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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.

Czorna 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—Komárom, 43 miles north-west of Budapest on the Czechoslovak border and Győr, 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"The under line of the Stettin bridgehead has been withdrawn, according to plan," the report said.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 Communiqué says that south-west of Koenigsberg the Red Army continued fighting for destruction of the remnants of the German units in the area of Kalholzerhacken and 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 Győr."

Marshals Tolbukhin and Malinovsky have broadened their front against Austria and Vienna to an area 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 RAP'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. Wie 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.

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 defense line has been eliminated and Kesselring's armies are in a general retreat, according to despatches 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 temporarily, their ability to offer even token organized resistance.

The German News Agency reported fierce street fighting in 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 19-mile dash reached Giessen, 33 miles north of Frankfurt and Biehlhausen, 3 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 tank 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 at 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 Wellburg, 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-Hanau 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 Taichang 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 assuming importance never before felt so keenly as to-day in view of developments in the Pacific and on the south border. His troops "are 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, USF SOS, CT, 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 "Mayhaws" 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 "Generalissimo" 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.

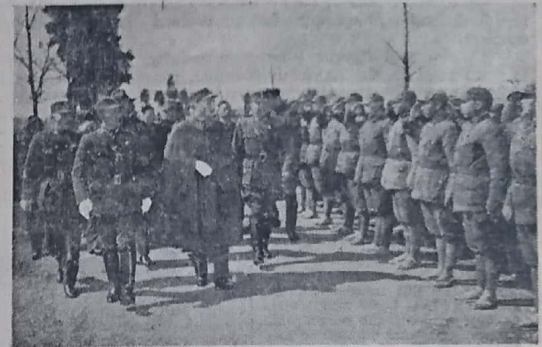
Following his visit to the Chinese Training Center, the Generalissimo returned by plane to Chungking.



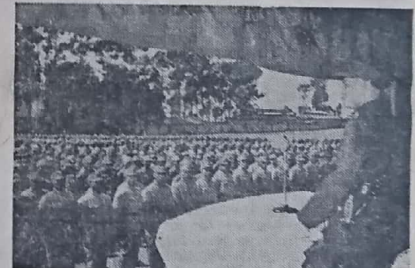
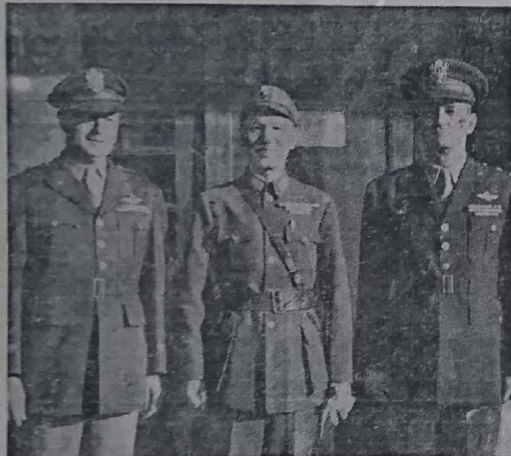
ABOVE: The Generalissimo departing from the base of an East China Wing of the Fourteenth Air Force, where he was welcomed by Col. Clayton B. Claassen, wing commander. The Generalissimo spoke to the men and praised their accomplishments in the China war. LEFT: Brig.-Gen. Albert F. Hezenberger, chief of 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 Chaun, 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 Jue-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, I said, 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 CACW 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!"

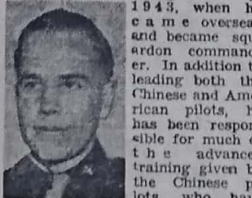
CACW OP OFFICER GETS EAGLE AT 27

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 Col. Strickland helped make 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, Eglin 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 68 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. (ANS):—"Lipstick is a dangerous instrument," says a bill recently introduced in the Tennessee State legislature. The bill would prohibit use of the sneaky stuff and fine users \$10,000.

WEEKLY REVIEW

THE CHINA LANTERN OF THE WAR

"HATCHET MEN" SAVE 14th AF CARGO PLANE

Four Allied armies in the greatest operation since D-Day in Normandy, vaulted the Rhine Friday and early Saturday, and headed in advances up to three miles. Dispatches said that Gen. Eisenhower had committed possibly a million and a quarter men in the all-out offensive to end the war and open open country 200 miles from West, Bielefeld and Rees on the Rhine's east bank. The long-vested British Second Army out of action since last September, opened the attack by crossing on the north bank Friday night.

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.

HISTORY'S GREATEST AIRBORNE OPERATION

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. The offensive was preceded by one of the largest artillery barrages of the war in which more than 100,000 tons of ammunition was fired by the British Second Army alone.

Plots flying over the battle area reported that many pontoon bridges had been strung 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 the German bridge across the main river southeast of Frankfurt, placing it's spearheads 40 miles east of the Rhine from its starting point between Mainz and Worms.

NEW BRIDGEHEAD

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, lengthening 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. Thirtieth Division vanguards were at the edge of the superhighway to Berlin where it swings one-mile northeast of Brueckhausen.

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 60 miles from the capital's limits. The Germans said that the Russians had struck to the lower Haha river, with the First, Third and Seventh linked up in a solid front east of the Rhine when the Seventh cut 30-

- ALLIED PARATROOPERS VAULT RHINE
- GERMANS SURRENDERING BY THOUSANDS
- RUSSIANS LAUNCH POWERFUL DANUBE DRIVE
- NAVY BLASTING STRATEGIC RYUKYU
- CEBU ISLAND INVADIED 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. The Ninth advanced five miles deeper into the Ruhr beyond outflanked Duisburg while the British Second pushed ten miles east of the Rhine on the flat Westphalian Plains and captured Speldrop. The AP reported the Germans to be surrendering in thousands.

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 Genuenden, 218 miles southwest of Berlin, heads advanced to within 30 miles

of 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 Dursten, east of Wesel. The Canadians were in the eastern outskirts of Emmerich on the Rhine.

Russian Front

Two great Russian armies pressed ahead along the Danube river just Monday, less than 36 miles from the Austrian frontier. The Third and Second Ukraine 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.

DRIVE ON VIENNA

Russian troops, north of the Danube, in Slovakia, captured Banka 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 Koenigsberg.

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

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

On the Baltic, the Russians broke into Danzig's northwestern suburbs and penetrated Gdynia.

SPEARHEADS ADVANCE

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.

MOP UP IN DANZIG

On Wednesday Russia's Third Ukrainian Army surged through the German lines toward the closely Austrian border while far to the north other Red Army units cleaned out war-wrecked Danzig and battled into the nearby port of Gdynia.

The Russian communiqué on Wednesday indicated that German resistance was crumbling all the way from the Danube on the north to Lake Balaton on the south. The cleanup of Gdynia and Danzig will free thousands of Russian troops for a frontal assault on Berlin.

Pacific

American Sixth Division troops fighting east of Manila advanced four miles under artillery fire last Sunday and gained new ridges commanding the Japs. Zamboanga line. Further north on Luzon stronger resistance was encountered where the enemy was well entrenched in caves and dugouts defending Balete Pass, the escape gap into Cagayan valley.

Philippine based US bombers wrecked the big Itochuetsu hydroelectric plant on Formosa in their continued pounding of this bastion protecting Ryukyu islands "bridge" to Japan. Aerial bombardment of several of the Ryukyu islands including Okinawa, ideal base for strikes against either Japan or China coast and of air bases in all of southern Japanese home islands of Kyushu, Shikoku and Honshu was reported by the Japanese radio early this week.

CEBU INVADIED

American assault boats swarmed ashore on Cebu island Monday against elaborate beach defenses and swept almost to the outskirts of Cebu city, but the second city of the Philippines was already aflame and exploding from Japanese demolition.

Cebu lies between the Jap-held Negros and American captured Leyte in the center of the archipelago.

Cuzon, American troops captured New Bosoboso, east of Manila and were within one mile of Lipa, key rail and road center in southern Batangas province.

RYUKYU POUNDED

Wednesday it was announced that Vice-Adm. Mitscher's carrier task force had swept thousands of square miles around Ryukyu islands and that carrier planes sank or damaged scores of Japanese vessels including five war-craft in two days of attacks on enemy shipping and shore installations.

Quick thinking on the part of a crew in a troop carrier squadron of the Fourteenth Air Force saved a transport from destruction and possibly saved the lives of everyone on the plane.

The plane was on a dropping mission and started the return flight with sufficient gasoline to reach the home base. Adverse weather conditions forced the pilot, Lt. Glover E. Philbrick, Glendale, Calif., to turn back and fly off course for a long distance and as a result the gasoline was running low.

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. Vernon S. McKee, Brentwood, Mo., to get the "crash axe and chop a hole through the floor of the plane and into the gas tanks so that the gasoline could be poured from the drums to the tanks. The co-pilot, Lt. Milton C. Woolson, Marinette, Wis., who formerly worked on the construction of the transport, knew just where to chop the hole in order to make contact with the gas tanks.

Corp. McKee aided by Lt. Herbert J. Adams, Navigator, Tampico, Ill., succeeded in chopping the hole through the floor and into the tank. The gasoline was poured into the tank and a short time later the plane landed at a friendly air base.

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 Tokyo announced Tuesday that airplane factories and other vital plants would be moved to Manchuria to "make up for decrease in production".

Italy

Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, Allied commander in Italy, declared Wednesday that the German retreat northward was inevitable "sooner or later" and ordered patriots to stand by to strike at a moment's notice to hamper the withdrawal. He said that it was certain that patriots in the central Alpine area would be "called upon to be of specific assistance to my armies shortly".

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

Warm Welcomes Extended To Stilwell Highway Drivers

RUNNING—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, as well as the enthusiastic and hospitable welcome they received from officers and enlisted men ranging from Maj.-Gen. G. X. Cheves, to the members of the mess hall staffs here at SOS headquarters in Kunming.

Since the first vehicles began arriving in February, the personnel of Special Service, the American Red Cross, Area Command, the Theatre Band, and even the local Military Police detachment have pitched in to make things as pleasant as possible.

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 when they pulled into town. Mess sergeant at "G" mess hall is S/Sgt. Anthony L. Canonica. He is assisted by Sgt. Victor A. Picarello, Sgt. Paul J. Domagala, Sgt. John Arloff, Sgt. Allen Cheatwood, Corp. Frank Franchino, Corp. Kenneth G. Betty, Pvt. Andrew J. Shedlock and Pvt. Raymond Hernandez.

Red Cross clubmobile girls extended the hand of hospitality to the vehicles bringing vitally needed war materials to China. Mrs. Helen McCormack and Miss Veronica Heck met several of the convoys miles out of town with heaps of doughnuts and steaming coffee.

Ice cream, a treat to the folks back home these days, was prepared by S/Sgt. Robert Stock, mess sergeant at "K" mess hall and his staff, and Sgt. Leroy Barelay made most of the cakes for their parties.

For nearly two months now, the China Theatre Band, a group of hard working GIs who "double

in brass" by working in offices during the day and playing their instruments at night, has met the convoys, rain or shine. The band, directed by T/Sgt. Paul Tompkins, has played two or three hours at the mess halls after putting in a hard days work themselves. Members of the band are S/Sgt. Lloyd Lunnham, S/Sgt. Roy Wilde, Sgt. Paul Neighrath, Sgt. Howard Williams, Sgt. Harold W. Harris, Sgt. Conrad Taylor, Sgt. Henry Evans, Sgt. Ralph Fetherolf, Corp. Arthur Flanders, Corp. Simon Silberg, Corp. Richard Wynn, Corp. John Sulkin, Corp. Irving Robin, Corp. Clifford Taylor, Corp. Glenn Lloyd, and Corp. John De Julius.

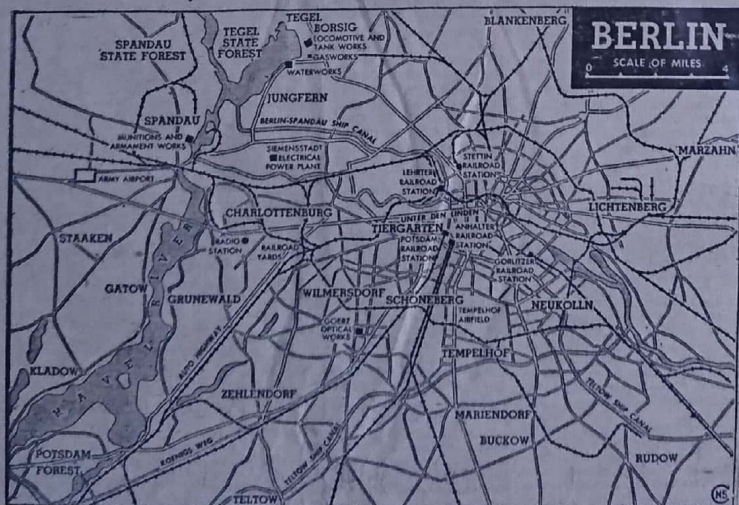
Other entertainers at the diners, and special entertainment features given for the drivers included a harmonica band, composed of Corp. Forrest G. Scott, Corp. Donald Sanders, and Pfc. Charles Lucas.

Special Service officers and enlisted men on hand to welcome the vehicles included Capt. Alfred Plant, T/Sgt. George Montgomery, and Corp. Harold "Happy" Harris.

Denver, Col. (CNS)—Walter Schoonover and A. M. Tennant were bickering over the price of a horse owned by the latter. Tennant asked \$3,000. Schoonover offered \$2,500. Finally they agreed to flip a coin—double or nothing. Schoonover lost and paid \$6,000.

HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT (ANS)—Admiral Thomas Hart who takes the seat this week as interim United States Senator from Connecticut, announced Wednesday his alignment with Republicans after concluding that as an independent he would "be neither fish nor fowl".

A City That Was—Berlin Before Hitler



BEFORE HITLER'S ILL-FATED BID FOR WORLD DOMINATION brought upon Berlin the retribution of Allied armies, 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 railways. Now 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 larger. 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-chu-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 of the silversmith's 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 snipping 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

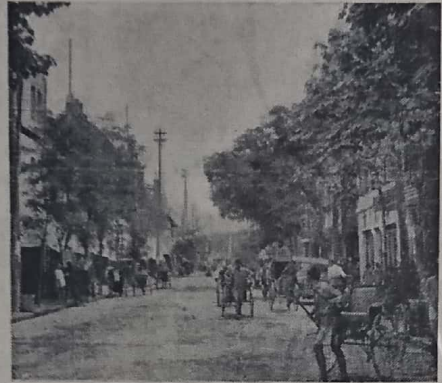


TRANSPORTATION—Pack horses bringing commodities in from the north-west.

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 Kuang-hsien, last real settlement of Western China, and terminus of little known caravan routes from mysterious Eastern Tibet and Sikang. 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 Yunan 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 Yunan 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 (Continued on page 9)



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 863 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 millennium 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 Shenai to Ch'eng-tu 1,300 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.

Cagers Snap AACS Win Streak 31-28

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

The Cagers jumped out to a 10-3 first quarter lead as Freshchone 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 Cagers 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 Cagers to two baskets, to lead 13-14 at the half-way mark.

The Cagers offense was upset midway in the period by the loss of Schall via the personal foul route. 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 Cagers to two baskets, to lead 13-14 at the half-way mark.

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 Freshchone threw in the winning basket for the Cagers and Purcell iced the game 1-6 from the end with a foul shot.

In the opening game of the twin-bill The Ramblers topped an Ordinance five 57-41, with Paulsen and Beckman breaking fast out of the Ramblers zone and netting 13 and 16 points respectively. Bradford with 14 and Shortt with 13 were top men for the Ordinance quintet.

The Boxscores:—

KUNNING CAGERS		AACS SIGNALS	
E. F. Tot.	E. F. Tot.	E. F. Tot.	E. F. Tot.
Schall f. 11	3	Crawford f. 3	3
Wolfe f. 2	3	Ford f. 3	6
Felice f. 2	2	Papa-Petrus f. 2	4
Calhoun f. 9	1	Maceau f. 3	7
Purcell f. 13	5	Hughes f. 1	2
Freshchone f. 4	1	Knapp f. 2	8
Jaffe f. 1	3	—	—
11 9 31		11 6 28	

RAMBLERS		ORDINANCE	
E. F. Tot.	E. F. Tot.	E. F. Tot.	E. F. Tot.
Poulsten f. 9	18	Diggs f. 2	4
Moses f. 1	0	McLain f. 0	0
Beckman f. 8	16	Shortt f. 0	13
Freshchone f. 8	16	O'Connor f. 0	0
O'Neil f. 0	0	Ford f. 6	14
Abinuch f. 2	4	Becker f. 0	1
Dawson f. 1	3	Davis f. 0	0
Zeller f. 0	0	Dolan f. 0	0
Morrell f. 3	4	Flaher f. 4	9
Ferrara f. 3	6	Wilson f. 0	0
27 5 59		18 5 41	

Nelson Ties Snead Tournery 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 Reverts third with 286.

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 1932.

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 cager 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.



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

Rear row, left to right: Lt. E. Krobot, St. Louis, Mo. manager; S/Sgt. Richard Huston, Auburn, Neb. Peru State Teachers; S/Sgt. Winfield Tobey, San Diego, Cal., S.D. State Teach. College; Lt. Fred Carey, Hartford, Conn., Dartmouth, U.V.; Lt. G. E. Doyce, 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, 49-46, to take the NCAA national cage crown. In the first game of the twin bill, New York Coast Guard beat Valley Forge General Hospital, 69-55, for the eastern service title.

Coaches Ask Curb On Giant Centers

NEW YORK (ANS)—Suggestions for curbing the giant centers that lead some of the national college basketball, he explained, were made at 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 carryovers 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 could 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 bait the big fellows, but Frank Kearney, Rhode Island State mentor, whose team was the victim of George Nikan, DePaul center man, in a 53 point struggle last week, favors the big men. "That big bloke 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 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 nations leading boxing promoter and possessor of a rare set of self-disseminating bridge work (M-1) 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 Bivins-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.

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 violets 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 62-63 lead with two minutes remaining. The crowd started to filter out and some undoubtedly missed the great NYU spurt.

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 layup 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 Razorbacks 36-17, at half and putting on in the second period. The Aggies dissuaded 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 16 points and Hankins registering 22.

Shorly 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 Dick Wilkins' 21 points and Ken Hays' 14 led the Webfoot, while Donnie 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 Councilor 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 ban 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.

WASC Helps Lower 'Hump' Tonnage Feeding US Forces

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. Hwang, as director-general, now operates 90 outfits in various parts of China and its employes 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. N. 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 purchased by WASC was CN \$27,193,160. 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 Simnett, 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 like a mouse on Dave's right eye. His predecessor had left a lot of coal gas lying around the basement.



CHINA GI CONCOCTS ICELESS TOM COLLINS

138TH AAF BASE UNIT, CHINA—Convinced that necessity is the mother of invention, Corp. Tom Farnsworth, 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, Tucson, 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 his experience on a recent mission over North China. Flying through heavy 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 19 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 entitled 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 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 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.

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 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 Chui 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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UP FRONT WITH MAULDIN



"Didn't we meet at Cassino?"

CH'ENG-TU

(Continued From Page 5)

China's Great Wall was built, the Kuan-hsen 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 tides and ebbs are sacrificed in the shrine of the Great Dam, and then the wooden checks are knocked away and the crystal waters of Tibet, neither 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-hsen 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.

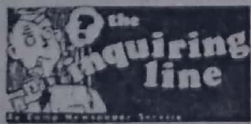
In the temples, at the high altars in the distant corners, the old story-tellers, with operatic intonations and dramatic gestures, recount the old folk tales and myths and legends that were told when Marco Polo passed through Europe a thousand years ago. And elsewhere, in darkened booths surrounded by 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 symbols and chattering castanets of the food vendors; the metallic beat of the silver-mallet hammer; clanking of silk looms and the high-pitched swaying of the cotton buffers; the cry and laughter of children and the cackling amusement of the oldsters; the padding shuffle of the coolie 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 blast of an automobile horn can scarcely drown the squeaks, the ancient squeakiness of the unsoiled wooden wheels of the oxcart.

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 third Venetian wanderer in Tartar robes dabbled by dust, strolled slowly down between the leaning timbered houses and shops, no surprise in knowing that this was Marco Polo himself come back to Sin-ch'iu.

Elke, Nev (ONS)—A. C. Smart, pantsless, 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 ends

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, subdeacon.

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 Alejandro 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. Andreo Majcen, arch priest; Bishop John A. O'Shea, Philadelphia and Kancho; 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. Langs, 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 'dumb 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. G. L. Chenault'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 CAOW, 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 "Novely Bands." In it, musicians pay 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 jitterbugs. 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 is 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 Hampden 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. Kittle, hp staff, CCC; Col. Woods King, commanding a field sq. of the CCC; Brig.-Gen. Henry A. Barber, Jr, deputy commander, CCC; Gen. Wang Yao Wu and Gen. Lin Hsin, GBC staff 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, officer graduates of the United States Military Academy at West Point, hold a dinner on or as near as possible to St. Patrick's Day.

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

Col. W. J. Tack, an Infantry officer, Class of '14 was the toastmaster. S. Sgt. John F. Kosuta, Cleveland, Ohio, accompanied the singing on the accordion and a dancing party.

Eye Witness Stories At ARC News Sessions

KUNMING.—Soldiers in this area caught up on news developments of the week on world-wide fronts at "Analyzing the News" session in the Red Cross Town Club recently.

Maj. John H. Lattin, James-town, 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 first-hand 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 Dongxin Hills, Staten Island, N.Y. held a tour of inspection.

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 OTs stationed with The Mandalay Raiders is currently being waged by Father William J. Glynn, chaplain of the West China fighter wing. Father Glynn offers a 26-lesson course in the Wade phonetic system with classes held six times a week at various bases.

Easter Services

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

Table with columns: Hostel, Building, Time. Lists various Catholic services for Easter Sunday at A.P.O. 627.

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

Table with columns: Hostel, Building, Time. Lists various Catholic services for Good Friday at A.P.O. 627.

Other Catholic Services

Table with columns: A.P.O. 211, Base Theater — Easter Sunday 1600, Rec Hall — " " " " 0700, " " " " " " 1730

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

Table with columns: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, Station Hosp. Lists Protestant services for Easter Sunday at A.P.O. 627.

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

Table with columns: 1, 4, 5, 14, 15, Station Hosp. Lists Protestant services for Holy Week at A.P.O. 627.

Other Services

Table with columns: A.P.O. 211, Base Theater — Easter Sunday 1030, " " " " " Communion 1830, " " " " " Communion 1930, " 212, Baseball Field — Easter Sunday 0630, " " " " " " 1900

'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 places of the first of the month, "Hum 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."

'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., Munday, Texas; T/Sgt. R. K. King, Waterford, N.Y.; T/Sgt. Louis Macaluso, Hazelcrest, Ill; and S/Sgt. W. E. Kaufman, 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. Wiczeczek, 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, OSOWI, 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 chutes jumping for a barnstormer, then after soloing a while, helping in 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, BRASSIERES 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.

Essentially 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 to-morrow. 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. Gen. V. Fenton co-christner of the "China Lantern," is the editor, publisher and one-man staff of "The Clarion," daily news-sheet of the Golden Tigers Squadron, Fenton specializes in radio-free news from the world's battlefronts. He simulates actual newspaper makeup by typing the news in column form and topping each story with hand-printed headlines.

Sanford, Me (CNS)—Mary Lou Bernier is suing the state of Maine for \$15748. She says she was bitten by a mukrat while leaving a state-operated store.

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

Table listing radio programs and times for station X-N-E-W (KUNMING) from Saturday, March 31 to Friday, April 6.

WORLD EVENTS IN PICTURES



SPIRALING SKYWARD, smoke from bombs dropped by 308th Bomber Group of the Fourteenth Air Force on Shihchihwang, 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.



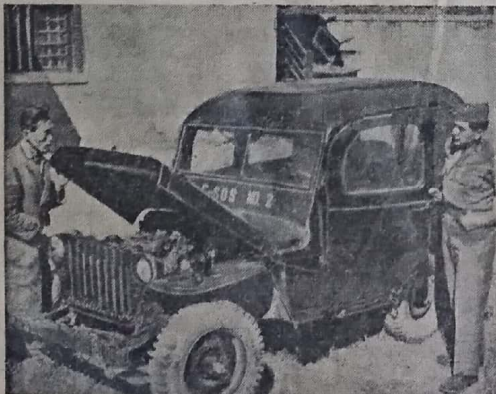
DESECRATION—Decapitated statues at entrance to Cathedral and massed debris below give evidence of fierce fighting in Trier. Ragging battle preceded capture of German town by U. S. 3rd Army troops. Lone Yank stands at entrance atop pile of broken masonry and views destruction within. (Acme Photo by Charles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