

Yanks in Munich, Peril Redoubt

Report Ultimatum Demands Surrender Tomorrow

Nazi Offer Is Denied By Truman

Quick denials by President Truman and Gen. Eisenhower put the damper on reports that Germany had surrendered unconditionally, but dispatches from the San Francisco Conference—quoting high officials—said yesterday that acceptance was “expected hourly” of a reported Allied ultimatum calling on the Germans to surrender by tomorrow.

According to these reports, the United States, Great Britain and Russia had delivered the ultimatum to the German government controlled by Heinrich Himmler after a surrender offer to the U.S. and Britain had been rejected because Russia was not included. The alternative, reports said, would be the intensified destruction of Germany's physical assets.

“The German offer is generally acceptable to the American authorities, except that all the Allies must be included,” Morgan Beatty, NBC commentator, said in a broadcast from Washington. The offer, Beatty said, was made in the middle of last week.

“There is no foundation for reports that Germany has surrendered unconditionally. These rumors are unfounded,” Mr. Truman told newspaper correspondents Saturday night after an Associated Press dispatch from San Francisco quoted a member of the U.S. delegation as saying that an announcement of Germany's unconditional surrender to the Allies “without any strings” was expected momentarily.

It Was Connally Who Talked

The spokesman later was identified as Sen. Tom Connally (D-Tex.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and vice-chairman of the delegation. Connally's statement was supported by another member of the delegation, AP stated. The Texas Democrat later said he had authorized the statement and that he had no wish to change it.

The Swedish Foreign Office yesterday confirmed reports that a surrender offer had been made and that Count Folke Bernadotte, vice-president of the Swedish Red Cross, had been the intermediary.

Gen. Eisenhower told The Stars and Stripes early Sunday morning he knew nothing of any surrender offer. He said he had heard the press reports but knew nothing of such negotiations. Mr. Truman said Gen. Eisenhower had been contacted before the President's denial was made.

Connally, AP reported, said the surrender offer was made by Himmler with the explanation that Adolf Hitler was ill and might not live another 24 hours. Himmler also, according to reports, offered to hand over Hitler's body as a token of good faith.

Many diplomats in San Francisco interpreted the report on Hitler's illness as meaning that Hitler was dead and that Himmler had killed him. Others explained that what Himmler meant was that Der Fuehrer was a very sick man and that the announcement of unconditional surrender would be such a shock it would cause death.

Delegates believed that an announce-

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SHRINKING NAZI POCKETS: With the historic link-up of American and Soviet troops forged at Torgau, Nazi pockets of resistance were dwindling last night. Red troops were clearing Berlin, while the U.S. 3rd and 7th Armies drove toward Hitler's southern redoubt, with the 7th entering Munich.

Report Mussolini Shot With Other Top Fascists

Persistent but unverified reports yesterday indicated that Mussolini, like Hitler, with whom he collaborated in the Nazi-Fascist plot to conquer the world, may have died at the hands of his own countrymen.

The report came at the same time that Himmler was said to have notified the Allies that Hitler was on the verge of death, while other sources said Der Fuehrer had suffered a cerebral hemorrhage.

German Civilian Diet To Be One-Third GI's

SHAFF, Apr. 29 (Reuter)—Military Government officers at U.S. 15th Army HQ announced yesterday that German civilians will be allowed a diet one-third that of American soldiers and little more than half the standard for liberated Europe.

The majority of civilians in Germany will be allowed 1,150 calories a day, compared with 4,000 a day consumed by American soldiers, and consumption of between 2,500 and 3,000 in the U.S. and 2,000 which is the standard of liberated countries.

Mussolini's death, together with those of his latest mistress and a number of Fascist Party officials, at the hands of a firing squad of Italian patriots, was reported by Rome Radio, relaying broadcasts from Milan by the Italian Liberation Committee there.

A Milan broadcast said crowds spat on the body of Mussolini when it was exhibited with the bodies of 15 other Fascists in a Milan square, United Press reported. Il Duce's body was said to have been brought from Como on the Italo-Swiss frontier, where he was said to have been caught with several of his Ministers trying to sneak across the border.

Disposition of Other Fascists

Milan Radio also gave the following unconfirmed reports on the disposition of various Fascists:

Executed: Alessandro Pavolini, Secretary-General of the new Republican Fascist Party, set up by Mussolini on Sept. 23, 1943; Carlo Scorza, former Secretary of the Fascist Party; Roberto Farinacci, Mussolini's delegate to the German High Command in Italy; Francesco Baracca, vice-president of the Fascist Council of Ministers; Achille Starace, former Secretary-General of the Fascist Party; Clara Petacci, said to be the former Duce's mistress and to have been with him when he was captured.

Captured: Marshal Rodolfo Graziani, former Commander-in-Chief of the Italian Army; Lt. Gen. Renato Ricci, Mussolini's Minister of State; Buffarini Guidi, Minister of Interior in the present Republican Fascist Party.

Hidden Nazi Ammo Will be Used by Allies

CHICAGO, Apr. 29 (ANS)—Army Ordnance crews cleaning up the shattered German city of Aachen have uncovered vast quantities of hidden ammunition which will be used against the Nazis. Col.

Berlin Tottering; New Pocket Forming In Czechoslovakia

Reports of imminent peace in Europe, spawned by Allied hope and German despair, flew throughout the world over the week-end, but bullets and shells continued flying on the Continent's various battle fronts as Allied and Russian armies continued to mop up enemy forces still showing fight in the shattered Third Reich.

Nazi Germany was in its last throes. Berlin, its heart, was being crushed beneath the weight of Soviet forces apparently eager to secure the Reich capital as a May Day prize for Marshal Stalin. Munich, cradle of the Nazi movement and capital of Bavaria, had been entered by American forces as the redoubt in southern Germany was squeezed from both north and south. American and British forces were lunging through northern Italy in stabs such as the campaign on that peninsula had never before witnessed.

While American and French troops pushed on to clear the Germans from the southern redoubt, one of the two huge pockets formed by the American-Russian link-up at Torgau, U.S. and British forces lunged eastward from their Elbe River positions west of Berlin in a move to liquidate the northern pocket.

Push Toward More Suicides, Desertions Said Mounting

Munich, birthplace of Nazism and one of the chief communications centers of Hitler's southern redoubt, was entered yesterday by American forces after a slashing 20-mile advance. Dispatches so far have failed to clarify week-end reports that the Nazis had succeeded in quelling a revolt in the city, which was the site in 1923 of Hitler's first great failure—the beer-hall putsch—and which will serve again as a symbol of his forthcoming last defeat.

While the troops in the south had reached the heart of Hitler's last-stand area, in the north both the British and Americans jumped off from their Elbe River positions, driving to the east toward Berlin and other junctures with the Russian forces.

U.S. 9th Army troops, given the green light to strike out from their bridgehead over the Elbe opposite Barby, southwest of Berlin, captured Zerbst, 36 miles from Brandenburg, on the road to the battle-torn German capital.

On the 9th's left flank, British forces lunged across the Elbe near Lauenburg, east of Hamburg, and drove several miles to the east. The offensive began early yesterday after a 400-gun, 76,000-shell barrage. Opposition was described as moderate.

On the Elbe's eastern banks, meanwhile, the Russians were reported moving up solidly from Wittenberge southward almost to Dresden, a 70-mile stretch. West and south of Torgau, where the Reich-splitting juncture occurred, little if any opposition seemed to be facing the Americans and prospects of a solid link-up between the Americans and Soviets appeared bright, a dispatch from SHAFF said.

Dispatches said three American columns

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The battle for Berlin appeared to be in its final stages last night as Russian troops, with three quarters of the city already in their hands, launched a powerful assault against the core of German resistance now compressed in the heart of Hitler's capital.

Moscow reports said the Red Army was battling for a May Day victory as Marshals Zhukov and Koniev fought to drive a wedge through the Nazi garrison by linking-up in the central area of Unter den Linden.

As the siege entered its final round an epidemic of suicides and desertions appeared to be sweeping the capital. Nazi leaders, according to reports, were taking their own lives rather than be captured by the Russians. Other reports trickling through the lines said at least 40,000 German troops had stripped off their uniforms and were hiding in cellars, subways and sewers.

“The Germans took it for a time, but now they are cracking in blazing Berlin,” a United Press correspondent wrote from Moscow. “From all parts of the city come reports of mass surrender by the Nazis, of commanders taking drastic measures to prevent their troops deserting and, when that fails, shooting themselves.”

Other dispatches said the streets were littered with Nazi party badges, emblems and uniforms, discarded by the Germans in an effort to hide their affiliation with the Nazis. A snowstorm of charred, blackened paper also was falling on the streets, reports said, as the Nazis burned all documents and state archives. Civilians were doing likewise—destroying everything that would connect them with Hitler and his regime.

SS troops, supported by groups of officers and cadets, appeared to be the

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Pinned on Fourth Star News

Orderly Elevated Patton

By Pat Mitchell

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH 3RD ARMY, Apr. 29—A fourth star was added to Gen. George S. Patton's shoulder straps, it was revealed today, even before the 3rd Army Commander was aware of the promotion.

Patton's personal orderly, M/Sgt. William Meeks, of Johnson City, Kan., had sewn the Army's second highest rank on the general's uniforms.

When Patton was informed of his promotion from the rank of lieutenant general he raised Meeks' rank from T/Sgt. to Master in accordance with his custom of successively raising his orderly's grade as he was promoted himself. Meeks started with the rank of Pfc.



PATTON

colonel at Ft. Riley in 1938, heard of the fourth star promotion during Patton's absence. He immediately pinned the new star on. He had one ready, “because I had a hunch and they couldn't very well fail to give a fourth star to a man like him.”

Meeks, who as a young Negro boy entered the Army in 1918, said, “Gen. Patton got his first star at Ft. Benning. It didn't make him excited, but he felt real good when he got his second shortly after.”

The third star was sewn on Patton's uniforms in North Africa toward the close of that offensive, “but this is the first time I have ever had a new star on before he knew about it himself,” said Meeks, who is called George by Patton when “we are alone.”

In Patton's 2½-ton trailer home a three-starred Colt's .38 automatic lay on a desk alongside a volume of Kipling's verses, Untermyer's anthology of “Great Poems” and the battle book, “Ranger Mosby.”

Meeks said, “I couldn't do anything



Associated Press Photo

WOLF! WOLF! GIs gathered in Rainbow Corner, London, early Sunday morning to exult over a premature report of

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Dirtiest Double-Cross

Apr. 27, 1945

To the B-Bag:

Miss Dorothy Thompson's viewpoint in The Stars and Stripes—please God, there must be some good Germans—is very unsatisfactory.

Of course there are good Germans. They will not be found among the German civilians who, when forced to dig out the piles of starved, mutilated bodies exclaimed, "How awful—I didn't know."

No, they will not be found among the sheep who claimed ignorance, but among those who do know because they themselves experienced the horror and brutality of Fascism. Hitler himself indicated for us those who were not in accord with him. Some can be found among the former bits of humanity that the I-didn't-know's dug up. They are the political prisoners, those that resisted Hitlerism.

Why doesn't the world acclaim these last vestiges of hope? I feel profound humility before their sacrifices, strength and sufferings. I pray we do not forsake these people in our victory. That would be the dirtiest double-cross, and such treachery would debase mankind for ages.—T/Sgt. P. L., 526 Bomb Sq.

Praise for Ike

Apr. 27, 1945

To the B-Bag:

I wonder whether an EM can praise a general. I have always been chary of enthusiasm for the "brass," but Gen. Ike's performance as leader of our armies is well worth praising.

The battle of the Ruhr is the envy of every German general. Some already are saying that in a military sense it is a greater accomplishment than the actual invasion. Aside from his military work, the General has shown wise administrative sense.

He has been as self-effacing as it is possible for any general to be. He has welded the greatest military force of all times on the principle that "the basis of law is reason."—Cpl. R. P. M., Inf.

Bonds for Brewery

Apr. 27, 1945

To the B-Bag:

The National Prohibition Committee squawks about the Army's reported plan to take over a French brewery to make beer for American troops. I'm not a beer drinker (Scotch for me), but believe I have a squawk.

Where does the committee get the idea that the beer-drinking habit will be formed by the troops? Beer drinkers in the Army most likely brought the habit with them.

The 82nd Airborne Div. bought more than a million dollars worth of bonds during a two-week drive after its return at a Holland base, and it was under strength. If the committee objects to civilian bond money being used to purchase a brewery—why not use some from GI sources?—Cpl. E. J. L., 82nd Air Div.

Release Teachers

Apr. 26, 1945

To the B-Bag:

Most opinions expressed about demobilization have pointed up personal or selfish angles on the part of the person speaking. To construct a lasting peace and a good post-war world we should think in terms of the welfare of the community.

I understand that the U.S. educational system is suffering from a lack of qualified teachers in the secondary schools. Unlike other shortages which will disappear as soon as peace comes, a shortage of education will be reflected for years to come in the actions of people whose learning has suffered.

Our generation will win this war, but the peace will be won by those children back home now. Therefore, I suggest that as soon as it is possible teachers not vital to the war effort be released to return to their work. The number of qualified teachers involved is not so great as to cause any serious gap in the military machine.—Cpl. Harry Hickford, QM.

Group Medicine

Apr. 27, 1945

To the B-Bag:

I suppose almost every GI has felt the sen of relief in having medical service available to him without cost. When he returns to civilian life he will miss the opportunity of "going on sick call" whenever he has an ailment.

This causes me to wonder if immediately after the war it wouldn't be an ideal time for the promoters of group or community medicine to make a new appeal to the public.—Pvt. H. R. R., AAF.

Hash Marks

Today's Daffynition. He-man—a guy who hits his wife over the head with his mother-in-law.

And as we pound out another column we can't help but remark, "You don't have to be crazy to be a humor columnist these days, but it sure helps."

Our office cynic tells this one. A little lad asked his father if bigamy meant that a man has one wife too many. Papa shook his head wearily and sighed, "Not necessarily, my son. A man may have one wife too many and still not be guilty of bigamy."

Revised Adage. War-time travel is the



most uncomfortable distance between two points.

Olin Miller's Quip. The head of a government agency suggests tree-planting as one post-war project to provide employment for thousands. It is hoped that this does not indicate he has cause to believe the country is going to the dogs.

Vic Lasky's favorite story. A sous, weaving toward the hotel elevator, stepped into the open shaft and plummeted down three stories. He arose painfully, brushed off his clothes and looked towards the open elevator door. "You scoundrel," he screamed indignantly, "I said UP!"

Inspections at Army camps back in the States don't improve with the years. One soldier at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, believes the Army put the biggest bite of all time on him the other day. He received a gig because his false teeth, left on a ledge near his bunk, were dusty.

The Innocent Home Front. A soldier's wife looking for her husband entered a service club at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. "There



must be some mistake," she told the hostess. "I'm sure my husband told me to meet him here, but the sign outside reads Enlisted Men's Service Club—and he was drafted!"

The Boston Globe, to reports of Berlin's lack of bread, snapped back, "Let 'em eat crow."

J. C. W.

The Psychoneurosis Fad

An Editorial

A DISPATCH (below) from our New York bureau highlights a problem which is causing returning servicemen some bewilderment and is rapidly assuming ridiculous proportions in the States.

It is the "psychoneurosis" fad which is sweeping the country and which is based on the belief that EVERY returning veteran is maladjusted and in need of special handling.

Dr. Charles Burlingame, chief psychiatrist of the Institute of Living, is quoted as saying that there is too much talk about soldiers "changing" on the battlefield, that some wives dread the return of their husbands, and that the public and not the armed services needs to be readjusted.

We think it is about time soldiers in the field take cognizance of the situation and answer this whole maladjustment business with a loud and prolonged Bronx cheer.

The fad is based on the doctrine that everyone who has seen overseas service is coming home slightly off the bean and in need of special treatment before he will be safe in his own home.

Books are being published on the subject, newspapers are whooping it up, magazines are devoting good white space to the project and every screwball with thick lenses and a long haircut is setting up shop as an expert on the returning veteran.

Like all fads, it will pass, but this one could do real and serious damage. Honest psychiatry is an established profession. Its services are badly needed by the many fine men who are coming out of this war with mental illnesses, either from battle shock or from the rigors of a difficult life under unfamiliar surroundings.

There are too many real psychoneurotic casualties in our military hospitals for the subject to be taken lightly. These veterans will need

and should demand the most considerate of scientific treatment.

Our complaint is against the public penchant for something "different" which has caused many otherwise sensible people to leap on psychoneurosis as tantalizingly new. With delighted cries they look about for somebody to practise on, and the soldier with overseas stripes makes a happy target.

Our big concern is against the screwballs who are scaring our wives and sweethearts and coaching them on how to treat us when we get home.

Our wives and sweethearts treated us fine before we left, and we are perfectly willing when this beef is over to take up where we left off.

We will be happy to sit in front of our fireplace and let them fetch us old-fashioned and fried chicken, but not, please God, with the look of a trapped and frightened doe, waiting for the blow to fall.

It Takes All Kinds of Experts To Make a World Conference

By William R. Spear

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

NEW YORK, Apr. 29—The machinery of the United Nations security conference at San Francisco is something like the machinery of an army with its G1, G2, G3 and G4.

Army sections of personnel, intelligence, operations and supply do their work separately and when they are all put together, the Army rolls. The conference will have four commissions, each with a job to do, and when they are all put together the conference creates a league to prevent future wars—we hope.

Each of the four commissions, to be set up this week, will be composed of certain delegates and will have a specific job to do. When a commission finally approves a plan specifically assigned to it, it will submit the plan to the whole conference in "plenary session," which is diplomatic language for a full-dress meeting.

The four commissions are:

1—The Commission on General Provisions. It will draft general rules for the league, such as what its purpose should be, who can be a member, etc.

2—The Commission on the General Assembly. This will draft rules for the assembly, which is one branch of the proposed security league and would be its guiding body.

3—The Commission on the Security Council. The Council is another part of the proposed security organization and will be the body to decide whether and how the League should use force against an aggressor.

4—The Commission on Judicial Organization. This will try to figure out how

to set up a world court to settle disputes among nations in a legal way.

The delegates who will be members of these commissions cannot possibly be expert in all the details which are bound to arise so they have brought with them staffs of experts on banking, economics, law, etc.

Each commission will have more than one problem to solve and will need expert help on each, so about a dozen committees will be established to work under and for each commission. The delegates may work on the committees or may assign some of their experts to work on the committees; the committees probably will be composed mostly of experts.

When a committee has worked out the problem assigned to it, it will turn it over to a commission. And when a commission has worked out all the problems on the subject assigned to it, it will turn them over to the full conference. And when the conference has worked out all the subjects on the "agenda," which is diplomatic language for docket, then the conference work will be done.

In addition to these numerous committees working for the four commissions, there are also other committees working for the conference itself. One of these is the Credentials Committee, which sees that only official delegates are admitted to the floor of the conference. Another is the Steering Committee, which makes rules and arrangements for running the conference. It was in this committee that Soviet Foreign Commissar Viacheslav Molotov on Friday upset the plan for Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. to be elected permanent chairman.

In addition to its experts, the U.S. delegation has some 40 consultants and 80 associate consultants who have been given semi-official status by the State Department. This came about when all kinds of special-interest groups, such as veterans, farmers, labor, business, Jews, etc., sought to have a voice in the conference and wanted to send delegations to San Francisco.

To prevent chaos and overtaxing of railroads and hotels, the State Department gave recognition to 40 organizations—the National Grange, Kiwanis, International, the American Legion, etc.—and told them to appoint one member as a consultant and two others as associate consultants and it would see that they got to San Francisco, would be kept informed of the proceedings and would be consulted by the U.S. delegation.

It would take too long to list all these organizations, but those representing veterans are the American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans Committee, the Disabled American Veterans of the World War and the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.

AFN Radio Program

On Your Dial
1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc.
218.1m. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m.

Monday, Apr. 30
1200—News: Duffie Bag 1900—News: Sports.
1300—World News. 1905—Hildegarde
1310—American Sports. 1930—McGee and Molly
1315—Movie Music. 2000—News: Duffy's
1400—News: Village Tavern.
1430—Let's Go To 2030—AEF Canadian
Town. Band.
1500—World News. 2100—World News.
1510—Melody Roundup. 2105—Your War Today.
1530—On the Record. 2115—Top Ten.
1630—Strike up Band. 2145—Johnny Mercer.
1700—News: Jack Carson. 2200—News: U.S. News
1730—Great Music Moments. 2205—California Melodies.
1755—Mark up the Map. 2235—Fred Waring.
1800—World News. 2300—World News.
1810—GI Supper Club. 2305—Merely Music.
0000—World News. 0015—Sign Off.

Tuesday, May 1
0800—News: C'mb't Dy. 0925—Music U.S. Loves.
0815—Personal Album. 1000—News: Morning
with Anju. After (AEF Canadian
0830—Music by Glen Band).
Gray.
0900—World News. 1030—Strike up Band.
0910—Spotlight on Bob Strong. 1100—News: U.S. News
1106—Duffie Bag.

TheyKinda Think We'reKindaNuts

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Apr. 29—A great many people in the U.S. seem overly preoccupied with the GI's state of mind, particularly with the "problem" they think it is going to be for soldiers to "readjust" themselves to civilian life.

There seems to be ground for suspicion that this "problem" will not be so difficult after all and, in this connection, three items in the news are interesting.

One is a statement by Dr. Charles Burlingame in a board of directors' report of the Institute of Living, of which he is chief psychiatrist, that returning servicemen are plagued by a widespread civilian belief that every ex-serviceman has a psychiatric problem.

He finds there is too much talk about soldiers "changing" on battlefields and that some wives dread the return of their husbands and exaggerate their nervousness when they do come home. His advice is to quit scrutinizing returned servicemen so closely.

The other item is a suggestion by Ruth Miller, women's columnist for the New York World-Telegram, that the War Department make a movie for wives showing them why soldiers in the ETO must go to the Pacific. Noting that the War Department has made such a film for showing to troops in the ETO, she says letters she has received from irate wives indicate that the wives need such an explanation more than the husbands.

Still another item came from Dr. Edward A. Strecker, psychiatrist consultant to the Army and Navy Surgeons' General.

Hitting at "Moms" who keep sons emotionally tied to their apron strings, Strecker said in a lecture at the New York University College of Medicine that "an alarmingly large number of young men in Army training and in Navy boot camps and at induction centers are not able to serve because of indefinite psychoneurotic symptoms. A considerable segment of the number is due to the fact that these rejectees have moms, instead of mothers."

Engineers Fight, Then Finish Job

By Howard Byrne

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH 10TH ARMD. DIV. IN BAVARIA, Apr. 29—While the 55th Eng. Bn. of the 19th Armd. Div. worked feverishly throughout the night to bridge streams holding up the blitz of the 16th Armd. Div. into southern Bavaria, the German armored convoy, trapped on the wrong side of the streams by their own demolitions, crossed over two American treadways and advanced on a third one.

The column consisted of nine vehicles led by a captured American 24-ton truck mounted with a 20mm. flak gun.

"Hold it up, godammit," shouted a Yank engineer who sighted the column approaching through the darkness. "Don't you fugs know we haven't got the bridge in yet?"

"Was is dat?" shouted back a befuddled German.

The engineers dropped their tools and seized weapons. Two officers and seven enlisted men led by Lt. John W. Mayhew, of Hyattsville, Md., attacked the column. In the fierce fight that followed the engineers killed or wounded 14 Germans, captured 35 others and destroyed all the vehicles.

One German lieutenant attempting escape crawled beneath a bulldozer. The operator dropped the heavy blade on him.

Three hours later the engineers were back at work again and the 19th Armored passed over the bridge the next morning.



"We come up from Italy to git some publicity."

Behind The Sports Headlines

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Despite the horse-racing ban, Derbytown will have a derby on the first Saturday in May—the usual date of the Kentucky pony classic. However turtles, not horses, will be involved. The May 5 marathon is being sponsored by the American Legion on behalf of the Kentucky Society for Crippled Children. The race will be “equipped” with pari-mutuels and automatic starting gates.

TULSA, Okla.—A potential triple-threat halfback made his first appearance here and looked good. At least that's the report of Lt. Glenn Dobbs, proud papa and former Oklahoma All-America star. Dobbs traveled from his heavy bomber station at Salina, Kan., to be present for the birth of a nine-pound son he named Glenn Dobbs III. ... ST. LOUIS—Post-war employment for 100,000 veterans is suggested to the Federal Government in a plan proposed by Ducks Unlimited club. The organization offers technical aid to the government under a plan by which veterans would be trained as game managers, foresters and outdoor workers.

ATLANTA—Byron Nelson has reaped a rich harvest of praise as well as cash on his golf feats of the past two years, but Bobby Jones paid Lord Byron the best tribute.



BOBBY JONES

Open and Amateur tournaments.

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—The accent will be on speed in the Southern Association this year. One hundred-dollar War Bonds will be awarded at the close of the season to the two umpires with best records for fast games. The ump will be judged on best average time over the 140-game schedule. ... ATHENS, Ga.—Booker Blanton hopes to play football again next fall with the Navy preflight cadets. The former Georgia wingback on Frank Sinkwich's point-a-minute freshman team is back here after almost three years' service in the Pacific during which he participated in nine major engagements.

MINNEAPOLIS—The Marine Corps' loss is the Golden Gophers' gain. Bob Nazlik, “rehabilitation” student given a medical discharge from the Leathernecks, is one of the best prospects on the spring football squad. Coach Bernie Bierman reports. The Chippewa Falls, Wis., husky played end at Wisconsin in 1941 and '42 and tackle as a Marine Corps trainee at Michigan in 1943. His explanation for his selection of Minnesota: “I have wanted for a long time to see for myself just how Bierman developed those national championship teams.

SOMEWHERE IN INDIA—Believe it or not, but during an invitation basketball tournament the basket got so hot play had to be halted until the hoop cooled off. The explanation is that during lively action the mooring bar of the basket was broken and one player borrowed a welding torch to make repairs.

BOSTON—Outfielder Elmer “Butch” Nieman is spelling trouble to opponents of the Boston Braves with his timely hitting. Philadelphia sports writers retaliated by spelling his name “Nemeses.” Nieman hit three ninth-inning homers in three days and won two games.



BUTCH NIEMAN

Minor League Results

International League			
Friday's Games			
Rochester 9, Baltimore 5			
Buffalo 8, Newark 2			
Jersey City 6, Montreal 4			
Toronto-Syracuse postponed.			
Saturday's Games			
Buffalo 14, Jersey City 6			
Montreal 13, Newark 3			
Toronto 10, Baltimore 6			
Rochester-Syracuse postponed.			
W L Pct.			
Jersey City 7 1 .875	Rochester 3 3 .500		
Montreal 5 3 .625	Buffalo 2 5 .286		
Baltimore 4 3 .571	Syracuse 1 3 .250		
Newark 4 4 .500	Toronto 1 5 .167		

American Association			
Friday's Games			
Kansas City 3, St. Paul 2			
Louisville 3, Toledo 2			
Indianapolis 2, Columbus 0			
Milwaukee 12, Milwaukee 7			
Saturday's Games			
Toledo 5, Indianapolis 0			
Indianapolis 5, St. Paul 3			
Other games postponed.			
W L Pct.			
Louisville 3 2 .714	Kansas City 2 2 .500		
Indianapolis 3 2 .625	Columbus 1 3 .333		
St. Paul 3 2 .600	St. Paul 1 2 .333		
Milwaukee 2 2 .500	Toledo 2 2 .500		



Keynote Photo.

ALMOST IN: One-armed Gonzalo Romero tries to force over a goal for the Philadelphia Nationals at Brooklyn Oval, but Goalie Rene Rodriguez propelled the ball back on to the field. Nationals topped Hispanos, 7-2.

Bangert Star Of Drake Show

DES MOINES, Iowa, Apr. 29—Bill Bangert, opera singing athlete from Missouri, stole the show in the 36th annual Drake Relays by winning the shotput and discus, but the day's most sensational performance was registered by Billy Moore, of Western Michigan, who turned in the best pole vault exhibition in five years and missed the meet record by a 16th of an inch with his 14-foot leap. Bangert successfully defended his shotput title with a heave of 51 feet, 5½ inches, 1½ inches farther than the winning distance recorded by his teammate Ed Quirk in the Penn Relays, and Bill tossed the discus 151 9/10 feet.

Illinois swept the relay events, taking three titles—the half-mile relay, the sprint medley and the John L. Griffith Memorial Mile relay, while Miami copped the college 880 and sprint medley.

Three titles went to Drake, Fred Feller, winning the two-mile run and anchoring the distance medley relay team, while Paul Ware, Negro star, won the invitational quarter-mile race.

Dana Bible Protests Signing of Collegians

AUSTIN, Tex., Apr. 29—Dana X. Bible, athletic director of Texas University, yesterday sent a strong protest to Sen. “Happy” Chandler urging organized baseball to adopt a rule similar to pro football's in prohibiting the signing of college players.

Bible became perturbed when Henry Culp, 28-year-old war veteran whose pitching has meant a lot to the Longhorns, left last week to sign with the Memphis Chicks of the Southern Association.

“I realize I have little basis for a protest since there is no rule regarding the signing of college players by professional baseball teams as there is in professional football,” Bible said, “but I hope my protest will start a movement to prevent other such cases.”

Michigan's Racing Law Ruled Unconstitutional

DETROIT, Apr. 29—Michigan's racing law, enacted in '33, was ruled unconstitutional by Circuit Judge Guy A. Miller yesterday and an injunction was granted property owners adjacent to the Fair Grounds restraining the State Racing Commission and the Detroit Racing Association from operating the Fair Grounds or any other track.

Attorneys for the State and the Detroit Racing Associations immediately announced that they would appeal to the Supreme Court. The appeal will automatically delay execution of the injunction pending the Supreme Court decision, and if the ban on racing is lifted the nags will run as usual—until or unless the verdict is upheld.

Haegg Beaten In Mile H'dicap At Penn Relays

PHILADELPHIA, Apr. 29—Gunder Haegg ran the fastest mile of his '45 American tour at the Penn Relays here yesterday, but handicaps proved too much and he finished fourth in the special mile run. His time was 4:12.7, almost two seconds faster than his best indoor effort, but West Point's James Howe, who had a 140-yard handicap, broke the tape 20 yard ahead of him.

Phil Stilwell, high school star from Lower Camden, N.J., who had a 90-yard margin, was second and John Fisher of West Point, with a 140-yard edge, was third.

Haakon Lidman, Haegg's countryman, made a surprise appearance in the 120-yard high hurdles and recovered after stumbling on the ninth hurdle to nose out Morris Wilson of Delaware State by a foot.

Michigan, with the Hume twins, Ross and Bob, setting the pace, won two more major relay titles to add to Friday's triumphs. The Wolverines are the first team to win four Penn Relays titles since Pittsburgh turned the trick in '39. They copped the four-mile college relay for the second straight year and added a two-miler to it, while Friday they captured both the distance and sprint medley races.

Lidman stole the spotlight Friday when he easily won the 120-yard high hurdle race, feature of the opening program, in 14.4, one-tenth of a second slower than the carnival record.

With Bob Hume running a 4:21 mile Friday, Michigan retained its distance medley championship in finishing 20 yards ahead of New York University, and grabbed the sprint medley.

The Coast Guard team from New York, with Eulace Peacock running first leg and Herb Thompson at anchor, defeated New York University in the 440-yard relay, while Ursinus triumphed in the Middle Atlantic State mile championship with Swarthmore second.

Navy Specialist Fortune Gordien of Camp Peary, Va., won the discus with a throw of 155 feet ¼ inches, and Ed Quirk of Missouri tossed the shot 55 feet 4½ inches.

Terry and the Pirates



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Dick Tracy



By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune

Li'l Abner



By Courtesy of United Features

Male Call



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Blondie



Nine U.K., 8th AF Titleholders On All-Star Ring Bill Tonight

By Tony Cordaro
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
An 8TH AF STATION, Apr. 29—Among the 20 fighters scheduled to see action on an all-star boxing program here tomorrow night are nine titleholders.

Heading the imposing array of fistic talent are Cpl. Bobby Volk, Portland, Ore., 8th AF middleweight champion; Cpl. Al Reado, Seattle, Wash., 8th AF senior welter head man; Pfc Joe Lucignano, Hoboken, N.J., No. 1 man of the 8th AF junior welter; the ETO's two most formidable lightweights, Pfc Herbie Williams, New Orleans, U.K. kingpin, and Cpl. Jesse Puente, Mercedes, Cal., 8th AF titlist, and Pfc Howard Moreno, U.K. bantam champ.

Pairings for six of the ten matches will not take place until a few hours before the program starts. The four definite bouts are: Pfc Charlie Bryan, Indianapolis, 155, vs. Pfc Harry Conroy, Cleveland, 156; Cavuto vs. Pvt. John Williamson, Cleveland, 172; Pvt. Bobby Quinn, Cleveland, 135, vs. Pfc Henry Dulac, New York, 135, and Lt. Chuck Davies, Detroit, 143, vs. Sgt. Al Deacon, Providence, 145, R.I.



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Crossword Puzzle

Across
1—Pictured British fier.
Wing Commander J. B.
5—Part of plane.
9—His squadron was successful in —ing the Tirpitz to destruction.
13—Sign.
14—Great Lake.
15—Operatic solo.
16—Northeast (ab.).
17—Toward.
19—Oleum (ab.).
20—Any.
21—Transpose (ab.).
22—Negative.
24—Eaters.
25—Tellurium (symbol).
26—Fish eggs.
28—Vegetable.
30—Stove part.
32—Woody plant.
35—Three-toed sloth.
36—Musical note.
37—Erect.
40—Plant.
42—Metal.
44—Golf device.
45—Him.
46—Song bird.
49—Behold!

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By Chester Gould



By Chester Gould

By Al Capp



By Al Capp

By Milton Caniff



By Milton Caniff

By Chic Young



Down
1—2,000 pounds.
2—So be it!
3—Id est (ab.).
4—Explosive (ab.).
5—Us.
6—Important metal.
7—Egyptian river.
8—Germanium (symbol).
9—Forbidden.
10—Either.
11—Tiny part.
12—Prevent.
13—Lyric poem.
18—Snake.
23—Native metal.
25—Paving substance.
27—Upon.
29—And (Latin).
30—Boat paddle.
31—Compete.
33—Make a mistake.
34—Even (contr.).
38—Dined.
39—Rhode Island (ab.).
40—Iron (symbol).
41—Long fish.
43—Slight bow.
44—Five and five.
45—Cavity.
47—Unemployed.
48—City in Russia.
50—Not matched (Scot.).
51—He heads an — squad-ron.
52—Exist.
55—Sum up.
57—An.
59—Near.
60—Frequency modulation (ab.).
61—Weight (ab.).
63—Measure of area.

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A BANZAI AIR CHARGE ENDS UP IN THE DRINK: In this vivid sequence of pictures, a Japanese "suicide" plane, recently disclosed to be pilot-guided rocket bombs directed against Allied fleets in the Pacific, attempts unsuccessfully to dive on the deck of an aircraft carrier. Left, the plane rolls over on its back under a hail of gunfire. Center, hit by ship's fire, the plane belches flame as it passes close to the U.S. ship. Right, a mass of burning oil spreads over the sea as the "suicide" is completed, with the plane crashing within 400 yards of the ship (in foreground).

Associated Press Photos

5th Reaches Swiss Border; Venice Liberated by 8th

ALLIED HQ, Italy, Apr. 29—With northern Italy split in two by American troops reported to have reached the Swiss border at Ponte Chiasso after capturing Como, Rome Radio announced tonight that Venice, leading Adriatic port city, had been liberated by an uprising of local patriots soon after advance patrols of the 8th Army were reported to have entered the city.

French Won't Quit Stuttgart

SHAFF, Apr. 29 (Reuter)—An official statement issued here last night reported that the French 1st Army has been asked to hand over Stuttgart to troops of the U.S. 7th Army, but has refused to leave until a definite statement is made regarding the French zones of occupation in Germany.

The statement declared: "The instructions of the 6th Army Group to the French 1st Army with reference to their presence at Stuttgart were concerned not with the future of the territory or with zones of occupation of Germany by French troops, but that Stuttgart was included in the operational boundaries of the zone of operation of the U.S. 7th Army and not the operational zone of the French 1st Army.

"Stuttgart is an important railway communications and supply center which was selected to serve the military requirements of the 7th Army in order that the operations of that army in the defeat of the common enemy be facilitated.

"In the event of Stuttgart being unavailable for the requirements of the 7th Army, a less desirable and a less efficient communications and supply center will have to be developed to serve the needs of the 7th Army in their assigned mission of destroying the enemy in the zone of their advance."

Peace Rumors

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ment of Hitler's death, coming during the present state of morale in Germany, would lead to mass capitulation and the end of hostilities.

Shortly after the offer was made public, all the State Department's experts on European affairs were called to a meeting behind locked doors but no hint was given of the subjects discussed.

In San Francisco, Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. and Soviet Foreign Commissar Molotov met, reportedly to discuss the contents of a note from Marshal Stalin to President Truman and Prime Minister Churchill. This note, reports said, recommended that Himmler's peace proposals be rejected.

Earlier Mr. Truman and Mr. Churchill had issued statements that no information would be given out. Both statements emphasized that any offer of surrender must be made to all three major powers.

Connally, according to the AP, said the announcement of unconditional surrender had been expected Saturday morning but that it evidently had been postponed for some reason.

Later it was reported from Washington that microphones had been set up in readiness for an announcement at any time.

Reds Restrict Freedom Of U.S. Correspondents

1ST ARMY HQ, Apr. 29 (UP)—Correspondents with the 1st Army have been ordered to remain west of the Elbe and not to visit the Russian lines except when they are accompanying official parties.

The ruling was made at the request of the Russians, who do not allow correspondents to move as freely as the American armies do.

Gen. Braun KIA in Italy

ROCHESTER, N.Y., Apr. 29 (AP)—Brig. Gen. Gustav J. Braun, 50, previously reported missing in action, was killed Mar. 27 in Italy when his observation plane was shot down by anti-aircraft fire, the War Department disclosed yesterday.



NOW WHERE'S JOE?

Nazi Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels' brother, Hans, was captured by U.S. 1st Army troops at Milbreth, near Dusseldorf. Hans, a major general of the Nazi SA, said he hadn't heard from Joe since January and didn't know his whereabouts.

Food Dropped Into Holland

Carrying out Gen. Eisenhower's promise to the Dutch last week, RAF Lancasters equipped with special gear yesterday dropped thousands of pounds of food to the people of Holland in territory still occupied by the Germans.

The mission was carried out in defiance of a German threat that the mercy planes would be fired upon, but in the wake of an Allied counter-warning that any interference with the ships would be treated as a war crime. The bombers carried out their mission smoothly and without loss.

Pathfinder planes dropped colored markers to notify the Dutch of the approaching planes. At the four spots specified, the Lancasters were guided by markers consisting of huge white crosses with a red light in the middle and ringed by green lights.

Each plane carried slings containing 71 sacks loaded with meat, flour, cheese, margarine, powdered milk and eggs and dozens of other necessities, and flew in at less than 500 feet to drop the parcels.

The food was dropped on airfields at The Hague, Rotterdam and Leiden, and at a race course in The Hague.

Austria Sets Up New Government

MOSCOW, Apr. 29 (AP)—A 14-man provisional Austrian government, headed by 75-year-old former President Karl Renner as Chancellor and described as conforming to the accord reached at Moscow by the U.S., Britain and Russia in October, 1943, concerning an independent Austria, has been formed at Vienna, a Soviet News Agency dispatch broadcast by Moscow Radio said today.

Establishment of the new regime, which will govern Austria as a republic, was announced in a joint proclamation by leaders of the Social Democratic, Christian Social and Communist parties. All anti-Fascist parties in Austria were said to have concurred in forming the government, which was reported to reflect the will of the majority of the Austrian people.

Women in France Cast Their 1st Votes

PARIS, Apr. 29 (UP)—For the first time in history French women voted today, and they made the most of it, far outnumbering the men voters in the Municipal elections.

Many women voters believed the prime issues of the election were "peace, food and shoes." Workers wanted meat for their children, the fashionable were more interested in getting leather shoes "than anything else."

Many more confessed confusion about the candidates—"many of them are unknown to us," they said, but believed the men equally confused. They were convinced that they "could not do much worse than the men have done in the past 20 years."

Proposes Monument at Torgau

MOSCOW, Apr. 29 (UP)—A monument should be built at Torgau, where the first Allied link-up took place, the Russian poet and novelist Nikolai Tikhonov, president of the Union of Soviet Writers, said in Red Star yesterday.



NO WALTZING HERE: Doughts of the U.S. 3rd Army had no time for the romance of the fabled Blue Danube as they ferried a tank across in their march toward Regensburg, Munich and Hitler's redoubt. The first crossing of the river was made by the 65th Infantry Division.

Associated Press Photo

Small Nations at Frisco Ask For a Bigger Voice

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 29 (AP)—The small nations at the United Nations Conference intensified their campaign for a more effective voice in world affairs when five Middle Eastern countries today agreed to demand the expansion of the proposed all-powerful security council.

Most of the troublesome problems involving Big Three co-operation were thrashed out over the weekend by the Steering Committee, which handles rule and arrangements for the Conference:

1—Soviet proposals for admission of the Ukraine and White Russian Republic went through without a hitch and the 46 United Nations will soon become 48.

2—In standing by the Anglo-American promise at Yalta to back Russia's demand for three votes, Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr., Steering Committee chairman, used the same yardstick to override the Soviet request that Poland be represented at the Conference. The pledge to reorganize the Polish government, Stettinius argued, should be kept.

3—Soviet Foreign Commissar Molotov won his demand that the leading Big Four delegates rotate the honor of presiding at conference sessions, instead of installing Stettinius as permanent chairman.

After the surge of excitement following reports that the surrender of the Germans was imminent, the delegates prepared for a week during which they will choose commissions and committees and answer the claims of the smaller nations.

The Arab countries of the Middle East—Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon—have agreed, according to a spokesman, to stand with other small nations in a claim for 14 members on the security council, instead of the 11 originally planned.

In line with this policy, the small nations already have won expansion of the important Conference Executive Committee from 11 to 14 members.

Some time during the week the delegates will be asked to retain the pre-war Hague Tribunal of International Justice as a judicial arm of the new world security organization. Jules Basdevant, spokesman for the commission of legal experts, said the group would recommend retention of the old World Court, "with some slight technical modifications." He added that one major post-war change would, of course, be the substitution of the United Nations charter for that of the old League of Nations.

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were on the move in Austria, heading southeast and east for another union with the Soviets which would seal off the Germans in Czechoslovakia, sever communications between that industrial zone and the redoubt proper and cut off the enemy forces pulling back northward from Italy before the advance of the 15th Army group.

Zurich dispatches, perhaps more wishful than accurate, said that German defenses in the redoubt were crumbling. Prisoners taken by the armies operating in the southern sector totaled more than 31,000 Saturday.

American 7th Army troops were reported lining the Lech River over a 55-mile north-south front from Augsburg, which has been captured, to Fussen, on the Austrian border. The frontier has been crossed at two points in this western area, in addition to previous crossings made by the U.S. 3rd Army farther to the northeast.

Prior to news that Munich was entered, dispatches had told of the U.S. 45th Division within 20 miles of the Bavarian capital on the northwest. Driving from the northeast from their steadily growing Danube River bridgeheads were units of the 3rd Army, whose advance spearheads were 27 miles away. These troops liberated 27,000 Allied prisoners from a camp near Moosburg, a dispatch said.

Saturday there were reports that 3rd Army troops heading for Munich had heard radio announcements indicating that civil war was raging in Munich. A station calling itself "Free Action of Bavaria" had asked for quickest possible assistance. Another station put out reports that the uprising, if there had been one, was quelled.

Other unconfirmed reports told of an uprising at the Dachau concentration camp, northwest of Munich, with the inmates having killed some of the guards.

B29s Strike Kyushu Bases

GUAM, Apr. 29—A force of 100 to 150 Superforts for the fourth consecutive day today pounded six Japanese airfields on Kyushu from which the enemy has been mounting attacks on American shipping off Okinawa, 325 miles to the south. In one such attack on Friday Jap planes sank "one auxiliary unit" and damaged other vessels, Pacific Fleet HQ announced.

The new B29 raid on Japan's southernmost home island was the 12th since Mar. 27. The importance of the six enemy bases is emphasized by the fact that this is the first time since the beginning of the B29 offensive last November that the airmen have struck at the same objectives for more than two days in a row.

The Japs' Friday air raid on fleet units off Okinawa was carried out in conjunction with a number of small enemy surface craft, some of which were sunk. U.S. planes covering the area shot down 25 attacking aircraft Friday night and destroyed 32 others Saturday in sweeps through the Ryukyu chain.

The ground offensive on southern Okinawa progressed slowly as infantrymen wined out pillboxes and caves. Heavy artillery broke up enemy troop concentrations in the rear of the Japanese secondary defense line.

MANILA, Apr. 29 (ANS)—Baguio, Philippine summer capital and former Japanese military HQ on northern Luzon, fell to the 33rd and 37th U.S. Infantry Divisions Friday after one of the longest fights of the Philippine campaign.

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backbone of the German resistance. They were fighting frantically and shooting those who wavered. The number of desertions indicated that morale among the troops was bad but most of them had no choice but to fight and die where they stood or be shot by their own men.

Bitter street fighting continued with the crash of mortar and artillery shells mingling with the rumble of battles being fought in the city's subways. The Russians have cut off all power but the Germans still were using the underground networks for switching and concentrating their forces and for sending troops behind the Soviet lines.

German broadcasts claimed that the Berlin garrison was being supplied and reinforced by air. They also declared that relief forces were approaching from the south and west but made no claims that these forces had been able to break through the Soviet ring around the capital. At the same time, the Germans admitted that "in Berlin the Russians have deepened their breaches."

North of Berlin, Marshal Rokossovsky's forces continued their drive across northern Germany toward a junction with the British 2nd Army. In an Order of the Day, Marshal Stalin last night announced that these troops had occupied several towns and entered the territory of Mecklenburg Province. Reports yesterday placed Rokossovsky's men some 50 miles from a link-up with British forces.

Pyle Memorial Rites Held in London Today

American war correspondent will hold a memorial service in London today at 12 noon for Ernie Pyle, who was killed by a Japanese machine-gun bullet on Apr. 17 on Ie Island, off Okinawa. The service will be held at St. Dunstan Church on Fleet St. Because he was considered the favorite writer of the American soldier, U.S. personnel are invited to attend.