GREENSBORO, N. C. (ANS)—Byron Nelson captured his second golf championship in five days when he tied the tricky Starmount Course record with 66 and won the Greensboro Open Tournament with a 72-hole total of 271. He added the first prize of \$1,333 to his record earnings this winter.

Nelson blistering five below par round before 10,000 fans, the largest crowd of the winter tour, enabled him to leave the field far behind. Sammy Byrd, former professional baseball player, was second with 279 and Johnny Revolta third with 280.

The victory enabled Nelson to tie Sammy Snead at six tourney wins apiece with two more remaining to be played. Snead was away off his game this week and finished far down the list with 287.

Nelson's drives were long and accurate in contrast to his opponents who often landed in the rough. Had his putting been better he would have smashed the record set by Snead in 1938.

Cards Strong, Yankees Fair, Senators Again In League

(Ed. Note: This is the first of a series of articles analyzing the 1945 pennant prospects of the major league baseball teams.)

Seeking their fourth strait pennant, a feat accomplished only twice in major league baseball history, by the New York Yankees and the Giants, the St. Louis Cardinals are faced, in addition to the training difficulties they have had, with what is the more serious problem of replacing Stan Musial, the 1943 batting champion, versatile Johnny Hopp, and Walker Cooper, the best catcher in baseball, all of whom are in the service.

What is probably their weakest department for the coming pennant chase is the outfield. The present the veteran Deb Garmis, Danny Littwhiler, Augie Bergamo and rookie Jim Mallory, none of whom are so tough at the dish as to give the league pitchers, even today, too many sleepless nights.

Although "Mr. Shortstop," Martin Marion, hasn't as yet put in an appearance at the Cards camp, the Redbirds still have a first class infield with first-sacker Ray Sanders, second-baseman Emil Verban, and hot-corner holder Whitey Kurovski, all veterans of last years championship club, and Al Schoendienst, recently released from the service.

Schoendienst showed big league form in the International league before entering the service, and if Uncle Sam grabs Marion, should fill the bill, especially at bat, although he couldn't carry Marion's glove in the field. But then who can?

On the mound for the season the Cards will have Mort Cooper and Max Lanier, along with Blix Donnelly, the cinderella of the '44 series. Stan Partenheimer, Jack Kreef, Ken Burkhardt and Henry Kock complete the staff, which is probably as good as anything in the league.

In the American League the New York Yankees, like the Detroit Tigers, are still losing players to the Armed Services, while the St. Louis Browns apparently will start the season with the same team that won the pennant last year, and the Bronx Bombers chances look only fair at the moment.

The McCarthy men will start the season with their top run-knocker in, Johnny Lindell, but Long John says that he expects to enter the Army—may be within the next 30 days. In addition they have Hershey Martin, Rus Derry, Bud McShany, Tut Stainback and the veteran Paul Wagner to man the picket line, but the loss of Lindell's heavy stick will be felt more than somewhat.

Manager Joe McCarthy's real troubles are centered in the infield. Nick Etten is still among the missing, and Frank Crosetti has made Larry McPhall unhappy with his salary demands. That leaves Joe Buzas as a possible shortstop and Oscar Grimes for the first sack, unless the Yanks can come up with a trade, which seems unlikely the way manpower is this season.

George Stinweiss is still bothered with ulcers, but has signed his contract which takes care of second base. Don Savage will be back and, if his health stands up, the Yankees will have one of the best third basemen in the league. Mike Mosevich is still unheard from.

Herb Compton, drafted from Toronto during the off-season, and Hal Drescher are expected to help Mike Garbaruk with the catching chores, and this stands out as the teams weakest department.

The Yankees pitching staff looks

Pete Gray Takes Pre-Season Honors; Braves, Dodgers Win

Spring training games got underway in earnest this week with Pete Gray, one-armed outfielder for the St. Louis Browns, stealing the limelight of pre-season performances.

Gray, who was bought from Chattanooga last fall, blasted out a homerun that enabled the Browns to defeat Toledo of the American Association, 4-3, in a game at Cape Girardeau Mo. Don Gutteridge, Browns' second baseman, made three hits in four times at bat.

The New York Giants played a 2-game series with Bainbridge Naval Training station and came out even with one game a tie. Saturday the New York club and the sailors played a 6-6 tie in a game called at the end of the ninth. Bill Voiselle, Loren Bain and Frank Rosso hurled for the Giants with Bain being bumped for 5 runs in the fourth inning.

The Sailors defeated the Giants, 8-4 on Sunday by holding the big leaguers to four hits. The Ottmen made six errors. Monday the Polo Ground residents came back with a 9-2 victory, scoring 6 runs in the first inning. Hugh East, former Giant pitcher, started for the sailors and was the victim of the big first inning attack.

The Browns nosed out

Kunming U. Five Beats ATC 41-36

HQ. CHINA WING, ATC.—Depleted by the loss of their outstanding players the ATC Post basketball team lost to the South-Western University of Kunming, China 41 to 36, before a large gathering of Chinese students at the spacious academy field house.

The Chinese quintet proved the master throughout the fray with the victory never in doubt until the final period, when the ATC quintet put on a desperate spurt to bring the count to 37 to 34, with



Joe Wung of the south-western University of Kunming, China and Pfc Lewis Bass of the ATC team, who hails from Louisville, Ky., jumping for the ball at the start of a basketball game conducted at the university during a traditional festival (ATC photo).

two minutes remaining in the period. But the University five smashed right back when Wung sank a set shot from mid-court and Wung a layup to put their team in a safe lead with a half-minute to go.

At half-time the South-Western University basketeers led 20 to 12. The college five used a pick-up man to man defense, with their center always remaining back-court. No set-up plays or strategy was utilized. Their agility and fast driving layups carried them to victory over the ATC team.

Charley Lye playing like a veteran stateside star topped the winners for scoring honors with seventeen points on eight field goals and one free throw. Joe Wung also paced his teams attack with twelve points.

For the ATC squad Pfc. Lewis Bass who played a smart foot game throughout and Pvt. "Tom" Collins netted 12 points each for the losers.

The game was replete with speedy action from the start to the final whistle, and there were frequent spills because of the spirited play.

The line-up		Hq. China Wing ATC	
SW U of China	G P P	Barnett, If	G P P
Wung, If	6 0 12	Pickens, rf	2 0 4
Lye, rf	6 0 8	Bridges, c	2 0 4
Pung, c	4 0 8	Collins, lg	6 0 12
Lye, lg	8 1 17	Bass, rf	6 0 12
Young, rf	2 2 6		
Total	26 3 41	Total	18 0 36

Officials—Sgt. John Ulrich and Liang Jim Chang.

DePaul Cagers Win Garden Tournament

NEW YORK (ANS).—DePaul of Chicago, behind the 34-point scoring of towering George Mikan, routed Bowling Green, Ky., 71-54, to take the 1945 Madison Square Garden Invitational cage tournament.

DePaul was to play the Oklahoma Aggies, NCAA national champs, in a Red Cross national cage championship game in the garden, last night but no results were available at press time.

Bowling Green moved into the finals by upsetting the defending champions, St. John's, 57-54, while DePaul rode over Rhode Island, 97-53. Mikan caged 53 points for a new all-time scoring record. St. John's beat Rhode Island, 64-57, for third place in the garden tourney. Mikan was awarded the most valuable player trophy for scoring 120 points in three games.

Less Night Games With the new rule to permit an unlimited number of night games this year, the American league schedule shows that the circuit will actually play 13 less arelight contests than in 1944.

SPORTS SHORTS

Corpl. Fritzie Zivic stopped Ben Evans of Oklahoma City in the seventh round of their 10-round bout in Galveston, Tex. Zivic weighed 152 to Evans' 146.

Byron Nelson beat Sammy Sneed in the playoff for the Charlotte Open title by four strokes, shooting a 69 for the \$2,000 first money.

Pinky Higgins, veteran third baseman of the Detroit Tigers, passed his pre-induction physical at the Detroit induction center. He will be assigned to one of the services shortly.

Lefty Lloyd Brown, veteran pitcher who starred for the Cleveland Indians ten years ago, has been traded by Memphis of the Southern Association to Buffalo of the International League.

Joe Lapchick, elongated basketball coach at St. John's University who has been producing outstanding teams for the past eight years has signed a contract for another five seasons. Lapchick's teams have won 449 games while losing 84 since he succeeded Buck Freeman in 1936.

Capt. Jack Chevigny, whom Knute Rockne once called the "greatest blocking back" he ever coached and who later coached the Texas Longhorns for three seasons, was killed in action leading his Marine company on Iwo Jima, the War Department announced. He was with the 3rd Division.

Herb Pennock, general manager of the Phillies, revealed that three of last years regulars are holdouts. They are pitchers Al Gerhauser and Charley Schanz, and outfielder Buster Adams.

Infielder Johnny Ostrowski informed Manager Charlie Grimm, of the Chicago Cubs that he had been ordered up for another physical examination. Ostrowski is 4-F with a punctured ear drum.

The Cleveland Indians received the good news that Myril Hoag, veteran outfielder, is physically fit for the coming season. Hoag has just had his tonsils removed and was pronounced in the best condition of his career.

Jimmy Dykes had a surprisingly large turnout at the White Sox first workouts and is concentrating on the rookies, who comprise about half of the 30 man squad.

Byron Nelson ripped up Starmount Country club course with a three under par 68 to win the Greensboro, North Carolina. Open with a 278 score. He was 8 strokes up on Sammy Byrd in second place, and Johnny Revoita finished third, a stroke behind Byrd.

The shortage of exercise boys around the racetracks is so acute that Earle Sande is exercising his own string while waiting at Belmont Park for the ban on the hayburners to be lifted.

A report from St. Louis says that Dizzy Dean's sponsor has refused to renew his contract to broadcast the Brown and Card home games this year. Dizzy was named the best baseball sports announcer last year.

Arturo Godoy, the Chilean heavyweight, stopped Johnny Denson of Indianapolis in the fifth round of their bout at San Antonio, Texas.

Jake LaMotta, New York middleweight, bounced Sugar Costner in Chicago in the sixth round of their bout. LaMotta put the Cincy battler in cold storage with a left hook to the chin.

Ike Williams, Trenton, N.J., heavyweight, stopped Dorsey Lay in the third round in Philadelphia.

George Mikan, who scored 120 points in three games in the Madison Square Garden tournament, was chosen for the second straight year on the Sporting News All-American college basketball team. Wyndol Gray of Bowling Green and Howard Dallmar of Penn were the forwards, while Arnold Ferrin of Utah and Bob Kurland of Oklahoma Aggies were at guards.

Willie Hoppe set a world's record this week by making a high run of 20 in billiards in order to beat Welker Cochran, 60-38.

China Lantern Crossword Puzzle

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| Horizontal. | Vertical. | 20 Relating to whirlwind | 36 Spanish hero away |
| 1 Oceans | 1 Juice of plant | 22 Faroe Island's seaport city | 37 To hasten |
| 5 Arrow like missile | 2 Period of time | 23 Tunisia weight of India | 40 A spell |
| 9 Insect | 3 Atmosphere | 24 A weight of India | 43 Upon |
| 12 Song | 4 Makes unhappy | 25 Symbol for ruthenium | 45 Teutonic delty |
| 13 Ancient country in Greece | 5 Kind of cloth | 26 River (Sp.) | 47 Withers |
| 14 A collection of facts | 6 Indian mul-berry | 30 Chatters | 48 Asterisk |
| 15 To forgive | 7 To tear | 31 Refuse from pressing grapes | 49 To weary |
| 17 Child for "father" | 8 Former Russian ruler | 33 Prong of fork | 50 Tax |
| 18 Insect's egg | 9 Kind of fruit | | 54 To observe |
| 19 To fall in drops | 10 Wife of Geraint | | 56 First woman |
| 21 Thoroughfares | 11 Consumes | | 57 To peruse |
| 23 Pennant | 12 Talks | | 58 To spread for drying |
| 27 Printer's measure | | | 61 White |
| 28 A source- | | | |
| 29 To tear | | | |
| 31 Administrative division in Denmark | | | |
| 34 Indian mul-berry | | | |
| 35 Subdivision of a defensive position (pl.) | | | |
| 38 Three-toed sloth | | | |
| 39 Indian memorial post | | | |
| 41 New Mexican Indian | | | |
| 42 Fruit of oak | | | |
| 44 Note of scale | | | |
| 46 Space between two objects | | | |
| 48 To begin | | | |
| 51 The margosa | | | |
| 52 A metal | | | |
| 53 Bone | | | |
| 55 Phase | | | |
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| 60 Shakespear-ean king | | | |
| 62 Cry of the Bachannals | | | |
| 63 Female ruff | | | |
| 64 Minus | | | |
| 65 To tear | | | |

Answer on page 8

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WASC Helps Lower 'Hump' Tonnage Feeding US Forces

DR. SOO, KUNMING—Feeding American forces in China is a job that the Chinese themselves have undertaken to save manpower and hump tonnage.

The War Area Service Corps, organized as a branch of the National Chinese Military Council in 1937, with Maj.-Gen. J. L. Huang, as director-general, now operates 90 messes in various parts of China and employs in this operation, plus the procurement of foods, transportation, and in some cases growing of vegetables, a total of about 13,000 Chinese youth.

"We do not have to bring cooks to China, and other types of American personnel for these special subsistence tasks," said Maj.-Gen. C. K. Cheva, commanding general, Services of Supply, China Theater.

"In extending military aid to the Chinese we are trying to gain efficiency by using every available source of manpower in China. We are integrating our forces and developing teamwork wherever possible."

The Chinese boys in WASC man the hostels, provide the hot water, clean the rooms, do the laundry, take care of bedding, wait on tables, serve in kitchens, and operate abattoirs where cattle and hogs are butchered to provide food for the GI tables.

In the earlier days the WASC furnished not only all the food but kitchen utensils, bedding, charcoal fuel, electricity, toilet paper, soap and candles. Some of these items, however, now are furnished by SOS, and the Army also brings in a few food items such as canned milk, coffee and butter from overseas.

In addition the WASC operates barbershops where soldiers get haircuts and shampoos at very low prices. It publishes a news bulletin daily in mimeograph form which is distributed to the hostels, and it runs an **Intermediate School** from which young college boys among the Chinese are graduated and furnished to the American forces where required.

The United States Forces in China are unique among those in all theaters of the war because they get the bulk of supplies by airlift over the "hump" of the Himalaya mountains and also because they live largely off the land. Food imports to China are very small.

Food is procured from China's farms by the WASC. Their trucks scout areas for 100 miles from important bases to buy meat, fuel, vegetables, eggs, flour, lard, sugar, and they go into many markets to buy salt, soy beans, peanuts, walnuts, noodles, pepper, tea and baking powder.

During one recent month the cost of food purchases by WASC was CN \$27,198,160. Despite this figure in inflated Chinese currency, the job is a tremendous task.

ENGINEER TO ADDRESS KWEI CHU HUI CLUB

KUNMING—Mr. Peter Hardley, civilian engineer who has spent many years in China, will address the regular meeting of the Kwei Chu Hui following dinner in Red Cross Town Club on Monday, April 2, at 2-30 p.m. All officers of American and Chinese forces who are Master Masons are invited.

New York (CNS)—Dave Simoni, 65, went to work as the new janitor of an apartment building one day recently. He struck a match in the cellar and was greeted with a violent explosion which smashed windows, rocked the building and a mouse on Dave's right eye. His predecessor had left a lot of coal gas lying around the basement.



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CHINA GI CONCOCTS ICELESS TOM COLLINS

138TH AAF BASE UNIT, CHINA—Convinced that necessity is the mother of invention, Corp. "Tom" Farnsworth of this base decided that definitely something should be done about the local "jing bao" situation. As a result Farnsworth is now in open competition with local brewer and has succeeded in turning out what he calls a China-aided Tom Collins. Needless to say, the GIs here quite agree that it's a shame he can't go into bigger operations as his concoction hits the spot even without benefit of ice.

Every few days Farnsworth takes his jug to one of the local "wholesalers" and purchases the basic ingredient — namely rice, wine — and returns to his barracks for the business of mixing and brewing.

After adding a dash of this and a pinch of that he then proceeds to heat it and thereby "remove any original impurities". Once the lemon, water and sugar have been dissolved and cooled it is bottled and left to age for a couple of days. Then it is ready for drinking.

"After a hard day at the office," remarked Farnsworth, "there's nothing like coming home to a nice glass of pure, tantalizing Tom Collins. The only thing though, is that so many of the other guys have the same notion and it's at the point now where I'm going to have to issue ration cards of my own".

WITH PRACTICE HE MAY FLY WITHOUT WINGS

WEST CHINA RAIDERS—Lt. Peter V. Butler, Tuscon Ariz., pilot of the 14th Air Force's West China Raiders, has decided that with just a little more practice he should be able to fly his fighter plane without any wings at all.

The veteran flyer arrived at this startling decision not from reading "Superman", but from his experience on a recent mission over North China. Flying through reavy flak and machine gun fire, he took a strafing swipe at a particularly annoying Jap gun emplacement. The Japs swiped back. Lt. Butler was discomfited to note that he had left them an expensive souvenir—several feet of his wing tip.

But, according to Butler, the Japs weren't due for any fresh meat that day. He toyed with the controls, got the feel of the ship with its new streamlined design, stayed with the mission and came home to make a perfect landing on "part of a wing and a prayer". Lt. Butler is a veteran of 16 months combat duty with the "Thunder-Dragons" fighter group of Brig.-Gen. Russell E. Randall's West China Raiders.

KUNMING MASONIC CLUB MEETING ON APRIL 4

KUNMING—Next meeting of the Kunming Masonic Club, composed of enlisted men of US Forces who are Master Masons will be held in the Hotel du Commerce Tuesday, April 4, at 7 p.m.

The Wolf

by Sansone



"He may be unconscious—but his reflexes are OK!"

GI Training And Experience Now Worth School Credit

By Camp Newspaper Service
This is addressed to servicemen and women everywhere, but primarily to those who plan to return to school after the war.

You can earn academic credit, while still in service, not only for satisfactory, completing courses offered through the facilities of the United States Armed Forces Institute, but also for a wide variety of military training and experience.

Even your basic training has an educational value, in the opinion of leading American educators. So have the various courses offered by Army and Navy schools, Army and Navy specialized training and actual experience handling a Service job.

USAFI officials and leading American educators have devised certain guides and procedures designed to assure every serviceman and woman a fair evaluation by US schools and colleges of his military training and experience and of off-duty educational studies.

The plan seeks to avert the mistakes made following the last war, when accreditation for military training and experience was haphazard, "hit-or-miss", and often on a simple "even-Stephen" basis — so much credit for so much time spent in service. Under this arrangement, some men got more credit than they deserved and some got less.

Keystone of the new plan as a handbook published by the American Council on Education, worked out in co-operation with the National Department of Secondary-School Principals, the great regional accrediting associations, the Army Education Branch in the Information and Education Division and the corresponding agencies in the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

This booklet contains descriptions of the hundreds of training courses in the Armed Services — objectives, content, time allotment and admission requirements. It also contains the judgments of educational experts on the appropriateness of accepting the course for credit in different types of civilian school or college programs. Published in up-to-date looseleaf form, it will be in the possession of practically all high school principals and college officials. With the handbook for ready reference, educators will be able readily to interpret and evaluate applications for credit from military personnel and need have only an accurate and reliable statement from the applicant.

In order to facilitate the handling of such applications, USAFI has worked out a method whereby military personnel can apply directly to the schools or colleges of their choice for credit, with assurance of a speedy and fair evaluation.

Servicemen and women are urged to make application while still in service, because the action by the schools and colleges on their applications will provide a guide to the courses or studies they should pursue through USAFI or in off-duty classes in order that they may resume their education after their return to civilian life at the most advanced level possible. Personnel whose post-war educational plans are indefinite should

submit credit applications to the school or college they think it most likely they will attend so that an official record of their military training and experience will be available if needed.

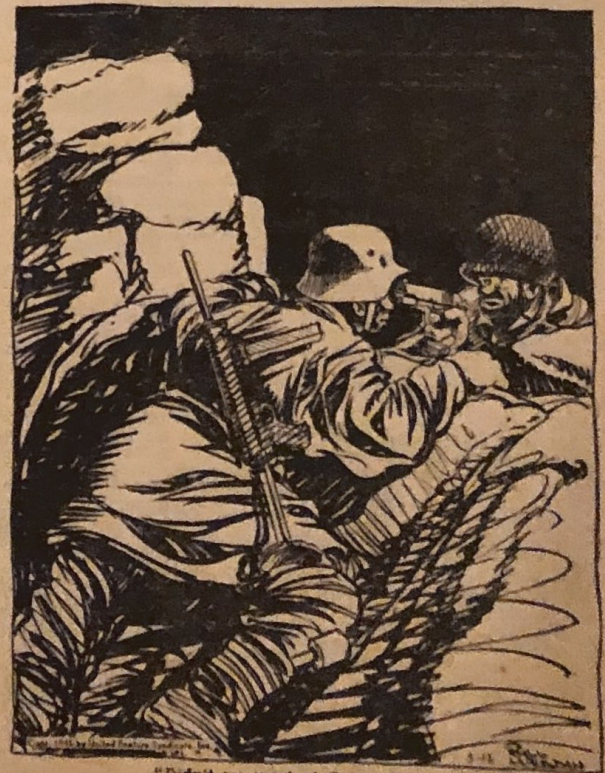
A new application form, "Application For Credit For Educational Achievement During Military Service," (USAFI Form No. 47, revised September 1944) has been devised for this purpose. Every I and E officer should have this form.

Upon receipt of the form, the educational official at the school will study the facts shown in it, check them against his own records in the American Council Handbook and in relation to the diploma requirements of his own school, and determine the kinds and amounts of credit to which the applicant is entitled.

In most instances, the educator will be able to make this decision promptly and without requiring more information. In some cases, however, it may seem desirable to suggest that the applicant take certain USAFI examinations in order to supply additional evidence of his educational status or competence.

The educator will report the examinations desired to USAFI, which will send them directly to be administered locally by the certifying officer. The results will be returned immediately to USAFI, which will grade the examination papers and report the grade received to the school or college for use in determining credit.

UP FRONT WITH MAULDIN



"Didn't see me at Cassan?"

Medics To Get Combat Badges

By Camp Newspaper Service
A Medical Badge has been authorized by the War Department in "recognition of the service rendered during combat" by members of the Medical Department assigned or attached to the Infantry. It is of silver metal, elliptical in shape, with the Medical Department's insignia, the caduceus and the Geneva Cross superimposed on a letter surrounded by a wreath of oak leaves. It will be worn on the left breast above decorations and service ribbons.



The badge will be awarded to Medical Department personnel regularly assigned or temporarily attached during combat to the Medical detachments of Infantry regiments, battalions or elements thereof since Dec. 7, 1941.

Since members of the Medical Department are protected personnel under the terms of the Geneva Convention, the right to wear the badge may be temporarily withdrawn upon transfer or assignment of the individual to duties other than medical in which he may come in contact with the enemy. In such cases, the right to wear the Medical Badge will be restored on relief from combat duties or on reassignment to the Medical Department.

Regimental commanders are authorized to make the award for "satisfactory performance of duty under actual combat conditions." They also are given the authority to withdraw the badge if the individual fails to perform his duty satisfactorily.

Enlisted and officer personnel below field grade (major) are eligible for the badge and it may be awarded to the regimental surgeon regardless of rank.

MASONS TO VISIT BLIND GIRLS EASTER SUNDAY

KUNMING—Kwei Chu Hui, the Square and Compass Club of Army officers who are Master Masons, will visit the School for Blind Girls operated by Lutheran Sisters on Easter, April 1, at 3:30 p.m. The reconstructed school building which the Masonic group has helped to make possible will be formally opened on Children's Festival, April 4.

Cross-Word Puzzle Answer.

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HQ. SOS, KUNMING—Feeding American forces in China is a job that the Chinese themselves have undertaken to save manpower and hump tonnage.

The War Area Service Corps, organized as a branch of the National Chinese Military Council in 1937, with Maj.-Gen. J. L. Huang, as director-general, now operates 90 employees in this operation, plus the procurement of foods, transportation, and in some cases growing of vegetables, a total of about 12,000 Chinese youth.

"We do not have to bring cooks to China, and other types of American personnel for these special subsistence tasks," said Maj.-Gen. C. X. Cheves, commanding general, Services of Supply, China Theater. "In extending military aid to the Chinese we are trying to gain efficiency by using every available source of manpower in China. We are integrating our forces and developing teamwork wherever possible."

The Chinese boys in WASC man the hostels, provide the hot water, clean the rooms, do the laundry, take care of bedding, wait on tables, serve in kitchens, and operate abattoirs where cattle and hogs are butchered to provide food for the GI tables.

In the earlier days the WASC furnished not only all the food but kitchen utensils, bedding, charcoal fuel, electricity, toilet paper, soap and candles. Some of these items, however, now are furnished by SOS, and the Army also brings in a few food items such as canned milk, coffee and butter from overseas.

In addition the WASC operates barbershops where soldiers get haircuts and shampoos at very low prices, it publishes a news bulletin daily in mimeograph form which is distributed to the hostels, and it runs an Interpreters' School from which young college boys among the Chinese are graduated and furnished to the American forces where required.

The United States Forces in China are unique among those in all theaters of the war because they get the bulk of supplies by airlift over the "hump" of the Himalaya mountains and also because they live largely off the land. Food imports to China are very small.

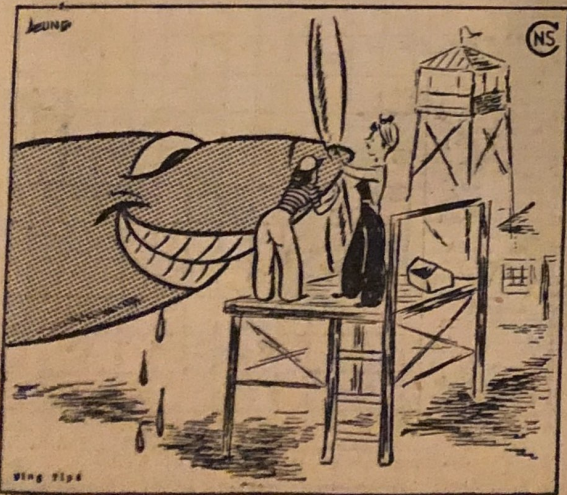
Food is procured from China's farms by the WASC. Their trucks scout areas for 100 miles from important bases to buy meat, fuel, vegetables, eggs, flour, lard, sugar, and they go into many markets to buy salt, soy beans, peanuts, walnuts, noodles, pepper, tea and baking powder.

During one recent month the cost of food purchases by WASC was CN \$27,198,160. Despite this figure in inflated Chinese currency, the job is a tremendous task.

ENGINEER TO ADDRESS KWEI CHU HUI CLUB

KUNMING—Mr. Peter Eardley, civilian engineer who has spent many years in China, will address the regular meeting of the Kwei Chu Hui following dinner in Red Cross Town Club on Monday, April 2, at 2-30 p.m. All officers of American and Chinese forces who are Master Masons are invited.

New York (CNS)—Dave Simonetti, 65, went to work as the new janitor of an apartment building one day recently. He struck a match in the cellar and was greeted with a violent explosion which smashed windows, rocked the building and laid a mouse on Dave's right eye. His predecessor had left a lot of coal gas lying around the basement.



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The Wolf

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"He may be unconscious—but his reflexes are OK!"

by Sansone

Medics To Get Combat Badges

By Camp Newspaper Service
A Medical Badge has been authorized by the War Department in "recognition of the service rendered during combat" by members of the Medical Department assigned or attached to the Infantry. It is of silver metal, elliptical in shape, with the Medical Department's insignia, the caduceus, and the Geneva Cross superimposed on a litter surrounded by a wreath of oak leaves. It will be worn on the left breast above decorations and service ribbons. The badge will be awarded to Medical Department personnel regularly assigned or temporarily attached during combat to the Medical detachments of Infantry regiments, battalions or elements thereof since Dec. 7, 1941.



Since members of the Medical Department are protected personnel under the terms of the Geneva Convention, the right to wear the badge may be temporarily withdrawn upon transfer or assignment of the individual to duties other than medical in which he may come in contact with the enemy. In such cases, the right to wear the Medical Badge will be restored on relief from combat duties or on reassignment to the Medical Department.

Regimental commanders are authorized to make the award for "satisfactory performance of duty under actual combat conditions." They also are given the authority to withdraw the badge if the individual fails to perform his duty satisfactorily.

Enlisted and officer personnel below field grade (major) are eligible for the badge and it may be awarded to the regimental surgeon regardless of rank.

MASONS TO VISIT BLIND GIRLS EASTER SUNDAY

KUNMING—Kwei Chu Hui, the Square and Compass Club of Army officers who are Master Masons, will visit the School for Blind Girls operated by Lutheran Sisters on Easter, April 1, at 3:30 p.m. The reconstructed school building which the Masonic group has helped to make possible will be formally opened on Children's Festival, April 4.

Cross-Word Puzzle Answer.

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CHINA GI CONCOCTS ICELESS TOM COLLINS

1358TH AAF BASE UNIT, CHINA—Convinced that necessity is the mother of invention, Corp. "Tom" Farnsworth of this base decided that definitely something had to be done about the local "jing bao" situation. As a result Farnsworth is now in open competition with local brewer and has succeeded in turning out what he calls a China-side Tom Collins. Needless to say, the GIs here quite agree that it's a shame he can't go into bigger operations as his concoction hits the spot even without benefit of ice.

Every few days Farnsworth takes his jug to one of the local "wholesalers" and purchases the basic ingredient—namely rice, wine—and returns to his barracks for the business of mixing and brewing.

After adding a dash of this and a pinch of that he then proceeds to heat it and thereby "remove any original impurities". Once the lemon, water and sugar have been dissolved and cooled it is bottled and left to age for a couple of days. Then it is ready for drinking.

"After a hard day at the office," remarked Farnsworth, "there's nothing like coming home to a nice glass of pure, tantalizing Tom Collins. The only thing I'm going to have to issue ration cards of my own."

WITH PRACTICE HE MAY FLY WITHOUT WINGS

WEST CHINA RAIDERS—Lt. Peter V. Butler, Tuscon, Ariz., pilot of the 14th Air Force's West China Raiders, has decided that with just a little more practice he should be able to fly his fighter plane without any wings at all.

The veteran flyer arrived at this startling decision not from reading "Superman," but from his experience on a recent mission over North China. Flying through rearsy flak and machine gun fire, he took a straining swipe at a particularly annoying Jap gun emplacement. The Japs swiped back, Lt. Butler was disoriented to note that he had left them an expensive souvenir—several feet of his wing tip.

But, according to Butler, the Japs weren't due for any fresh meat that day. He toyed with the controls, got the feel of the ship with its new streamlined design, stayed with the mission and came home to make a perfect landing on "part of a wing and a prayer."

Lt. Butler is a veteran of 16 months combat duty with the "Thunder-Drummers" fighter group of Brig.-Gen. Russell E. Randall's West China Raiders.

KUNMING MASONIC CLUB MEETING ON APRIL 4

KUNMING—Next meeting of the Kunming Masonic Club, composed of enlisted men of US Forces who are Master Masons will be held in the Hotel du Commerce Tuesday, April 4, at 7 p.m.

GI Training And Experience Now Worth School Credit

By Camp Newspaper Service
This is addressed to servicemen and women everywhere, but primarily to those who plan to return to school after the war.

You can earn academic credit, while still in service, not only for satisfactorily completing courses offered through the facilities of the United States Armed Forces Institute, but also for a wide variety of military training and experience.

Even your basic training has an educational value, in the opinion of leading American educators. So have the various courses offered by Army and Navy schools, Army and Navy specialized training and actual experience handling a Service job.

USAFI officials and leading American educators have devised certain guides and procedures designed to assure every serviceman and woman a fair evaluation by US schools and colleges of his military training and experience and of off-duty educational studies.

The plan seeks to avert the mistakes made following the last war, when accreditation for military training and experience was haphazard, "hit-or-miss", and often on a simple "even-Stephen" basis—so much credit for so much time spent in service. Under this arrangement, some men got more credit than they deserved and some got less.

Keystone of the new plan is a handbook published by the American Council on Education, worked out in co-operation with the National Department of Secondary-School Principals, the great regional accrediting associations, the Army Education Branch in the Information and Education Division and the corresponding agencies in the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

This booklet contains descriptions of the hundreds of training courses in the Armed Services—objectives, content, time allotment and admission requirements. It also contains the judgments of educational experts on the appropriateness of accepting the course for credit in different types of civilian school or college programs. Published in up-to-date looseleaf form, it will be in the possession of practically all high school principals and college officials. With the handbook for ready reference, educators will be ably ready to interpret and evaluate applications for credit from military personnel and need have only an accurate and reliable statement from the applicant.

In order to facilitate the handling of such applications, USAFI has worked out a method whereby military personnel can apply directly to the schools or colleges of their choice for credit, with assurance of a speedy and fair evaluation.

Servicemen and women are urged to make application while still in service, because the action by the schools and colleges on their applications will provide a guide to the courses or studies they should pursue through USAFI or in off-duty classes in order that they may resume their education after their return to civilian life at the most advanced level possible.

Personnel whose post-war educational plans are indefinite should

submit credit applications to the school or college they think it most likely they will attend so that an official record of their military training and experience will be available if needed.

A new application form, "Application For Credit For Educational Achievement During Military Service" (USAFI Form No. 47, revised September 1944) has been devised for this purpose. Every I and E officer should have this form.

Upon receipt of the form, the educational official at the school will study the facts shown in it, check them against his own records in the American Council Handbook and in relation to the diploma requirements of his own school, and determine the kinds and amounts of credit to which the applicant is entitled.

In most instances, the educator will be able to make this decision promptly and without requiring more information. In some cases, however, it may seem desirable to suggest that the applicant take certain USAFI examinations in order to supply additional evidence of his educational status or competence.

The educator will report the examinations desired to USAFI, which will send them directly to be administered locally by the certifying officer. The results will be returned immediately to USAFI, which will grade the examination papers and report the grade received to the school or college for use in determining credit.

UP FRONT WITH MAULDIN



"Didn't we meet at Caspino?"

CH'ENG-TU

(Continued From Page 5)
China's Great Wall was built, the Kuan hsien irrigation system was constructed by some far-sighted but forgotten Chinese. It remains today exactly as it was originally laid out, and where an arid, eroded plain once existed there is now a brilliant, shimmering plain three thousand square miles in extent, every inch of which produces five crops a year. The centuries-old dams and canals and locks still work as they worked long before the Christian era; bringing fertility to a smiling paradise that has known no drought nor famine in thirty centuries. Each year, at spring, pigs and chickens are sacrificed in the shrine of the Great Dam, and then the wooden chocks are knocked away and the crystal waters of Tibet, mother of mighty rivers, roll down through the maze of canals to the old city of Ch'eng-tu.

It is undoubtedly in the glittering waterways of the Min River spreading out from Kuan-hsien that we find the main reason for the lasting importance and fame of Ch'eng-tu. Through the centuries its tempo has neither increased nor slackened, and although it is a mass of incongruities, steeped in medievalism and yet constantly swept by tides of modern thought, Ch'eng-tu remains essentially unchanged.

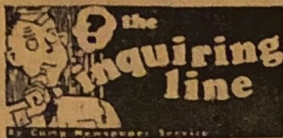
In the teashops, at the high rostrums in the distant corners, the old story-tellers, with operatic intonations and dramatic gestures, recount the old folk tales and myths and legends that were told when Marco Polo passed through with only the minor embellishments and alterations that time has given. The minstrel singers pluck the strings of their moon guitars as they sing the ancient ballads of China, as did the wandering minstrels and bards of Europe a thousand years ago. And alchemists sit in darkened booths surrounded by their wares—mummified snakes coiled in rich silk, dried toads' skins, cups made from rhinoceros horns so that they will sweat if poison is poured into them.

And the cries of the street peddlars and the whining of the beggars; the clanging cymbals and clattering castanets of the food vendors; the metallic beat of the silversmiths' hammers; clacking of silk looms and the high-pitched whinging of the cotton fluffers; the cry and laughter of children and the cackling amusement of the oldsters; the padding shuffle of the coolies trundling their wheelbarrows or shambling beneath sedan chairs; the distant tolling of a temple bell; the crowing of a cockerel, and the timeless whisper of the countless feet that have worn the stones of Ch'eng-tu to a brilliant gloss.

Soldiers sit in the cafe discussing military strategy or the course of the war in Kiangsi and Hunan. Students wander down the ancient street arguing about Anton Chekhov and Schopenhauer and Confucius and Karl Marx. The shrill vibrant blare of an automobile horn can scarcely drown the squeakness, the ancient squeakness, of the unrolled wooden wheels of the oxcarts.

And in that atmosphere, where time is little more than a fourth dimension, one suddenly realizes that there would be no sense of surprise if a tired Venetian wanderer his Tartar robes dulled by dust, strolled slowly down between the leaning timbered houses and shops, no surprise in knowing that this was Messer Marco Polo himself come back to Sin-din-fu.

Elko, Nev (CNS)—A. C. Smart, pantless, was arrested on a downtown street. "What's the idea?" he was asked. "Just a whim," he replied. The sentence: 30 days for whimsical Smart.



Q. I was in the Pilot Training Program, but was eliminated because of a physical disability just before I was about to receive my commission. I have since heard that the standards were lowered, and I believe I could now meet the prescribed physical standards. Is there any way in which I could get reinstated?

A. War Department regulations prohibit the reinstatement to pilot training of those individuals who previously had been eliminated from training because of failure to meet prescribed standards for flying. However, such individuals may be eligible for further air crew training, i.e., bombardier or navigator.

Q. I expect to go back to my old job after my discharge. It is a full-time job as a copywriter with an advertising concern. I also expect to attend Law School full-time in the evenings. Will I be eligible for the \$50 a month subsistence from the Veterans' Administration as well as free tuition under the GI Bill of Rights?

A. Your tuition will be paid by the Veterans' Administration provided you meet the scholastic and other requirements, but you will not be eligible to receive any subsistence payments during such time as you are fully employed at a gainful employment and are pursuing a course of studies not directly related to your employment.

G. I. Shakespeare In China

Questionnaire

*I want to know how love begins
And when and how and where it ends,
My friends,
Should love confound me with
chagrins
And bring me joy in sweet small
sins?
Does he lose who also wins?
Oh, tell me, friends
The end
Of love, are they as sweet
As that first moment when two
meet,
Not too discreet,
In some quaint street?
Repeat,
My friends,
Your knowledge, for I fear
That one sweet tear
May grow and flood and swell
into a sea,
Surrounding me.
So speak, my friends,
I want to know,
Before you go,
How love begins and how it
ends,
Yes, when and where and how
it ends, my friends.
—Capt. Fulton T. Grant.*

Westfield, N.J. (C.N.S.)—A local resident saw bear tracks. His hair stood up, his eyes bugged out, his blood froze, he screamed "Cop!" Police organized a posse, tracked their quarry 3 days, finally cornered it in a cave. Then out walked the "bear"—a great big, sleepy-eyed mild mannered English shepherd dog with shaggy paws.

REQUIEM MASS HONORS MEMORY OF HEROS OF YUNNAN—BURMA CAMPAIGN



BISHOP PAUL YU-PIN reading the opening prayers at a Requiem Mass for Allied soldiers and civilians killed in the campaign to open the Stilwell Highway. The mass was held at St. Therese Cathedral, Kunming. Left to right are Fr. Lawrence Curtis, Baltimore, Master of Ritual; Fr. Simon Suen, deacon of the mass; Bishop Yu-pin; and Fr. Paul Yu, sub-deacon.

KUNMING—Solemn requiem mass was celebrated in St. Therese Cathedral here last week by Bishop Paul Yu-pin in memory of Chinese, American and British soldiers and civilians who lost lives in the Yunnan-Burma campaigns to open the Stilwell Highway.

A catafalque draped with flags of three nations was guarded by American and Chinese soldiers. Bishop Alesandro Derouineau of Kunming participated in the ceremonies at the catafalque. Present were civil representatives of American, Chinese, Dutch, British and French governments. Brig. Gen. Henry A. Barber, Jr., Washington, D.C., deputy commander of Chinese Combat Command and Lt.-Col. Camden C. Fortney, Jr., Charleston, W. Va., of the Burma Road Engineers, officially represented those American units which were active in the campaign leading up to the opening of the road.

Bishop Yu-pin speaking in Chinese said the "services for the souls of those who shed their

blood on the Yunnan-Burma front is an answer to their prayer that they be not forgotten." He said many of those died with none to comfort except the strength that they were doing their duty.

His words were echoed in English by the Rev. Louis J. Benoit, SVD, Techny, Ill.

Lt.-Gen. Yu Li-ming, Lt.-Gen. Kao Chi-jen, and Maj.-Gen. Gaston Wang represented Chinese Forces, and Wang Chan-chi, commissioner for foreign affairs, represented the Chinese civil government.

Assisting in the services were Fr. Andrea Majcen, arch priest; Bishop John A. O'Shea, Philadelphia and Kanchow; Msgr. Joseph Kerec, Chaotung; Fr. Simon Suen, deacon; Fr. Paul Yu, subdeacon, and Fr. Lawrence Curtis, Baltimore, master of ceremonies.

Present for the ceremonies also was Lt.-Col. Joseph P. McNamara, Rumford, R.I., chaplain for China Theatre, and several associate chaplains of US Forces.

'DEAD' LANGUAGE LIFE OF CHINA CONFERENCE

KUNMING—One of the main difficulties of liaison work in China is the fact that, contrary to common belief in the United States, there is no such thing as a 'Chinese' language. Numerous dialect from the different provinces make for considering hardship in understanding at conferences.

A unique solution to this problem occurred at a recent conference attended by Maj. Stanton T. Lange, Highland Park, Mich., of the Civil Affairs office, Services of Supply.

A conference was being held between a number of officials who spoke either French, English, Mandarin or Cantonese," he relates. "It was with the greatest difficulty that each could make all the others understand what he had to say."

"We had been wrestling with French, interspersed with Mandarin and English, when suddenly the conversation began to go to everyone's satisfaction—no more 'don't understand's', 'ne comprend pas', or 'pu tung'."

"After listening for several minutes, I realized that all were now talking in 'Latin'." the major concluded.



THE "FLYING TIGER" insignia has long been the emblem of Maj.-Gen. C. L. Chennault's Fourteenth Air Force. Unable to find the tiger for a pet, Pfc. Charles J. Cashen, Los Angeles, Cal., a member of an engineer unit attached to the CACW, settled for a young leopard. Raising it on a diet of dehydrated milk, Cashen vows "I'll keep him until he grows too old—or too mean."

HOLLYWOOD — and — BROADWAY

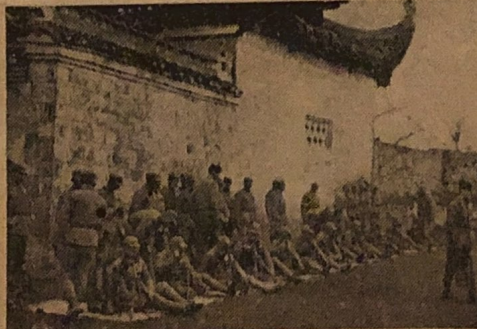
(ANS)—One of the most cited entertainers in the war, comedian Bob Hope, has just received an award to end all awards. Presented by Fibber McGee and Molly with a citation to "America's No. 1 soldier in grease paint," it was the "first, last, and only Fibber McGee and Molly Annual Award." . . . Next season on Broadway should see the presentation of a most unusual musical comedy. It's a musical version of Erskine Caldwell's best-seller "Tragic Ground." In this novel, the author of "Tobacco Road" emphasized the humorous side of the "poor white trash," about whom he so often writes. A stellar staff of writers, musicians and technicians are already at work on it. . . . Warner Brothers have completed what promises to be an interesting two-reel short entitled "Novelty Bands." In it, musicians play almost every type of instrument. . . . One of the actresses playing in the current hit, "Dark of the Moon" bears a famous name, although she's billed on the program as Tony Eden. Her real name is Wanda Winchell and she's the daughter of columnist Walter. . . . Screen producer Charles Rogers has completed plans to film a picture which should make a hit with litterbugs. Entitled "My Brother Leads a Band," it's the story of the lives of the Dorsey brothers, Jimmy and Tommy. . . . In response to the audience clamor created by the haunting background music in the movie "Laura," the music has been published in sheet form and several orchestras have recorded it. Johnny Mercer, whose latest tune hit was "Accentuate the Positive," was commissioned to write words to the David Raksin score. . . . Crooner Frank Sinatra is scheduled to lecture those body-soxers! In association with Parent-Teachers' Associations, The Voice is going to speak in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Washington and Chicago. His subject will be tolerance and what the teenagers can make of the future.

In a move to lick the curfew on late entertainment, a theater and a night-club have come up with a new wrinkle which has possibilities. At a cost of \$4.00 a ticket, playgoers at the Ambassador Theater in New York receive an orchestra seat and, after the show, food and drink within the minimum charge at the Havana-Madrid night-club nearby. The current play at the Ambassador, "School for Brides," ends at 10:30 and the last floor show at the Havana-Madrid is timed to start 10 minutes later. . . . Singer Amy Arnell, who used to sing with Mitchell Ayres' orchestra and who made a great personal hit with GI's overseas, recently married Army Capt. Morgan Heap, Jr., in Minneapolis. . . . Researchers for the movies sometimes unearth facts which correct general public opinion. In the case of "Captain Kidd," which United Artists in filming with Charles Laughton in the title role, it was found that the notorious pirate of the 17th century was exonerated of the charges for which he had been hanged. . . . Broadway producer Jed Harris is planning to revive the perennial stage hit "Cyrano de Bergerac" next season. Louis Calhern will be seen in the part which Walter Hempden did originally. . . . Shirley Temple, currently enjoying a screen come-back in teen-age roles, and who made millions as a child star, is given an allowance of only \$20 a month by her parents. The 17-year-old actress is also permitted only two dates a week. . . .

Chinese Combat Command Trains Chinese In Art Of Modern Warfare



LEFT: Inspection of Chinese troops at Gen. Wang Yao Wu's Army Group headquarters in Free China by left to right, Col. Isaac L. Kitts, HQ staff, CCC; Col. Woods King, commanding a field bq. of the CCC; Brig.-Gen. Henry A. Barber, Jr., deputy commander, CCC; Gen. Wang Yao Wu, commander of the Chinese Army.



CENTER: Chinese officers attending a Chinese Army officers School receiving instruction in the use of the US Army 60mm mortar. The Chinese Combat Command is headed by Maj.-Gen. R. B. McClure. RIGHT: Members of a Chinese Army Officers Training School being indoctrinated in the



mechanics and manipulation of American 37mm guns by US personnel of the Chinese Combat Command which is engaged primarily in the planning and execution of tactical operations, training, and in the receipt, distribution and assignment of American equipment and supplies for Chinese military units.

'Point' Grads Hold Traditional Dinner

HQ, 14TH AIR FORCE, CHINA.—Throughout the year, in peacetime and during war, officers graduates of the United States Military Academy at West Point, hold a dinner on, or as near as possible to, St. Patrick's Day.

On the night of March 17 the West Pointers of the Fourteenth Air Force, in China, and the Army Ground Forces, with the exception of the men in the forward echelons, had their dinner in the King Pi Villa, Kunming, China.

Rank, for the night, was forgotten, as colonels sat above generals who were in classes behind them at the Point. The old songs were sung and reminiscent tales of the past were retold as the war was forgotten for the evening.

The honor guests included Lt.-Gen. Carton De Wiart, British Army, Maj.-Gen. G. X. Cheves, commander general of Services of Supplies, and Brig.-Gen. Albert F. Hegeberger, chief of staff of the Fourteenth Air Force.

Col. W. J. Tuck, an Infantry officer, Class of '14 was the toastmaster. S/Sgt. John F. Kosuta, Cleveland, Ohio, accompanied the singing on the accordion and a moving picture — The Army Football Team of 1944, was shown. Classes from 1914 to 1943 were represented.

Eye Witness Stories At ARC News Sessions

KUNMING.—Soldiers in this area caught up on news developments of the week on worldwide fronts at "Analyzing the News" session in the Red Cross Town Club recently but in addition Maj.-Gen. G. X. Cheves, commanding general of Services of Supply, brought them a couple of surprise visitors.

Maj. John H. Lattin, Jamestown, N.Y., who has been through a lot of tough fighting in Northern Burma, and who confessed that it was the first time in more than 13 months that he had worn anything but fatigues or jungle battle-clothing, gave some firsthand reports on fighting for Myitkyina and pursuit of Japs towards Mandalay.

The major said the toughest and longest march in a day was 21 miles covered in 23 hours.

Theodore "Teddy" White, War Correspondent for Time-Life, Inc. who has been in China several years told the GIs a little about his trips into Yenan and operations of Chinese guerrilla troops.

He answered numerous questions with Gen. Cheves as master of ceremonies.

'China Junction' ARC Club Opened

A FOURTEENTH AIR FORCE BASE, CHINA.—They call it "China Junction" Club, and China Junction is exactly what it is—this air base Red Cross club somewhere in frontier Free China.

Recently three Red Cross girls and a gang of GIs pitched in to renovate and redecorate the Club. They held open house and Col. Paul D. Meyers, base commander from Dongan Hills, Staten Island, N.Y. held a tour of inspection.

This is what the three Red Cross girls, Miss Hazel Brown, Frankfort, Ky., who is club director, Miss Mattie Hodges, Bellevue, Texas and Miss Jean Brott, Marinette, Wis., both assistants, and the GIs did:

All the main units—the central lounge, game room, library, coffee shop—were brightened up with paint, new draperies, new furniture. In this cheerful atmosphere the base personnel can relax, read, write to the folks back home, or just sit and talk over a cup of coffee and doughnuts.

When the Red Cross girls and GIs finished their interior decoration job, the walls still looked a bit bare. So a photo unit put on the finishing touch by supplying pictures depicting base activities and the Chinese countryside.

CHAPLAIN GIVES GI COURSE IN CHINESE

A one-man campaign to enrich the Chinese vocabularies of GIs stationed with The Randall's Raiders is currently being waged by Father William J. Glynn, chaplain of the West China fighter wing. Father Glynn offers a 20-lesson course in the Wade phonetic system with classes held six times a week at various bases. "It's just an elementary course in Mandarin," Father Glynn admits. "But all those who complete it will be able to converse fairly well in Chinese."

Easter Services

Catholic Services — Easter Sunday — A.P.O. 627

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Catholic Services — Good Friday — A.P.O. 627

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Other Catholic Services

Table with 3 columns: A.P.O., Building, Time. Lists services for Base Theater and Rec Hall.

Protestant Services — Easter Sunday — A.P.O. 627

Table with 3 columns: Hostel, Building, Time. Lists services for various hostels and buildings like Parade Grounds, Recreation Hall, etc.

Protestant Services — Holy Week — A.P.O. 627

Table with 3 columns: Hostel, Building, Time. Lists services for Chapel, ARC Club, etc.

Other Services

Table with 3 columns: A.P.O., Building, Time. Lists services for Base Theater, Communion, etc.

'Dreams' Holds Lead On Hit Parade In US

(ANS)—Continuing its claim as the most popular song in the nation, "My Dreams Are Getting Better," by Manny Curtis and Vic Mizzy, rode along in first place during mid-March. The second and third placers of the first of the month, "Rum and Coca Cola" and "A Little on the Lonely Side" traded spots and are now No. 3 and No. 2, respectively.

Fourth place found Johnny Mercer's "Accentuate the Positive" unchanged, but a new chaser, "Saturday Night," followed it. Cole Porter's lament of the wide open spaces, "Don't Fence Me In," was in sixth place, trailed by "More and More" and "Sweet Dreams Sweetheart."

The last two tunes on the docket were newcomers. No. 9 bears watching, both on its own merits and the fact that its writers are Harry James and Duke Ellington. The song, "I'm Beginning to See the Light," No. 10, an oldie revived in the movie of the same name, is "Meet Me in St. Louis."

'Falcons' Open New 'Roost' At China Base

AN ADVANCED BASE IN CHINA.—Falcon Medium Bomb Group enlisted personnel officially opened their club, "The Falcons' Roost," this week, when they were hosts to all group officers at a cocktail party and a snack bar.

Men who served the guests on opening night were: M/Sgt. G. R. Eiland Jr., Monday, Texas; T/Sgt. R. K. King, Watford, N.Y.; T/Sgt. Louis Macaluso, Hazelcrest, Ill; and S/Sgt. W. E. Kauffman, Princeton, Mo.

The club was planned and constructed by enlisted personnel in the Falcon headquarters. It is decorated with knotty pine and appropriate pin-ups. It is furnished with overstuffed furniture, a radio, reading racks, and other available furniture.

The club committee is as follows: M/Sgt. L. R. Pruitt, Comanche, Okla.; T/Sgt. J. A. Brennan, St. Louis, Mo.; S/Sgt. H. J. Ellis, Ada, Okla.; and S/Sgt. J. Wiczorek, Greenwich, Conn.

San Francisco (CNS)—Two lady street conductors were arrested here recently on similar charges. One had blasphemously bawled out a passenger. Another had slugged a passenger in the nose when asked to stop the car.

OWI Seeks GI Copy For Chinese Papers

In response to request from Chinese publishers, the Office of War Information this week announced that they are seeking material on the American Army in China for release to the Chinese newspapers and magazines. The OWI will welcome articles or stories from any of the Army personnel who have a yen to see themselves in print—Chinese print.

The OWI is particularly anxious to get short stories dealing with American Army life or combat operations in China, in addition to feature articles describing whatever phase of Army activity in this theater that you happen to know best.

If your contribution is usable, the OWI will pass it through the theatre PRO and the press censor, have it translated into Chinese, and submit it to the Chinese newspapers or magazines. If you copy is printed the OWI will send you a copy of the publication you have crashed.

Whenever possible the author's credit will be printed in English, as well as in Chinese, so that the people back home won't think that you are being a little careless with the truth.

Contributions should be sent to the Feature Editor, USOWI, APO 627. Before sending any material, permission must be obtained to write for publication from your commanding officer, and the copy must be cleared through your local Public Relations Officer.

CNAC 'Hump' Veteran Gives ARC Talk To GIs

KUNMING.—GIs at the Red Cross Town club last Sunday heard some interesting facts about "hump flying" from Capt. G. A. "Robbie" Robertson, a CNAC pilot who has done more than 300 trips over the "ridge", to use his terminology.

"Robbie" admits to being a Georgia "cracker" but said he was born in New England but soon transplanted to the vicinity of Macon. He got into "hump flying" by way of wing-walking and chute jumping for a barnstormer, then the early days of the war to fly planes to Britain over the Atlantic, and graduating to the Himalayans. Col. Jesse C. Williams, A-2, of the 14th Air Force, was a guest and spoke briefly on "Security."

CORSETS, BRASSIERS CALLED ESSENTIALS

NEW YORK (ANS)—A corset and brassiere priority for women war workers was suggested Monday as the means of keeping up their morale.

Essentiality of corsets and brassiers "to the efficiency of women in war work is unquestioned," John Hahn, National Retail Dry Goods Association executive said. Hahn said war workers should be given precedence in all foundation garment purchases for the duration "for many women they are an absolute necessity," he said.

Hahn hinted that some women were hoarding corsets and brassiers and suggested that stores begin their own rationing systems by limiting purchases. He said maintenance of the present rate of sale would produce an acute and serious shortage and eventually have a bad effect on war production.

Golden Tigers Squadron Conduct Post-War Talks

Postwar conscious members of The Golden Tigers fighter squadron of Randall's Raiders have enlivened the weekly "orientation" sessions at their base by staging debates and open forum discussions relating to the problems of tomorrow. The progress is under the direction of Capt. Chaz M. Holland, executive officer, who chooses the topic of discussion each week from suggestions submitted by squadron members. Questions aired at recent meetings included: Postwar Prosperity, Compulsory Military Training and Demobilization.

'Lantern' Co-Christner One Man Base Newspaper

Sgt. George V. Penton co-christener of the "China Lantern," is the editor, publisher and one-man staff of "The Clarion," daily newspaper of the Golden Tigers squadron. Penton specializes in radio-fresh news from the world's battlefronts. He simulates actual newspaper makeup by typing the each story with hand-printed headlines.

Sanford, Me (CNS)—Mary Lou Bernier is suing the state of Maine for \$137.48. She says she was bitten by a muskrat while leaving a state-operated store.

RADIO STATION X-N-E-W (KUNMING)

Table listing radio station programs for Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, including show titles and times.

Denver (CNS)—Police Judge Joseph Neff sentences drunks to work in war plants. In 3 months, 277 of them have come to court.

THE CHINA LANTERN COMIC PAGE

—By Milton Caniff

Moon Mullins

—By Williard

Panel 1: "GOT ANYTHING WERE TO CURE A TOLD UNCLE WILLIE?"

Panel 2: "LOOK AT THE TOP BALKEAU DRAWER MOON!"

Panel 3: "AAMA CHOO!"

Panel 4: "SWITCH OFF THE LIGHT OR WE'LL HAVE HIM HERE ALL NIGHT!"

Panel 5: "HEY! HAVE YOU TOOK ANY OF THOSE STUFF UNCLE WILLIE?"

Panel 6: "CLICK! NO."

Panel 7: "WELL, DON'T! IT MAKES A GUY GO BLIND!"

Panel 8: "OH SHE WANTED TO KNOW HOW YOU A BODY COULD LIVE WITHOUT A BRAIN DOC? HANNAH! WELL SHE'S FIFTY-FIVE!"

Panel 9: "OF COURSE, OR KING I KNOW YOU DON'T BUY NO MEAT TO THE POOR BOYS BARBLING HIS CONDITION."

Panel 10: "HIS CONDITION?"

Panel 11: "WAS HIS DELIRIUM?"

Panel 12: "OH MR MULLINS ISN'T DELIRIOUS!"

Panel 13: "OH BOY! MY HEAD FEELS LIKE A LUMP OF LEAD AND MY CHEST LIKE IT HAD A STEEL BAND AROUND IT AND MY TOE'S'S HAMMERS LIKE A MACHINE GUN!"

Panel 14: "WHY DON'T YOU GO THROU YOURSELF ON TH' SALVAGE DAMP UNCLE WILLIE?"

Panel 15: "WELL, I HATE IT CO IF I EVER TOUCH ANYTHING STRONGERIN TEA AGAIN AS LONG AS I LIVE!"

Panel 16: "I BETCHA YOU DO!"

Panel 17: "I BET I DON'T HEY! WOTRE YOU DOIN IN MY PANTS?"

Panel 18: "JUST BORROWIN TEN BUCKS I'M GONNA LAY YOU A LITTLE BET ON THAT!"

Panel 19: "SUCH CRUST! AND AFTER THE HOURS TOOK THE BLEDS! AND EVEN PROMISED TO STOP SMOKING! WELL, I'LL STOP TO THIS!"

Panel 20: "YOU MEAN UNCLE WILLIE CAN'T EVEN SLOW SOAP BUBBLES OR HAVE ANY FUN AT ALL MAMIE?"

Panel 21: "WAIT A MINUTE, MOON— LETS GET THIS WAGER RIGHT?"

Panel 22: "YOU BET ME TEN BUCKS YOU'D NEVER TAKE A DRINK OR SMOKE AGAIN FROM NOW ON!"

Panel 23: "FROM NOW ON?"

Panel 24: "— HUH-HUH — WOULD I DO WITH \$10 UP THERE."

Blondie

—By Chick Young

Panel 1: "DANWOOD— YOUR BOSS WANTS YOU ON THE LINE AND HE SOUNDERS BAD!"

Panel 2: "OH BOY! NOW HAN DID I DO WROONG?"

Panel 3: "BUMSTEAD! STOP STANDING THERE AND PICK UP THE PHONE!"

Panel 4: "WHAA— ONE OF THE SUPPER TROOP MY LITTLEPOO FROM ME!"

Panel 5: "I'LL MAKE THEM LINE UP! I CAN TELL WHICH ONE IS GUILTY ON THEIR FACES!"

Panel 6: "BLONDIE, WILL YOU BRING ME A PIECE OF CAKE AND A GLASS OF MILK WHICH YOU COME UP!"

Panel 7: "IT'S WONDERFUL TO HAVE A WIFE TO WAIT ON YOU FROM MORNING 'TIL NIGHT!"

Panel 8: "WHERE'S MY CAKE AND MILK?"

Panel 9: "WHY I DIDN'T HEAR YOU ASK FOR ANY!"

Panel 10: "ON YOUR WAY UP WILL YOU BRING ME A PIECE OF CAKE, TOO?"

Panel 11: "POP CAN ALWAYS GET JUST ONE MORE SQUEEZE OUT OF THE TOOTH-PASTE TUBE."

SIDE GLANCES—By Galbraith

Panel 1: "WOULD YOU MIND NOT POPPING THAT DARN GUM? IT MAKES ME NERVOUS!"

Panel 2: "THANK YOU CAPT. BILL WATSON GLADYS PARKER"

MOPSY by GLADYS PARKER

Panel 1: "YOU OBVIOUSLY WERE ABOUT TO BE MARRIED? WHAT HAPPENED? WHERE'S YOUR GROOM?"

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Panel 4: "LISTEN, SNOWFLAKE I'LL DRIVE SLOWLY WHILE YOU TELL ME ALL ABOUT IT. TALK!"

Terry And The Pirates

Panel 1: "THEY'RE GAILING AT US!?"

Panel 2: "SHE'S A COOL! TELL ME ON ALL THIS YOU ARE NOT THE DEACON LADY?"

Panel 3: "CORRECT, MR. DEAN!"

Panel 4: "BUT THESE ARE THE DEACON LADY'S LIGHTS... THEY BRANDED THEM TO FILTER THESE MEN INTO INTO-TOWN TO BUILD YOUR LANDING STRIP... YET YOU WERE NO LONGER THE ABSTINENT?"

Panel 5: "THEY BECAME DEACON IN THE DEACON LADY'S EYES FOR AS WELL IN THE END... LAST NIGHT I HEAR HER CLIPPING TO THE SOLIDWATER'S FEEL AS AT A DISTANCE AND NOT BELIEVE UNLESS THE CYCLES TOO HONORABLE OF THIS TO LEAD IF YOU WERE REALLY HER OLD FRIEND?"

Panel 6: "WELL, HE'S GOT IT IN MIND THAT YOU CHALLENGED AS TO BE DEACON LADY? GOT BEHIND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT?"

Panel 7: "HE'S GOT IT IN MIND THAT YOU CHALLENGED AS TO BE DEACON LADY? GOT BEHIND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT?"

Panel 8: "MR. DEAN AND TERRY ARE TAKING THE DEACON LADY'S PLACE AS A SPOONFUL OF SUGAR TO THE DEACON LADY'S TEA?"

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Dick Tracy

—By Chester Gould

Panel 1: "WELL, HERE WE ARE, TRACY WE GOT OUT OF TOWN AND MADE IT TO THE LAKE AND NOTHING HAPPENED"

Panel 2: "I TOLD YOU THIS WOULD BE A GOOD VACATION."

Panel 3: "KEEP YOUR FINGERS CROSSED, JUNIOR AND CHARLIE."

Panel 4: "LET OUT ABOUT 20 FT. OF LINE. THIS IS WHERE WE'VE BEEN GETTING THE BLACK BAGS."

Panel 5: "A BOAT - A LAKE - PEACE - I CAN BELIEVE IT."

Panel 6: "HE HITS 'EM EVERY TIME."

Panel 7: "PUT UP ANOTHER DIME, BOY."

Panel 8: "HOW DOES HE DO IT WITH THE SHARK'S TAIL WAG?"

Panel 9: "WELL, YOU FELLOWS HAVE GOT YOUR LIMIT."

Panel 10: "YOU SEE, TRACY, I TOLD YOU YOU COULD TAKE A VACATION WITHOUT ANYTHING HAPPENING."

Panel 11: "KID, IT'S BEEN GREAT! I'VE GOT TO ADMIT YOU HAD A SWELL IDEA."

Panel 12: "THE BOYS ARE READY TO GO HAVE YOU ANY QUESTIONS?"

Panel 13: "TELL 'EM I'LL BE THERE IN A MINUTE - JUST AS SOON AS I SEE THE SHARK'S TAIL WAG."

Panel 14: "BUT WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE ON THIS LAKE IN A WEDDING DRESS?"

Panel 15: "WE ALMOST BLOWN OVER BY SNOWFLAKE, SNOWFLAKE WHO?"

Panel 16: "YOU GAVE YOUR OWN BRIDE'S SNOWFLAKE WHO?"

Panel 17: "SHE WON'T ANSWER - SEEMS TO BE IN A STUPOR."

Panel 18: "A BRIDE IN A WEDDING DRESS ON A COUNTRY ROAD IT WOULD HAPPEN TO US."

Panel 19: "JUNIOR, I KNOW WE COULD GO ON A VACATION WITH OUT SOMETHING TURNING UP."

Panel 20: "DARN IT! WE COULDN'T AND WE WERE ALMOST HOME."

Panel 21: "YOU OBVIOUSLY WERE ABOUT TO BE MARRIED? WHAT HAPPENED? WHERE'S YOUR GROOM?"

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Male Call

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

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With a little spring weather and an ounce of this you can pull the wind over any man's eyes—it's dynamite!

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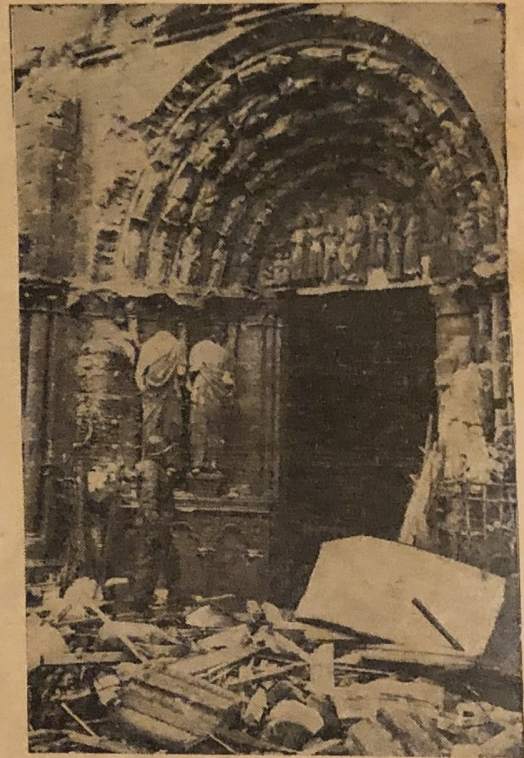
WORLD EVENTS IN PICTURES



SPIRALING SKYWARD, smoke from bombs dropped by 308th Bomber Group of the Fourteenth Air Force on Shihchichwang, Jap rail center on the Pin Han railroad to Peiping, on March 16. Nearly 75 tons of bombs, 65 per cent of which landed within 1,000 feet of the aiming point, shattered the target. Heavy secondary explosions and fires followed. All planes returned.



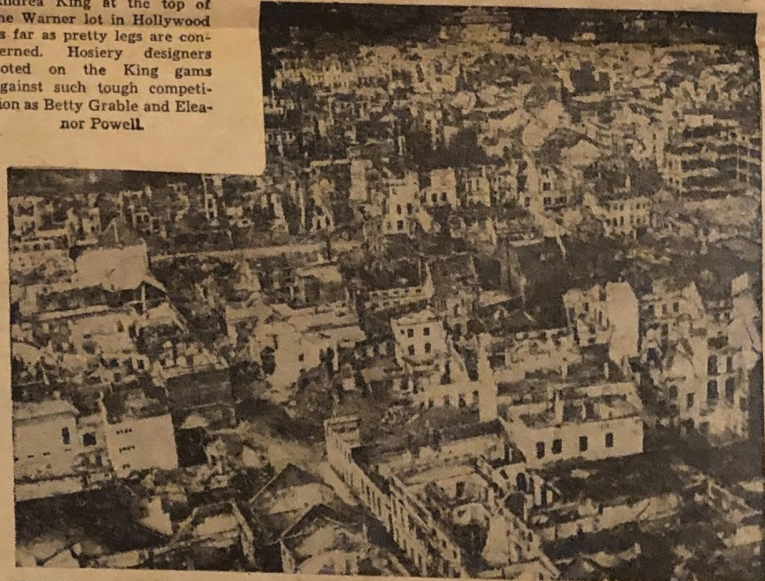
IDEAL RATIO of underpin measurements puts starlet Andrea King at the top of the Warner lot in Hollywood as far as pretty legs are concerned. Hosiery designers voted on the King gams against such tough competition as Betty Grable and Eleanor Powell.



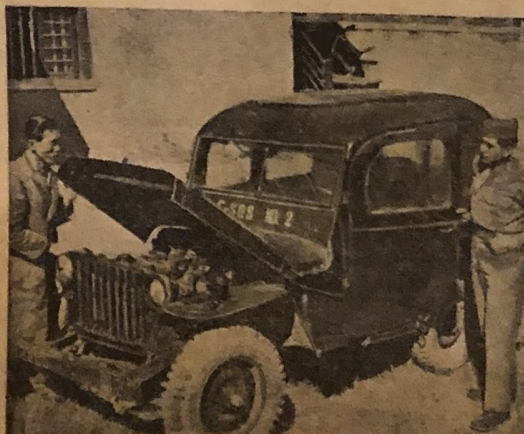
DESECRATION—Decapitated statues at entrance to Cathedral and massed debris below give evidence of fierce fighting in Trier. Raging battle preceded capture of German town by U. S. 3rd Army troops. Lone Yank stands at entrance atop pile of broken masonry and views destruction within. (Acme Photo by Charles Haacker for WPP.)



SUPERSTREAMER—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey in driver's seat shakes hands with engineer John Peterson at official dedication of locomotive Niagara. Largest and most powerful ever built for New York Central, giant engine runs over 100 miles per hour. Train is first of series of 25 and is expected to affect post-war design of superstreamers.



INDUSTRIAL TARGET—Bombed from the air and shelled from the ground, most of the town of Neuss is in ruins. This aerial view of the west bank suburb of Dusseldorf shows remains of important industrial target on the Ruhr.



POST WAR IDEA FROM CHINA—This army jeep may set a new style for GIs returning from the war. Chinese mechanics in Kunming fashioned a body and top for an ordinary jeep to provide an experimental car for monsoon driving above the clouds in mountainous country. S/Sgt. Jerry A. Jaramillo, Sante Fe, N.M., demonstrates the door mechanism while a Chinese mechanic lifts the hood, indicating it is a real jeep.



GIDDUP—Without knowledge of how to say "Gee and Haw" in German, these Yanks aren't making out so well with harnessed vehicle in Trier. Finding horses, wagon and trappings ready to go in ancient city, 3rd Army tankmen change mode of transportation to amusement of buddies.