



# BALKAN INVASION IS REPORTED

## Hurling Red Drive Fans Out To Cut Off Nazi Army Lifelines

MOSCOW —(AP)— Gen. Nikolai Vatutin's forces, gaining new momentum after smashing 10 miles into pre-war Poland, sped forward Friday in a great fan-shaped offensive toward lifelines vital to enemy operations in the Ukraine and Dnieper bend.

The Nazis appeared unable to halt the Russian machine.

Over a front of 175 miles from the lower Pripiet Marshes near Rakitno, 10 miles inside the old Polish border, to the flat steppe near Zhashkov, 40 miles south of Belaya Tserkov, the First Ukrainian Army was ripping the Germans to pieces and capturing huge stores of booty.

To the north, in the Nevel sector, Gen. Ivan Bagramian's growing Baltic offensive swept deep into strong cores of resistance where the German spectre of encirclement was the same as in the Ukraine.

Snowfalls and blizzards were an aid to advance patrols cutting behind Nazi lines and threatening the communications of the German forces before Leningrad, just as Vatutin's fast tanks and cavalry were a peril to the Germans' main lines leading to the Dnieper and the Black Sea.

Vatutin's advance brought increased pressure on the Germans in Kievograd and Krivoi Rog in the Dnieper Bend, but there were few specific reports from those sectors.

Supply Points In Reach  
Four communication centers lay within striking distance of Vatutin's Red forces.

Ravno, about 35 miles inside the old Polish border and 60 miles west of Novograd, both the Warsaw-Kiev highway and the Warsaw Railway pass through here.

Shepetovka, 35 miles southwest of Novograd Volynski, one of the Ukraine's most important railway junctions.

Vinnitsa, 70 miles south of Zhitomir and 60 miles from the Dniester, former boundary of Rumania.

And Zhermerinka, 20 miles south of Vinnitsa on the Odessa-Warsaw line which the Germans must hold if they hope to remain any place east of Odessa.

Capture of Rakitno by Gen. Ukolai Vatutin's First Ukrainian Army was announced in a Soviet communiqué, and his vanguards were (Continued on Page 2)

## 775-Mile Advance Recorded By Soviet

LONDON —(AP)— In driving the Germans back across the oil pre-war Polish frontier the Russian Army has advanced 775 airline miles from Stalingrad—approximately the distance from New York to Chicago—since last February.

The advance represents an average gain of about two miles per day.

## Norther Sweeps To Panhandle Areas

AMARILLO —(AP)— The most crippling blizzard in 52 years roared into the Panhandle Friday, with upward of 4 inches of snow and a 42-mile wind quickly blocking means of transportation. The temperature here skidded to 14 degrees and the weather bureau reported it was headed for zero-level, by nightfall.

A blue norther whistled southward into the Panhandle Friday, bringing a heavy snowfall, and North Texas stockmen were warned to protect livestock against bitter temperatures, due Friday night.

Pampa, in the Panhandle, reported strong winds and heavy snow and a temperature of 30 degrees. Buses bringing in 900 rural school students were ordered to take the children back home for fear vehicles will not be able to negotiate the roads later in the day.

## Allied Planes Blast Loaded Sailing Ships

CAIRO —(AP)— RAF heavy bombers attacked the Port of Rhodes, a Nazi-held island in the eastern Mediterranean during Jan 5-6, an Red Middle East communiqué said Friday, and RAF and American long-range fighters sank a number of loaded sailing ships, a type of shipping on which the enemy now forced largely to depend in supplying the occupied Aegean Islands.

## Americans In Grenade Duel For Vittore

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS —(AP)— With grenades, machine-guns and small arms American troops fought over the drenched stones of San Vittore and assailed three bitterly contested strongpoints in the fortified village Friday as the Fifth Army pressed its offensive all along the 10-mile front straddling the Cassinero to Rome road.

Forging ahead short distances through the snow-covered mountains, the Americans stormed the strong defenses built by the Germans to cover the key town of Cassino six miles ahead of San Vittore. They captured the 3,500-foot peak of Monte Malo about a mile southwest of Vignone and five miles northwest of Venafro.

The Americans who entered San Vittore from the northeast and southwest had taken more than half the town and now were driving on three clusters of grey tumbledown stone buildings where the Germans had barricaded themselves.

No-Quarter Fight  
It was a no-quarter fight with the Germans refusing to give themselves up.

The doughboys had to creep up to the pillboxes, toss grenades through the apertures and wipe out the defenders.

San Vittore is about two miles (Continued on page 2)

## Eastern Idaho Officers To Eat Moose Meat

IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO —(AP)— Eastern Idaho peace officers, in convention here, will dine on moose meat purchased from the state game department which confiscated it because the animal was killed illegally.

## War Bulletins

STOCKHOLM —(AP)— An eyewitness to the RAF's Wednesday night raid on the German Baltic port of Stettin said Friday that he heard reports within that battered city that 1,000 persons had been killed.

BERN, SWITZERLAND —(AP)— An air alarm sounded in Bern Friday afternoon. (This could indicate that Allied bombers had passed over Switzerland on bombing missions to Southwest Germany or Northeastern France.)

LONDON —(AP)— Tass, Soviet news agency, said in a Moscow broadcast Friday that German authorities "have proclaimed martial law in Warsaw, Lublin, Radom, Jaroslav and other Polish towns near the Soviet frontier."

STOCKHOLM —(AP)— A Berlin dispatch to the newspaper Svenska Morgonbladet Friday quoted a German military spokesman as saying there was a possibility of the German army being forced to withdraw entirely from Russia in the face of what he declared appeared to be a giant Soviet offensive along the whole front from Leningrad to the Black Sea.

NEW DELHI —(AP)— Allied ground forces on the western slopes of the Mayu mountains northwest of the Japanese-held port of Akyab in Western Burma have made further advances after beating off enemy counterattacks, Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten's headquarters announced.



Gen. Nikolai Vatutin's First Ukraine Army, fanning out in a 250-mile arc, penetrates pre-war Poland, captured Belaya Tserkov, threatening to trap over a million Germans in the Dnieper Bend. (NEA Telegram)

## Major 'Pappy' Boyington Is Missing After He Ties Foss And Rick Record By Destroying 26th Japanese Plane

OKANOGAN, WASH.—(AP)— By a tragic twist of fate, Major Gregory Boyington was reported missing in action only a few hours after this Northern Washington farming community rejoiced at the news of his entry into the Marine Corps hall of fame by downing his 26th Japanese plane in combat over Rabaul.

The 31-year-old former "Flying Tiger" joined Marine Major Joe Foss of Sioux Falls, S. D., and Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, of first World War fame, as co-holder of the 26-plane record of aerial "kills" for U. S. fliers. He did it in a sweep over New Britain four days ago. His achievement was reported Thursday from Guadalcanal.

But Greg (Pappy) Boyington did not come back from his triumph.

To Mrs. E. J. Hallenbeck, his mother, came the grim Navy Department telegram Thursday night: "We regret to inform you that Greg" would come through safely.

"I am confident he is all right and he will show up somehow, somewhere," she said.

She had recalled proudly in an earlier interview how her son had told her upon his 1935 enlistment in the Marine Corps for air service: "Mother, nothing will stop me. This is what I have wanted to do all my life. This is the only thing I'd ever want to get up before breakfast, for—to fly."

She recalled the letter he wrote to her Dec. 15: "The Japs are getting pretty scarce over here, and I doubt if I will be able to beat Joe Foss' record before I am sent home."

3 Billion Barrels Of Oil In East Texas  
AUSTIN —(AP)— The East Texas oil field can produce three billion more barrels of petroleum in the next 30 years if present conservation practices continue, Railroad Commissioner Ernest O. Thompson asserted Friday.

His estimate followed an engineering report that the field produced 129,989,645 barrels last year with a drop in bottomhole pressure of only 3.27 pounds per square inch.

The reservoir has produced more than 1,900,000,000 barrels of oil in 13 years.

Ration Board Provides Gasoline For Stork  
SALT LAKE CITY —(AP)— Told there would be a "slight delay" before she could be granted extra gasoline ration coupons to go to a maternity hospital, an undaunted applicant threatened to "have my baby" right here. Procedure was speeded up, and the woman left—hastily—clutching a handful of coupons.

Rats Take Woman's Christmas Savings  
MEMPHIS —(AP)— Mrs. Dora Peters' \$13.56 in Christmas savings disappeared last month.

Thursday a \$5 bill turned up under a sidewalk in the back yard. Further investigation led to all but \$10.50 of the money in the basement where it had been carried—by rats.

MRS. MIRIAM FINN SCOTT DIES  
NEW YORK —(AP)— Mrs. Miriam Finn Scott, 62, a leader in education and child psychology and widow of Leroy Scott, novelist, died Thursday in Knickerbocker Hospital.

## Americans To Hail Peace 'Where Tokyo Was'—Adm. Halsey

LOS ANGELES —(AP)— When American troops get to where Tokyo now stands, there'll be "a little celebration where Tokyo was," says Admiral William F. Halsey, commander of Allied forces in the South Pacific.

The comment predated Halsey's appearance at the Army-Navy war conference which began Friday with discussions by Gen. H. H. Arnold, Army Air Forces chief, and other military officials with west coast civic and business leaders.

Holding his first press conference since his secret return to the mainland on New Year's Eve, Halsey said:

"We have the finest representatives of American manhood ever assembled, and they're fighting as one team. They don't like the way they're fighting—and they'll like it even less."

He declared they had proved to be better jungle fighters than the Japanese ever were and are killing the enemy at the ratio of 10 to one.

Governor To Prune Lengthy Message  
RICHMOND, VA.—(AP)— Gov. Colgate W. Darden Jr. took two days off to write his annual message to the general assembly.

Then he eyed it critically and announced he needed another half day to trim it down.

End Of Jap Torpedo Plane  
The beginning of the end of the Jap torpedo plane's attack on a U. S. carrier during the raid on the Marshall Islands is shown in the top photo as the enemy plane leaves a blazing flame trail after being hit. Minus one wing it noses down toward the sea. In the bottom photo, all that is left of the Jap plane is a trick black cloud of smoke, as it disappears into the water. (U. S. Navy Photo From NEA)

## Allies In Yugoslavia, Says Wire; London Calls Account Erroneous

Several Allied divisions were reported by Reuters Friday to have landed in Yugoslavia in a Balkan invasion across the Adriatic Sea. The circuitous report from the Croat capital of Zagreb was printed in the Stockholm Tidningen and was not confirmed from any official source.

German and puppet Croat troops were said to have engaged the invaders in heavy fighting. Only Thursday, the Croats asserted the British First Army and the American Seventh Army were concentrating in the Italian port of Bari for a Balkan invasion.

If true, it appeared probable that the Allied regulars soon would join forces with the 250,000 Partisan troops of Marshal Tito who have been engaging the Germans throughout Yugoslavia in increasingly bitter combat.

His communique Friday said the Partisans attacking Banja Luka, headquarters of the Second German Tank Army, had abandoned the fight after six days in which 680 Germans were killed.

SPECIALIST UNITS LAND, SWEDISH CAPITAL HEARS  
LONDON —(AP)— Roundabout reports reached Stockholm Friday that Allied specialist troops had landed at several strategic points on the coast of Yugoslavia.

Meanwhile, dispatches from Allied headquarters in Algiers called "completely erroneous" a report that "crack Allied divisions" had landed in Yugoslavia. A qualified but unofficial source in London said the report "probably was planted by the Germans as a feeler."

The story that Allied specialists had reached Yugoslavia also was roundabout, reaching Stockholm via Zagreb by way of Budapest, and likewise must be considered with reservations.

These reports gave no indication of the size of the forces, or whether they were American or British, but American and British officers and liaison missions have been reported active with Yugoslav guerrillas for several weeks. Some of these apparently are supply officers.

Massed Troops Reported  
Zurich dispatches to London Thursday said Zagreb residents were "suffering from invasion nerves" and mentioned a report circulating in the Croat capital that strong units of the British First and American Seventh armies—neither of which has been engaged in active fighting as a whole since the invasion of Italy—were concentrating on the Italian east coast at Bari for a Balkan invasion.

The British First Army was commanded by Lt. Gen. Sir K. A. N. Anderson in Tunisia and the American Seventh Army was commanded by Lt. Gen. George S. Patton Jr. in Sicily.

Previously, American and British officers have been reported leading Yugoslav guerrillas on the Balkan front.

Count Ciano's Trial Ordered  
By The Associated Press  
Trial of Count Ciano and other members of the Fascist grand council who voted for the ouster of Premier Mussolini last July 25 will begin Saturday at Verona in northern Italy, the Berlin radio said Friday.

All are charged with treason by Mussolini's puppet regime.

The broadcast said Ciano, Mussolini's son-in-law and former Italian foreign minister, would be the first to face the court and that sentences were expected to be pronounced within a few days after the opening of the trials.

The radio report said Ciano is imprisoned in a scantily furnished cell.

Only five others of the 19 members of the grand council who voted against Mussolini have been arrested, the broadcast said.

WEATHER  
Colder; Rain or snow.

WAR AT A GLANCE  
By The Associated Press

RUSSIA — Soviets pushing toward Sarny.

ITALY — Yanks capture Monte Maio Peak.

EUROPEAN AERIAL — American bombers smash at Northern France.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC — Americans move toward Madang.

WILCOX PROMOTED TO DALLAS HEADQUARTERS OF MAGNOLIA COMPANY  
Fred H. Wilcox, district geologist for Magnolia Petroleum Company for West Texas and New Mexico, has been transferred to Dallas to assist in the direction of the geological office of the company.

H. A. (Percy) Hemphill, assistant to Wilcox for several years, will become district geologist, effective Jan. 10.

Wilcox has been with Magnolia, and affiliated companies, for more than 10 years. He has been in Midland most of that time.

He recently retired as president of the West Texas Geological Society, and has been active in other professional organizations and in civic affairs.

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There is no peace, saith the Lord, unto the Wicked.—Isaiah 48:22.

What's In A Word?

When an outbreak of influenza struck the country there was accompanying outbreak of comment on the resulting rise in "flu absenteeism." In one sense the expression is all right. Persons were absent from work, and so they were "absentees." But unfortunately, perhaps, the word "absentee" has come to have an unpleasant connotation. It is a term of reproach. It infers, casually, that the worker has stayed away from his employment for insufficient reason—that he is a shirker, a half-pint patriot.

"Absentee" is only one of the perfectly good words which have been perverted by specialized usage until they no longer can be applied safely to those whose friendship we value and want to retain.

"Fascist" is such. Historically the word "fascis" applied to a bundle of sticks bound together around an axe, symbolizing that "in union there is strength," or that "united we stand, divided we fall," which is an excellent sentiment.

But a braggart gangster named Mussolini adopted the fascis as his symbol and derived from it a name for his anti-social movement, so "fascist" became a name of reproach among decent people.

"Collaboration" is another. To collaborate is to work with somebody. All of civilization is founded upon co-operation and collaboration. But a French faction, part weak-kneed and part pro-German, collaborated with the historic enemies of their nation, became known as "collaborationists," and another good word was lost to ordinary usage.

These are only a few outstanding casualties. Before the war, in our country among others, a lot of excellent words became symbols of reproach—"capitalist," "individualist," "conservative," for example and later "liberal."

We are in the midst of an era of argument by epithet, in which skilled dialecticians narrow the meaning of words until they no longer are of general use.

That being the case, let's be careful how we throw those words around. A man who is in bed with "influenza," which used to be "la grippe," isn't an absentee in the epithetical sense. He's just a mighty miserable fellow, who probably will be delighted when he is well enough to get back onto the job.

—Buy War Bonds And Savings Stamps—

New Plastic Ration Chips

Penny Ante Porker addicts whose indoor sport has been so cruelly spoiled by the wartime shortage of pennies may find a post-war source of red and blue chips in the two billion plastic ration point tokens which the Office of Price Administration will put in circulation about Feb. 27. The tokens are to be used, of course, in making change when shoppers submit larger denomination ration point coupons to the butcher and grocer.

Originally the tokens were to be made about the size of a two-bit piece, but as soon as that was announced a delegation of slot-machine operators in the country descended on Washington to protest that the chips would gum up all their devices. So the plans were changed and now the tokens will be a little smaller than a dime. This may make them a bit small for miniature porker chips.

Still bigger objection is that no game using the tokens for chips could be for keeps. The tokens will be just too valuable. While the war lasts, red chips will be good for meat, blue chips for processed foods.

—Buy War Bonds And Savings Stamps—

Schooling

There are more than a million less youngsters in the public high schools this year than there were two years ago, the U. S. Office of Education reports. This sets enrollment back 10 years, and represents a drop of 246,000 boys and 135,000 girls since last year. In the two upper classes there are 15 per cent less boys and 5 per cent less girls.

The distribution makes it obvious that the armed services, slightly, and war work for the most part, are responsible for the decrease. Probably that is inevitable. Boys and girls are anxious to get into the "good money" that is available, and also want to aid in war production.

But Paul McNutt, who should know our manpower problem better than most, joins with Education Commissioner Studebaker and with Katharine Lenroot, chief of the Children's Bureau, in urging that schooling be not neglected. We do not want the next generation to lose ground in the progress that democracy has been achieving.

—Buy War Bonds And Savings Stamps—

Falling Behind

The Byrd Committee finds that of the huge appropriations made for this war almost \$187,000,000,000 remain unspent and \$92,000,000,000 have not even been obligated.

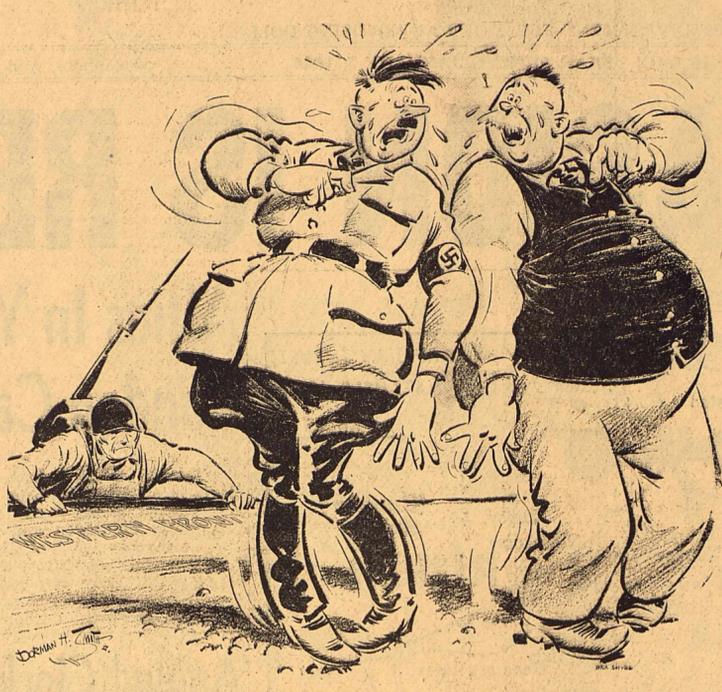
That is good news. We gave our war agencies enough, and more. They do not have to spend it all. We assume that they won't turn their pockets inside out and go on a spree, just because the appropriations are there. To be on the safe side, however, it is comforting that Senator Byrd is going to keep a weather eye on the situation.

—Buy War Bonds And Savings Stamps—

It's pretty safe to judge a fellow by what he laughs at.

One of the best ways to make your troubles feel small is to ignore them.

"C'mon, Be Calm—Like Me!"



Around Clock -

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gave rise to belief that the big bombers were again out.

The Mosquito raids were accompanied by air alerts in Geneva and other Swiss cities, the German-controlled Paris radio said.

The previous night the Mosquitos staged a diversionary raid on Berlin, causing the Germans to rush their night fighters to the defense of the capital while a great fleet of British heavy bombers pounded the Baltic port of Sietlin with more than 1,000 tons of bombs almost unopposed.

Varied Planes In Action

Thursday, the Air Ministry said, RAF light and medium bombers teamed up with fighter-bombers to attack military objectives in Northern France. The light and medium bombers were escorted by Allied fighters.

RAF, Dominion and Allied fighters also carried out supporting sweeps, the ministry said. From the daylight operations six Allied aircraft were reported missing. Three enemy planes were shot down.

Livestock

FORT WORTH —(P)— Cattle 900; calves 600; generally steady; few good fed steers and yearlings 13.00-14.00; one load mature steers at the top figure; butcher cows 7.50-9.00; few higher; good and choice fat calves 11.50-13.00.

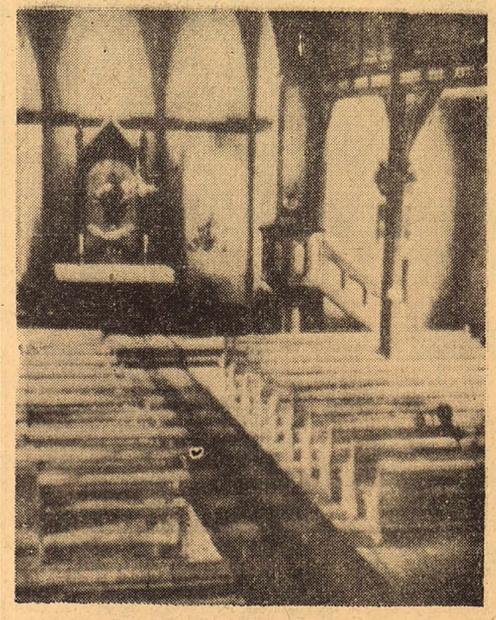
Hogs 2100; mostly unchanged; top 13.65; good and choice 200-300 lb. butcher hogs 13.55-65; good 170-180 lb. kinds 11.60-13.00; good 140-165 lb. weights 8.00-11.25; packing sows 10.50-11.25; stocker pigs 2.00-7.00.

Sheep 2000; unchanged; good and choice fat lambs 13.00-14.00; good shorn lambs with No. 1 pelts 13.00; medium grade shorn yearlings with No. 1 or No. 2 pelts 9.50; feeder lambs 11.50 down.

Billy Don Smith Enjoys Ride Home

Billy Don Smith, Midland's New Year's Baby, accepted the first of his proffered gifts from Midland merchants when he rode home from the hospital in a Barrow ambulance Friday morning. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Smith.

Empty Pews Face Quisling



Pews are bare except for one worshipper, probably a Nazi, as a Quisling pastor conducts his first service in Lillehammer, Norway. This photo is from a reliable source and was located to New York. Scenes such as this illustrates the sort of passive resistance Norwegians are putting up against the Germans. (NEA Telephoto.)

Prison Escape Trio Jailed In Robbery

MEMPHIS —(P)— Three young fugitives from San Quentin, Calif., prison were captured in Memphis shortly before Thursday night and were jailed after confessing they robbed a Jackson, Miss., hotel, Inspector M. A. Hinds said.

The inspector asserted the men would be turned over to the FBI and Jackson, Miss., authorities. The Federal Bureau of Investigation said the bandits' car was stolen in San Antonio, and was used in holdups of the Western Union office at Baton Rouge and a Houston hotel.

This car was abandoned in Jackson in favor of two cars seized from a garage. Hinds said the men were armed when captured and one of them attempted to shoot an arresting officer.

Hinds identified the men as Roy Drake, 20; Ralph Ward, 23; and Lawrence Motari, 21.

Police in Jackson, Miss., said a trio of gunmen robbed an auto storage company and The Robert E. Lee Hotel of an estimated \$5,000 to \$10,000 in a bold holdup Thursday.

Fourth War Bond Quota Oversubscribed

COLUMBIA, MO. —(P)— Taneh County, the first in the nation to oversubscribe its quota in the third War Bond drive, already has oversubscribed its quota of \$82,000 in the fourth drive which hasn't opened yet.

General American Buys McCamey Production

The General American Oil Company of Texas has acquired the 100-acre Trebol Oil Company of McCamey lease in the McCamey field of Upton County.

Six wells are on the property in Section 4, block 3, MKTRR survey. Daily allowable of the producers is currently 126 barrels.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Dismissals at the Western Clinic Hospital Thursday included Mrs. W. J. Jackson, Mrs. Joe Peterson and baby, and Mrs. H. W. Smith and baby.

Devonian -

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exploration four miles east of the Apco-Warner pool, was coring below 4,435 feet in the Ellenburger topped at 4,340 feet.

A drillstem test was taken Thursday at 4,370-4,422 feet and five feet of drilling mud was recovered. No shows were reported. The tool was open 30 minutes.

Last core prior to the test was at 4,406-21 feet. The barrel brought out seven feet of hard, tan, fractured dolomite with shaley inclusions.

Anderson-Prichard Oil Corporation and Magnolia Petroleum Company No. 2-98 State-Powell, is to be abandoned as dry at 4,687 feet in granite. The operator reports the drill did not find any Ellenburger section.

Phillips Petroleum Company No. 1 Price had bored under 12,928 feet, and was unofficially reported to be in shale.

"Burger" In Schleicher Phillips No. 1 Callan, Schleicher County wildcat, was drilling ahead below 4,879 feet in Ellenburger dolomite. The operator has not announced a top on the formation.

However, it is reliably reported that the mark is somewhere in the zone between 4,606-4,738 feet. A drillstem test was taken there early in the week.

During a one-hour period 350 feet of drilling mud with no shows was recovered.

Sawyer Cored Twice Tomble No. 2-B Sawyer, Iron County Ordovician prospector, cored from 8,782-8,805 feet, with a recovery of 11 feet of lime. Another core was being pulled Friday morning from 8,802-20 feet. No descriptions have been released.

Shamrock Oil & Gas Company No. 1 Ellwood, Southwest Mitchell County development, was reported at a total depth of 7,437 feet in sand milling on junk.

Coltex Refining Company No. 1 Miller, scheduled Ellenburger exploration in Northwest Mitchell, was still on a bottom of 7,488 feet and was finishing for drill-pipe stuck at 4,776 feet.

H. C. Hitchcock & Son No. 1-A Lum Daugherty, north outpost to the Leck pool in North Winkler County—900 feet north of nearest production—is drilling under 260 feet with cable tools.

Ralph Lowe No. 17 Brown & Altman, stepout to the Weiner pool, was boring below 3,049 feet and was expected to enter the pay momentarily.

Gulf Checks For Oil Gulf Oil Corporation No. 12 Keystone, old well being drilled deeper from 3,515 feet to around 4,900 feet, to look for Holt pay, was digging below 4,652 feet. A core was taken at 4,604-23 feet. The recovery was 12 feet of dolomite with scattered porosity and slight stainings, and indications of gas.

Gulf 46-O Keystone was drilling under 5,117 feet. Magnolia No. 21 State-Walton had reached 10,363 feet in hard sand.

Shell No. 3 Sealy-Smith in Northeast Ward County was preparing to take another drillstem test to the bottom at 10,470 feet in dolomite.

Gulf No. 1-B Edwards, Northeast Ward wildcat, had drilled past 7,379 feet in unreported formation.

Union Oil Company of California No. 2 Biles, second well to find oil in the Union area of Northwest Andrews, was flowing after washing out the hole with acid. No gauge had been reported.

Honey keeps better in a warm room rather than in a refrigerator.

Congratulations To

Lt. and Mrs. A. G. Johnson on the birth of a daughter Thursday.

OZARKA WATER CO. welcomes these new arrivals. Phone 111 and a bottle of OZARKA will be delivered to you free.—Adv.

Germany Lacks Reserves For Big Defense Problem

By JAMES M. LONG

LONDON—(P)— Slowness of the German high command in hurrying adequate reinforcements into the old Polish border sector to plug the Russian breach in the Nazi east-wall underscores Germany's great weakness of 1944—a potential basic factor for her total defeat.

That weakness is a lack of sufficient reserves for her colossal problem of defense. The whole Allied strategy as sealed at Teheran apparently is aimed at wresting victory through the exploitation of this factor by bringing maximum pressure simultaneously to bear on the greatest possible number of fronts.

Fail To Bolster Forces As the hour nears for the great invasion from the West—anticipation of which is forcing the Germans to stand to arms in strength from Norway to Southern France—the success of that strategy already is being reflected in the East, where the rampant Red Army is smashing head-on through defenses the Germans apparently fear to bolster at the cost of a cross-Europe shift of their thinned reserve force.

With five to seven million men under arms—including the air force and other services—Germany is estimated by London military sources to have from 300 to 325 divisions in the field. Russian Premier Stalin has said that 257 divisions—207 of them German and the remainder satellite troops—are now facing the Red Army.

As the tide of battle shows, the Russians alone probably equal Germany's total number of men under arms, and clearly outnumber the Germans and their faltering satellites in divisions on the eastern front.

Only once since the massive Russian offensive began six months ago has Hitler risked lashing out with a really strong counter-attacking force. The Berlin radio broadcast a Tokyo dispatch which, if not mere propaganda, would indicate reinforcement of the American invasion force at Sidor, 55 miles southeast of the Madang supply, shipping and air base. It said Australians had made "new" landings at "Cape Gumbi" on the north coast of New Guinea. Dispatches from Sidor have mentioned a Gumbi plantation across the neck of the Sidor peninsula, but whether it is in the same area as "Cape Gumbi" was not clear.

Americans striking out from Sidor contacted the enemy 10 miles to the northwest, while Australians moving up the coast between Sidor and the Huon peninsula on the south reached a point within 67 airline miles of the U. S. Sixth Army's position.

Japanese losses since the Marines landed Dec. 26 at Cape Gloucester rose to more than 2,000 during bitter fighting in the dense jungles on the western end of New Britain. There was no reference to American casualties in Friday's Allied communique.

The leathernecks, determined to sweep the Japanese from the strategic peninsula, killed 600 enemy troops in a slow advance eastward of Borgen Bay.

Corp. Marse Woods, who is stationed near New York City, has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Woods.

Executions Prevent Revolt In Germany

STOCKHOLM —(P)— Signs of flagging morale in Germany have brought a wave of death sentences making it impossible for any group to organize a revolution, Christer Jaegerlund, Berlin correspondent of Tidningen, said in a dispatch Friday.

"A collapse of the home front could be precipitated by doubt as to whether to go on fighting but today doubters are punished by death," he wrote.

Numerous executions in recent months, Jaegerlund said, have frightened the Germans, quieted defeatist talk and made the people suspicious of one another.

To overthrow the Nazis, the correspondent added, a real revolution must be organized, but the German people have been stripped of all possibilities to organize a revolt.

"One of the leading Nazis close to Hitler told me that only the Hitler regime has a possibility of organizing a revolution. Even the slightest manifestation of organized opposition to the regime, or criticism, has been nipped by the all-powerful Himmler organization."

It costs \$1544.09 annually to light the Capitol dome in Washington, D. C.

War Whiskers



Declaring the Italian army, with its famed "General Electric Whiskers," has nothing on their corps, U. S. Marines point proudly to the chin foliage sported by Gunnery Sergt. Carl Otto Ostrom. A Leatherneck since 1917, he is at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, Calif., after serving in South Pacific.

U. S. Corporal Of Many Roles Held By FBI As Jap Agent

NEW YORK—(P)—An Army corporal, said by the FBI to have been at various times a radio commentator, department store floor-walker, Chinese Army general and U. S. Army second lieutenant, was held under \$10,000 bail Friday on charges of being an unregistered agent of the Japanese.

The man, Arthur Clifford Read, 32, American born, was arrested while on furlough from Camp Croft, S. C. U. S. Commissioner Garret W. Potter held him for federal grand jury action.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said Read admitted getting \$15,000 from Japanese authorities in Hong Kong, Seattle and New York for propaganda work.

Hoover said Read began working for the Japanese in Shanghai in 1938, giving information on the Chinese Army. He later returned to the United States, the FBI head said, and lectured in the Middle West and New York as Chinese General Lee Tok Goo, making disparaging remarks about the Chinese.

Assistant U. S. Attorney Richard J. Burke said Read made his last lecture three days after Pearl Harbor on Mt. Vernon, N. Y., declaring that the Pearl Harbor incident resulted from U. S. Army carelessness.

Allied Troops -

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mainland for war conferences. When American troops get to where Tokyo now stands, he said, there will be "a little celebration where Tokyo was."

Soldiers Drive Toward Goal

American and Australian soldiers, in separate drives toward the same goal, scored ground gains in the direction of the Madang area, where Allied bombers left a 243-ton load of explosives Wednesday in one of the heaviest single raids in the Southwest Pacific.

The Berlin radio broadcast a Tokyo dispatch which, if not mere propaganda, would indicate reinforcement of the American invasion force at Sidor, 55 miles southeast of the Madang supply, shipping and air base. It said Australians had made "new" landings at "Cape Gumbi" on the north coast of New Guinea. Dispatches from Sidor have mentioned a Gumbi plantation across the neck of the Sidor peninsula, but whether it is in the same area as "Cape Gumbi" was not clear.

Indians Gain In Snow

Cold weather with snow falling in the mountains and dense clouds obscuring the mountain tops impeded the movement of the Eighth Army on the Adriatic coastal front. Indian troops nevertheless made a short advance west of San Tommaso.

The weather grounded most Allied aircraft, but A-36 Invaders and P-40 Warhawks dive-bombed and strafed German gun positions and troop concentrations in the Cervaro and Aquino areas just behind the enemy on the Fifth Army front, and shot up the town of Fondi, northeast of Terracina as well as motor convoys and trains east of Rome.

Intercepting 20 German planes over central Italy, American Spitfires destroyed two for the only score of the day against enemy aircraft. No Allied planes were lost yesterday.

Personals

Capt. Geneva Hall of Dallas, who is consultant for Army camp libraries in the Eighth Corps area, has been in Midland conferring with officials.

Corp. Marse Woods, who is stationed near New York City, has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Woods.

Lt. Harris Completes Flying Training

Lt. Billy Glen Harris, son of Mrs. L. H. Chivers, graduated from the La Junta, Colorado, Army Flying School Thursday night and will arrive this week end for a visit with his mother.

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS DECREASED

AUSTIN —(P)— January old-age assistance payments to 178,645 persons will be \$2.30 below authorized grants, the Public Welfare Department announced Friday.

LICENSE ISSUED

A marriage license has been issued at the county clerk's office to Leo Merriman and Vada Lou Jones.

Christmas Trees Will Be Burned By Railroad

BOSTON—(P)— The Boston and Maine Railroad announced Friday it was making a bonfire of 21 carloads of Christmas trees that never did get to a glutted market.

Commander Checks Performance Of Machine Gun Crew



Major General William H. Rupertus, commanding officer of Marine units which attacked twin Jap fields behind Camp Gloucester at the northwestern tip of New Britain Island, can be seen as he watches a gun crew in action during maneuvers somewhere in the South Pacific. (Marine PPs Photo from NEA.)

# Society

## AR Launches Plans or Student Contests

Mrs. Jack Wilkinson announced at plans for the annual essay contest for senior high school students have been arranged when the William Brewer Chapter of the daughters of the American Revolution met Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. George Ratliff.

The contest is sponsored annually by the DAR. The subject of the essay will be announced later by the chapter.

The Good Citizenship contest, open to senior girls, will be arranged soon. The winner of this contest has heretofore been awarded a trip to Washington, D. C., but since the entrance of the United States into war, a \$100 war bond is given instead.

## Plan February Meeting

Mrs. Ben Black, regent, who presided at the meeting, asked the social committee to begin planning the February meeting of the chapter which will commemorate George Washington's birthday. Mrs. Black also read correspondence from the state project committee stressing the primary aim of all DAR chapters as preservation of historical documents and asking aid in collecting documents and letters that might be representative of the era in which they were written. All such documents are placed in the museum in the Stephen F. Austin College at Nacogdoches for display.

Members attending the meeting were Mrs. Black, Mrs. J. P. Butler, Mrs. Frank Elkin, Mrs. R. W. Hamilton, Mrs. Hubert Hopper, Mrs. Ratliff, Mrs. Eugene Russell, Mrs. Charles Sherwood, Mrs. Annie Stone, Mrs. Jim Tom and Mrs. Wilkinson, and a guest, Mrs. Bill Elvins.

Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Sidwell were co-hostesses.

## Mrs. Epley Named To Baptist Class Office

Mrs. Bill Epley was chosen social chairman when the Evangelists Class of the First Baptist Church met for a luncheon in the home of Mrs. R. Chanslor, Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Elmer Lamb's group was hostess and Mrs. O. J. Hubbard presided at the business meeting.

Class members present were Mrs. C. P. Pope, Mrs. J. Howard Hodge, Mrs. Travelstead, Mrs. H. S. Collins, Mrs. A. B. Clements, Mrs. T. E. Neely, Mrs. E. Jones, Mrs. V. C. Ray, Mrs. Warren Skages, Mrs. Cecil Hedges, Mrs. J. W. Schroeder, Mrs. Hubbard, Mrs. Tom Nance, Mrs. Lenton Brunson, Miss Lurline J. Smith, Mrs. Epley and the hostess, Mrs. Chanslor.

## Mrs. Wakefield Guest At Play Readers' Club

Mrs. Gerald Wakefield was a guest when the Play Readers Club met Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Fred Wilcox.

Mrs. Ralph Barron read Moss Hart's play, "Winged Victory."

Miss Mary Wilson was elected treasurer, replacing Mrs. L. F. Cadwell, resigned.

Members attending the meeting were Mrs. Barron, Mrs. B. K. Bufington, Mrs. DeLo Douglas, Mrs. J. Howard Hodge, Mrs. Charles Klapproth, Mrs. W. E. Shipp Jr., Mrs. Wilcox, Mrs. John Butler, Mrs. Ray Howard, Mrs. Willard Bailey, Miss Ruth Anderson and Miss Wilson.

## Grace Lutherans Elect New Officers

Mrs. Charles D. Francis was elected president of the Grace Lutheran Parish Workers at their meeting Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. A. C. Teichert.

Other officers chosen are Dr. Eva Schultz, vice president; Mrs. Walter Krieger, secretary; Mrs. A. R. Baumann, treasurer, and Mrs. Charles Lowe, reporter.

Dr. Schultz presided at the meeting in the absence of the president.

Members present were Mrs. Ger. Svatschek, Mrs. Gus Meissner, Mrs. Baumann, Mrs. Lowe, Mrs. Krieger, the hostess and Dr. Schultz. The Rev. O. R. Horn was a guest.

## Red Cross Workers In Thursday Session

Mrs. J. H. Chapple was supervisor when the surgical dressing unit of the Red Cross met Thursday morning in the courthouse. Mrs. Frank Cowden was supervisor in the afternoon and Mrs. Alden Donnelly and Mrs. L. G. Lewis were monitors.

Morning workers included, besides Mrs. Chapple, Mrs. D. H. Griffith, Mrs. Harry Adams, Mrs. George Abell, Mrs. W. H. Gilmore, Mrs. P. A. Nelson, Mrs. S. P. Hazlip, Mrs. Ralph Lowe and Mrs. Harold Smith.

Other afternoon workers were Mrs. O. C. Harper, Mrs. Don Johnson, Mrs. Donnelly, Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Cowden.

## MAAF Officers Planning Gala Party Saturday

The Officers' Club at the Midland Army Air Field will be the scene of a big party Saturday night when officers and their wives meet for their regular weekly party.

The event is scheduled to begin at 9:30 o'clock Saturday evening.

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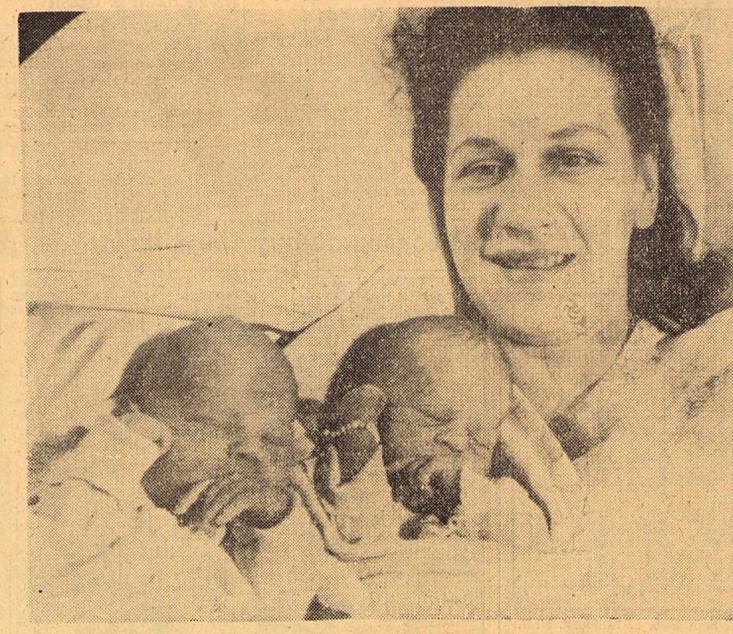
## The First National Bank

of Midland in the State of Texas, at the close of business on December 31st, 1943. Published in response to call made by comptroller of the currency, under section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes.

ASSETS	
Loans and discounts (including \$1,328.58 overdrafts)	\$1,050,872.02
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	1,541,598.00
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	1,424,611.31
Corporate stocks (including \$9,000.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	9,000.00
Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	4,994,445.56
Bank premises owned \$60,000.00, furniture and fixtures \$18,556.78	78,556.78
Real estate owned other than bank premises	1.00
Other assets	1,049.78
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>9,100,134.45</b>
LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	7,141,059.20
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	198,010.70
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	611,044.94
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	399,695.21
Deposits of banks	56,566.18
Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)	183,654.97
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	<b>\$8,590,031.20</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>8,590,031.20</b>
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
Capital Stock:	
Common stock, total par \$100,000.00	100,000.00
Surplus	200,000.00
Undivided profits	185,103.25
Reserves	25,000.00
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>510,103.25</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>9,100,134.45</b>
MEMORANDA	
Pledged assets (book value):	
(a) United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed, pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities	953,598.00
(b) Other assets pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities (including notes and bills rediscounted and securities sold under repurchase agreement)	303,935.41
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,257,533.41</b>
Secured liabilities:	
(a) Deposits secured by pledged assets pursuant to requirements of law	1,010,740.15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,010,740.15</b>

State of Texas, County of Midland, ss:  
I, Jno. P. Butler, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
JNO. P. BUTLER, Cashier.  
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of January, 1944.  
D. LORD MURR,  
in and for Midland County.

## Twins—Born One Year Apart



Twins born in different years—Daniel, left, who arrived at 12:03 a. m. January 1, 1944, and David, born at 11:47 p. m. December 31, 1943, are shown in a Milwaukee hospital with their mother, Mrs. Harold Lascelle. (NEA Telephoto.)

## Friendly Builders To Aid In Celebration

Plans to help celebrate the birthday of little Miss Mary Helen Martin, adopted resident of the Methodist Home in Waco, were made Thursday night when the Friendly Builders Class of the First Methodist Church met in the home of Mrs. E. J. Voliva.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Mrs. S. H. Hudkins. Mrs. Jess Barber had charge of the business hour, and reports on recent activities of the group were made. Many class members expressed a desire to attend the forthcoming Sunday School course which is being offered by the church. The course will begin Jan. 23.

Members attending were Mrs. Iva Noyes, Mrs. O. M. Luton, Mrs. H. B. Moore, Mrs. Barber, Mrs. Velma Smith, Mrs. Pat Barber, Mrs. Eudkins, Mrs. N. B. Beachamp, Mrs. Fred Barber and the hostess, Mrs. Voliva.

Mrs. Noyes and Mrs. Luton were assistant hostesses.

## Must Exterminate German Air Force, Says Gen. Arnold

FORT WORTH — (AP) — Berlin has been three-fourths destroyed "and we haven't called off the dogs yet," says Army Air Forces Chief Gen. Henry H. Arnold.

In an interview here Thursday night while on a visit with Lt. Gen. Barton K. Yount, commanding general of the AAF Training Command, the general's reply to reports that the Germans have 1,000 more front-line combat planes than a year ago was a repetition of the Air Force's goal:

"We've got to exterminate the German Air Force."

The Germans "know they've got to stop us or they've lost the war," he said. "They've tried the orthodox methods and they're springing something new all the time. So far we've been lucky enough to out-guess them."

He added:

"With our bombers increasing in number every day, and in conjunction with the RAF, we expect to give Germany 24-hour 'bombing service' from 360 degrees. If our bombers keep on going into Germany, it won't take long. There won't be much fight left when the time for invasion comes.

"It won't be an easy job, for they are fighting desperately, determinedly, and skillfully. They know that if our bombers are not stopped, it won't be long till Germany will not be able to continue."

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## Coming Events

**SATURDAY**

The Treble Clef Juvenile Music Club will meet at 9:30 a. m. at the Watson School of Music.

A Bingo party for officers and wives at the Officers' Club at the Midland Army Air Field, at 9:30 p. m.

The AAUW will hold its regular monthly luncheon at 1 p. m. in the Scharbauer Building of the First Methodist Church.

Miss Lena Phillips will have charge of the story hour in the children's reading room of the Midland County Library at 1 p. m.

## CIO Leader Fights Texas Registration Of Union Organizers

WASHINGTON — (AP) — In a petition filed with the Supreme Court, R. J. Thomas, a CIO vice-president, has challenged the constitutionality of Texas laws which require paid labor union organizers to register with the secretary of state before soliciting members.

The Detroit labor leader, who is president of the international union, United Automobile, Aircraft and Agricultural Implement Workers of America, was convicted of contempt of court at Austin for violating a court order enjoining him from soliciting union members without obtaining an organizer's card. He was sentenced to three days' imprisonment and fined \$100.

Claims Rights Are Violated

Thomas' Supreme Court petition asserted that his constitutional right of freedom of speech was violated by the statute and the injunction, and added:

"The effect of this statute is to restrict and limit the labor unions of this country in their effort to organize workers, particularly in states where only recently organizing efforts have begun."

Gerald C. Mann, former state attorney general, urged dismissal of the appeal in that the legislation involved "is nothing more than a registration statute and it is clearly a proper exercise of the police power of the State of Texas."

## Boy Firebug Club Revealed By Police

CHESHIRE, MASS. — (AP) — Youthful applicants have to start at least two fires to become members of a neighborhood "boys club" in this city.

The incendiary membership rules were discovered by police and fire department officials after the arrest of a 14-year-old boy who was accused of setting his own house on fire in order to get into the "club."

## Time Of Story Hour At Library Changed

The children's story hour at the Midland Library in the children's reading room, has been changed from 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon to 3:30 p. m., according to Mrs. Agnes K. Pickett, librarian in charge.

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## Government Powers Are Election Issue Says Gov. Bricker

DETROIT — (AP) — Gov. John W. Bricker of Ohio, aspirant for the Republican presidential nomination said Friday the election issue would be whether to have a government "subservient" to the people or a people "subservient" to the government.

Bricker, in an address prepared for a rally of Republicans in his neighbor state of Michigan, said America and her allies were fighting the war to destroy tyranny in the world and then added:

"A Republican victory (in next fall's election) will be an assurance that, in freeing the world from tyranny, we shall also free our people of unnecessary governmental domination x x x."

Victory for the Republicans, Bricker said, will mean that the "policy making power of government will be taken from the bureaucrats and placed in the hands of the elected representatives of the people."

"The question for America to decide, simply stated," he added, "is this: Shall government direct the lives of our people or shall the people direct the government so that it may aid them, individually and hopefully, to find their own way?"

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## Americans In Jap Prison Camp Get No Mail But Conditions Described As 'Satisfactory' By Red Cross

By WILLIAM E. LOWELL  
WASHINGTON — (AP) — In one Japanese prison camp where 1,174 American soldiers are interned, there has been no mail since May, 1942.

But the International Red Cross, reporting on the visits of its representatives to this and two other camps, describes conditions as "satisfactory."

The reports were made public Friday by Senator Thomas (D-Utah), chairman of a special Senate committee on war prisoner treatment, to whom they were sent by Secretary of War Stimson.

"Undoubtedly," said the secretary, "the camps reported on are 'show' camps. Nevertheless, there is some comfort to be derived from the fact that at least a few of our men are faring no worse."

**Christmas Dinner Planned**

Christmas dinner for the prisoners was being planned at the Shanghai camp when the report was made Dec. 15. It said:

"Owing to high cost of commodities and difficulties of securing supplies, the celebration will be on a smaller scale than last year. Planning dinner consisting of good soup, pot roast with vegetables, pies, fruits, coffee and cigarettes."

"Conditions generally very satisfactory, health good," said the Shanghai report, remarking that while winter clothing was needed, it probably would be available in the January relief shipments. Heating, the report said, will be limited

but the condition is shared by all residents of Shanghai. An effort was being made to compensate by increasing hot meals and hot tea.

A report from the Haiphong Road camp also described conditions as "highly satisfactory in every respect."

Conditions at the Hoten (Mukden) Manchukuo camp, where there are 16 American officers, 511 non-commissioned officers and 647 privates were reported in considerable detail.

The men, says the report, are housed in three new two-storied brick buildings, with separate hospital, canteen, bathhouse and utility buildings.

Foods include flour, corn meal, fish, fat, vegetables, soybeans, apples, tangerines, salt, some spices and tea, to provide 3,800 calories for patients, 4,120 for laborers, as compared with 3,457 for Japanese soldiers. The prisoners, the report said, are satisfied with the food but find the diet, in the long run, somewhat monotonous.

**Receive Pay For Work**

The prisoners work each day but Sunday and national holidays at camp maintenance and administration, in factories as cobblers, tailors, in metal and wood working shops. They are paid.

At the canteen four cigarettes a day are available for enlisted men, also sweets, toilet articles, stationery. Profits are expended by the prisoners.

Anglican church services are held each Sunday.

A full sized outside sports ground is available for exercise and games. Privates may mail three cards a year, others more according to rank. Major Hankins, prisoner representative at the camp, told the Red Cross observer that Americans had received no mail since May, 1942, but had received five replies to radiograms.

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## Edelweiss Class Meets In Business Session

The Edelweiss Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met Wednesday morning in the home of Mrs. Ray Howard for a monthly business session. Mrs. E. R. Powell, teacher of the class, had charge of the meeting.

Those attending were Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Chilton Hobbs, Mrs. Sam Spears, Mrs. Arvid Jones, Mrs. Cecil Waldrep, Mrs. Gerald Wakefield, Mrs. Gene McCollum, Mrs. Robert White and the hostess, Mrs. Howard.

## Ration Calendar

By The Associated Press

Meats, Fats, etc.—Book three brown stamps R and S valid through Jan. 29. Book four spare stamp No. 2 good for five points of fresh pork and sausage through Jan. 15.

Processed Foods—Book four green stamps D, E and F good through Jan. 20; stamps G, H and J valid through Feb. 20.

Sugar—Book four stamp 29 good for five pounds through Jan. 15.

Shoes—Book one stamp 18 and book three "airplane" stamp No. 1 good indefinitely.

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THE REPORTER-TELEGRAM

# Gideon Planish

by Sinclair Lewis

THE STORY: Gideon Planish, an undergraduate, gave evidence of being a natural-born organizer and orator. He wanted to save the world. As a senior, however, he is faced with his own limitations and decides that his best bet is probably teaching.

HE had a rich brown small beard, a good thick beard for a man of twenty-nine. He had grown it to give a more interesting look to a certain commonplace squariness. He hoped that all the respectable people on the Pullman chair-car would be puzzled and excited, and wonder whether he was a college professor or the kind of Englishman you read about in H. G. Wells.

And at twenty-nine, in 1921, he really was a college professor. He was Professor Gideon Planish, Dr. Planish, Ph. D. of the University of Ohio, Professor of Rhetoric and Speech in Kinnikinnick College, Iowa.

Professor Planish was well esteemed, in Kinnikinnick.

Yet he was not quite happy. He was, he felt, too young and strong to go on sitting in classrooms. He was a bachelor, and the girls bothered him, and he was obsessed and extremely annoyed by their sailor blouses.

Of course he was out, and the Biblical way at that, as suggested by that wise old Y.M.C.A. man, St. Paul, was to be married. But Professor Planish had never yet found a young woman who combined the three imperative elements: that she should be young and curving, that she should appreciate his humanitarianism and his gift for high hot wordings; and that she should have the bland social talent that would help him to go higher.

HE had spent the summer of 1921 in the Yale Library, being snubbed by such professors as were not up in Vermont being snubbed by farmers or over in England being snubbed by the professors at Oxford.

He was ready to take his place in the world of the Eastern Seaboard, but those damned snobs of Columbia and Harvard and Princeton and Yale, those high-voiced academic Ph.D.'s, did not encourage him. Perhaps what he needed was a loving girl who would, like a domesticated Joan of Arc, show him the path.

KINNIKINICK was now galloping past the train. It seemed cluttered and flimsy to Professor

Planish, after the shaded security of New Haven, but he was comforted when, as he hitched down the train steps, carrying the big bag, he was greeted by the station agent with a hearty "Welcome back, Prof!"

He was home. On the plank platform, by the small red frame station, a pretty girl junior was evidently pointing him out to a garland of still prettier freshmen while the girls all looked at him—pointing at him and whispering, gravely, without giggling. He was home, and he was important, and the driver of the flivver taxicab was calling, "Back again, Prof? Can I drive you up to the house?"

HE had planned his call upon Mr. W. C. Pridmore, president of the Drovers' National Bank and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Kinnikinnick College, for half-past three, when the bank would be closed to the public—a caste to which he still referred as "the hot polio!"

Mr. W. C. Pridmore sat near the entrance to the bank, in a compartment railed with golden oak and of the general size of a pigpen. And as he thought that Professor Planish was going to marry his widowed daughter, Teckla, and as he considered Professor Planish to be the most book-read and eloquent young man that he knew, yet with sound principles about the Republican Party and with a decent salary, he rose from his steel desk—the look of which gave money-borrowers a headache—he held out his shaky hand, and cried, "Well, well! Teckla and I missed you, Gideon. You're a sight for sore eyes!"

Professor Planish wondered if it really would take as much as ten years for him to become president of the college.

HE was clumping back to Administration Hall, his beard bright in the September sun. With self-confidence and determination to make an impression on the new regime, he walked boldly into the green-carpeted, portraitured anteroom to the president's office.

He was a full professor; he was kept waiting only five minutes and admitted to the fervid cordiality of the Rev. Dr. T. Austin Bull, the new president of Kinnikinnick.

He greeted Professor Planish in the best of glee-club tenors.

"Thank you for coming to call so early, Professor, but I'm not

sure but that I should have called on you. I'm so new to this job that I imagine I'll have to lean heavily on your experience.

"Let's see now: three years you've been at old Kinnikinnick. I can't tell you what splendid reports I get of your splendid teaching and your, uh, your splendid effect on the morale of the students. Oh, everywhere. But—There is one thing, one small detail, that I should like to take up with you—oh, more in a spirit of asking advice than of giving it, perhaps.

"Will you have a cigar, Professor? Good! Now settle back in your chair, all comfy, and try and have the patience to hear me out.

"What I've ventured to think about, in a very tentative way, is: I'm sure you make every effort to shelter our darling girl undergraduates just as much from yourself as from any other man, but have you ever given thought to the somewhat disturbing position of a strong, young, unmarried man among so many lovely girls?"

"Oh, yes, I've given thought to it!"

"I imagined perhaps you had. And may I, in the most impersonal way, ask if you have any plans for getting married?"

"I can't say anything definite just at this moment—only rash fools tempt the gods by prophecy, you know."

"How true that is!"

"But I hope before long to have something very interesting to tell you."

"That's fine, that's fine. I'm very pleased, Professor."

To himself Professor Planish grunted. "Yes, it would be interesting to know who the dickens this is that I'm going to marry! And it would be interesting to Prexy if he shadowed me for the next few hours and found out why I'm not likely to be a menace to the cute co-eds!"

So he tramped to the little gray widow's-house where lived Teckla Schaum.

He knocked, instead of bursting in as he usually did. It would be a pleasure to see her tremblingly peeping out, in hope. She'd be at home, all right; hadn't he telephoned her that he was back! She would never spoil the perfect art of his return.

He knocked and rang the bell, and with perfect timing, as rehearsed in his mind, there she was, edging the door open, then throwing it wide as she whimpered, "Oh, Gid, you're here!"

"Me? No! I'm in New Haven. You know—in Connecticut."

He closed the door behind him, to shut off the censorious eyes of Kinnikinnick, and kissed her profoundly, holding her small frail figure to him, conscious of her fine springy back.

"I've missed you so," she was sighing. (To Be Continued)

## McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY  
America's Card Authority  
When Peter Leventritt finished second in the national open board-a-match team-of-four championship, he won enough Master points to make him Life Master No. 38. This is the highest rank in bridge, and while two players attained it during the recent national tournament, there are only 38 Life Masters in the world. Leventritt's teammates were Bertram Lebar Jr. and Simon Rosant of New York

♠ K 3  
 ♥ 8 4 2  
 ♦ Q J 8 5 3  
 ♣ 8 6 2  
 Dealer

♠ A Q 10 9  
 ♥ 7 6 5  
 ♦ A K 4  
 ♣ A 7  
 None  
 ♠ K 10 5 4

Duplicate—None vul.

South	West	North	East
2 ♠	Pass	2 N T	3 ♣
Double	Pass	Pass	3 ♦
4 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening—10.

and Sam Katz of Millburn, N. J. Here is one of the most talked-of hands in the tournament. Six trump, if played by North, is cold. Six hearts cannot be made, however, when East gets in that bid of three diamonds, because the diamond opening will be ruffed and the spade ace laid down, as Leventritt did.

One East player bid four spades for a very fine score. He led toward the jack of clubs three times, giving South only two heart and two club tricks. One player was actually doubled at three spades and made it in the same manner.

### Valiant Service Given By Old Destroyers

SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA —(AP)—A number of old four-stack destroyers of World War I vintage are performing valiant duty in both the South and Southwest Pacific as one of the most valuable yet least recognized elements of the Navy.

Some of them, commissioned too late to see much action a quarter of a century ago, are now in the thick of things, even if they are being used primarily as transporters of assault waves in operations against the Japanese.

The series of landings in which the old destroyer participated began with Viru on New Georgia in the Solomons, continued through the Kula Gulf, Vella La Vella, Munda, Treasury, Choiseul, Bougainville and Cape Gloucester, New Britain.

A thousand ships were wrecked off Cape Cod during the first 20 years of this century, according to estimates.

### HOLD EVERYTHING



"Not tonight, dear—I've got to write some bread and oleomargarine letters!"

### Chandler Wants U. S. To Retain Islands

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—Senator Albert B. Chandler (D-Ky.) says this country should retain all mandated Pacific islands after the war. "We are taking those islands now at the cost of many American lives," he told the Democrats luncheon club, "and it would be absolute cruelty to give them up after the war only to be forced to retake them with further loss of lives at another date."

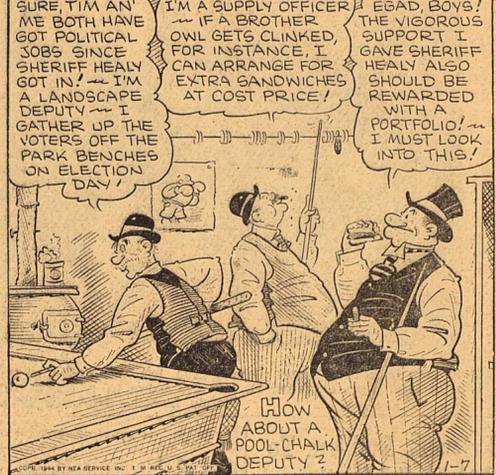
### Governor General's Wife Killed in Crash

NEW YORK — (AP) — A Tokyo broadcast recorded Friday by U. S. government monitors said Mrs. Jen De Coux, wife of the Vichy-appointed governor general of French Indo-China, was killed Thursday in an automobile accident near Saigon.

The jiriksha was invented in 1871 by an American, the Rev. Mr. Jonathan Goble, a Baptist missionary residing in Yokohama.

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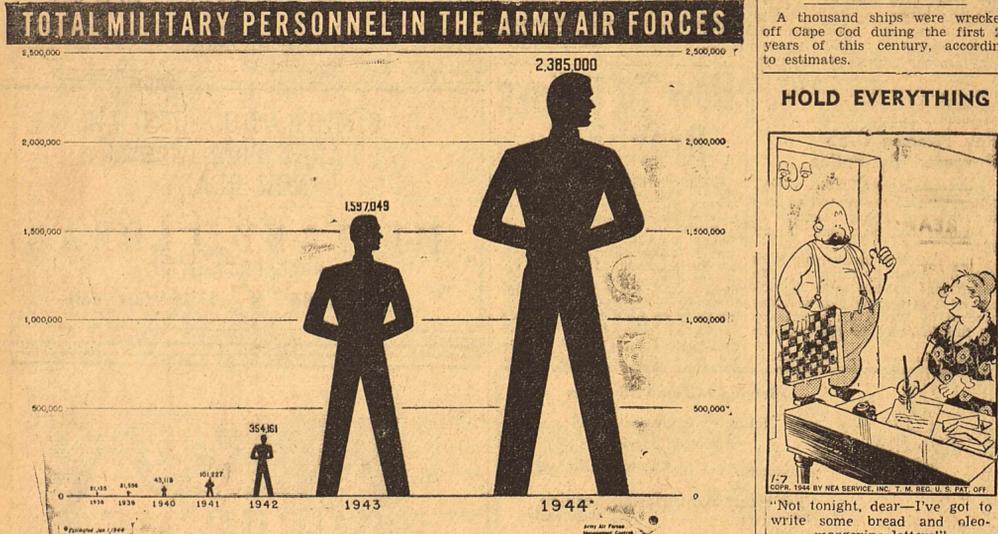
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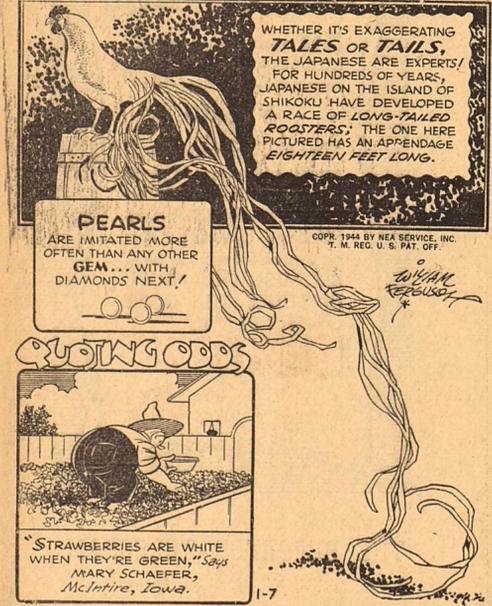
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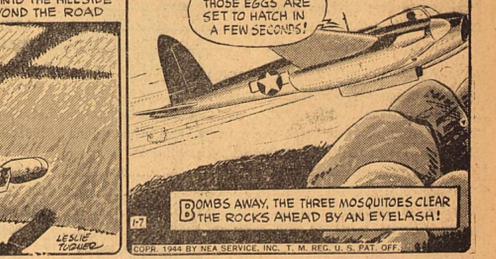
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### By FRED HARMAN



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Help Wanted 9

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WANTED: Girl to bottle sample and plot logs. Apply in person, Room 404, Thomas Building. (260-3)

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Situations Wanted 10
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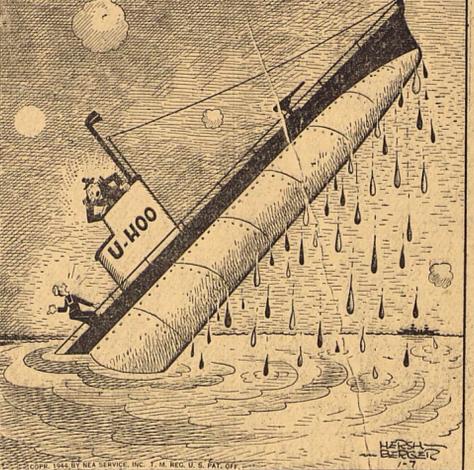
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Church News

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
316 North Lorraine
Rev. J. E. Pickering, Pastor.
9:45 a.m.: Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.: Sunday morning worship hour. Sermon subject: "The Night of Repentance."

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
West Texas Ave. and North A St.
Rev. Hubert Hopper, Pastor.
9:45 a.m.: Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.: Morning worship. Sermon subject: "A Real Reason for Concern."

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
360 North Main Street
Rev. W. Carl Clement, Pastor.
9:45 a.m.: Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.: Morning worship. Sermon: "A New Name for the Gospel."

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C. C. Dollar, Post Chaplain
Catholic Services
Chaplain Patrick J. Toomey
9:30 a.m. Sunday: Mass.
Protestant Services
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1941 MERCURY 4-door, first class condition, parked in front Crawford Hotel block, Friday and Saturday, Mr. Wilson, Room 411, Crawford. (261-1)

FOR SALE: 6-room modern house, garage, fenced in back yard, nice trees and shrubbery. Possession Feb. 1. 700 South Lorraine. (260-3)

FIVE acres land, good improvements, good well water, for sale. Jim Patterson. (261-3)

Farms for Sale 63
FOR SALE: 40 acres rich irrigated land near Grand Falls, Ward County. Reasonable. Make me an offer. Owner, 412 Southwestern Life Bldg., Dallas. (260-4)

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Indiana and Big Spring Streets
Rev. R. M. Hocker, Pastor.
10:00 a.m.: Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.: Morning worship. Sermon subject: "The Religion of Jesus Christ, A Joyful Religion."

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
510 South Baird Street
Rev. Warren J. Piersol
10:00 a.m.: Sunday school.
11:00 a.m.: Preaching service.
8:00 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer meeting.

FUNDAMENTAL BAPTIST CHURCH
602 East Illinois Street
8:30 p.m.: Sunday radio program.
10:00 a.m.: Sunday school.
11:00 a.m.: Preaching service.
9:00 p.m.: Preaching service.
8:00 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer meeting.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Corner North A and Tennessee
10:00 a.m.: Bible study.
10:50 a.m.: Morning worship.
7:00 p.m.: Young people's class.
8:00 p.m.: Evening worship.
4:00 p.m. Monday: Women's Bible study.
7:00 p.m. Wednesday: Bible study.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Main Street and Illinois
Rev. Vernon Yearby, Pastor.
9:45 a.m.: Sunday School.
10:55 a.m.: Morning worship.
5:45 p.m.: Training Union.
8:00 p.m.: Evening worship.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
H and Illinois Streets
Rev. R. J. Snell, Minister.
10:00 a.m.: Church School.
5:00 p.m.: Evening prayer and sermon. Subject: "The Christian Advance."

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
Rev. R. L. Webb
W. Pennsylvania and Lorraine
Saturday Services
10:00 a.m.: Sabbath school.
11:00 a.m.: Morning service meeting.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Rev. O. H. Horn, Pastor
Sunday school at 7:15 p. m.
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CHURCH OF CHRIST (Southside)
410 South Colorado Street
Raymond Boyd, Evangelist
11:00 a.m.: Morning worship.
8:30 p.m.: Evening worship.
Wednesday 8 p. m. Bible study.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. A. W. Smith, Pastor
10:00 a.m.: Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.: Morning worship.
7:00 p.m.: Training Union.
8:00 p.m.: Evening worship.

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS TABERNACLE
600 South Colorado Street
O. W. Roberts, Pastor
11:00 a.m.: Preaching.
7:45 p.m.: Preaching.
8:00 p.m. Thursday: Preaching.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
Private Dining Room
Scharbauer Hotel
10:00 a.m.: Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.: Sunday morning lesson-sermon. Subject: "Sacrament."
2:45 p.m.: Sunday radio services.
8:00 p.m.: Wednesday night services.

ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC
Father Frank Triggs, Pastor.
The first Sunday in each month the English congregation at 9 a. m. and the Latin-American people at 11 a. m.
7:00 p.m.: Novena and benediction.

MEXICAN BAPTIST MISSION
Washington and Midland Streets
Rev. Charles C. Piersol, Pastor
9:45 a.m.: Sunday school.
8:00 p.m.: Evening worship and sermon by the pastor.
Wednesday 8 p. m.: Prayer service.

GOSPEL HALL
500 South Lorraine
J. D. Jackson, Pastor
10:00 a.m.: Bible study.
11:00 a.m.: Preaching service.
7:45 p.m.: Preaching service.
2:30 p.m. Wednesday: WMB meeting.
7:45 p.m. Thursday: Preaching services.

THE WAR TODAY

By DEWITT MACKENZIE
The newspaper "Przefree Poland," published in Moscow, calls for post-war expansion of Poland westward at the expense of Germany, and warns the Poles that Russia won't give up the Polish territory which the Soviet occupied in 1939 when Hitler began his effort to conquer the world.

The Moscow dispatch which reports this development doesn't identify "Przefree Poland," but the publication may be associated with a Polish organization having the approval of the Soviet government. In any event, we are safe in assuming that the paper wouldn't be permitted to print such an article if it was disapproved by the Red authorities.

"Przefree Poland" has been daring. The idea which it advances is sensational and, from some viewpoints, undoubtedly provocative. Still, it strikes me that publication of this bold suggestion may help ease the tense Russo-Polish situation and so brighten the council of the big three—Russia, America and Britain.

Idea Is Not New
Such a solution of the Polish imbroglio isn't, of course, a brand new thought. A lot of folk have been wondering quietly why Germany shouldn't be made to foot the bill, since she has been the cause of the world's greatest ills during the past generation of turmoil. Speculation along this line, however, has been restrained because of its inflammatory nature.

So far as my advice goes, there are many people high in Allied circles who definitely would like to see Germany split up into its component states after the war. My guess is that Russia, for one, would be contented with such a program. It isn't a far reach from this to "Przefree Poland's" advocacy that some portion of the Reich go to Poland.

After all, who weeps at the thought of Germany paying for some of her crimes? Must Look To Reich
Unless Moscow unexpectedly changes its position, Poland must look to the Reich for territorial compensation.

What's the alternative to acceptance of Moscow's claim? There's no use-mincing words: All signs read that any effort to compel Russia to surrender the disputed area would precipitate another world war.

Russia points to her maps and history and says this territory must return to her because it's ethnologically White Russian and Ukrainian.

It's easy to understand the heart burnings on both sides of this dispute. But despite hot words, no nation has yet come forward to say that it wants to take a hand in settling the issue with bombs and guns.

Shipyards Strikers Want Navy Seizure
PHILADELPHIA—(P)—Approximately 17,000 striking employees of the Cramp Shipbuilding Company indicated Friday they would return to work if the Navy takes over the yards.

A statement by union officials that "it is high time for the Navy to seize the plant" was greeted with wild cheering at a meeting. The huge shipyard is engaged in building vessels for the Navy.

Soldier Is 'Healed' By Trick Miracle
WASHINGTON—(P)—The War Department's nerve center relays from its study of maps, involved plans and cold statistics when stories like the following trickle in from the fighting fronts:

This from a North African hospital: Convalescing with a fractured arm when he learned his division, the 36th, was put on the alert for combat was Sgt. John W. Palmer of Coryell County, Texas.

X-Rays taken the next day showed his arm had healed miraculously, and he was allowed to leave for active duty. The medicos didn't know then that he had switched bandages from the injured arm to the good one just before the examination.

The German mapmaker, Martin Waldseemuller, was the first to affix the name "America" to what we now call South America.

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### Byron Nelson Is Tourney Favorite

LOS ANGELES —(P)— Toledo's Byron Nelson is the pre-Los Angeles \$12,500 open golf championship favorite although he hasn't fired a shot.

A field of 135 set out Friday over the Wilshire Country Club in quest of first prize, \$4,375 in War Bonds, among them 26 top flight professionals and amateurs who were exempt from the 36-hole qualifying test Wednesday.

Nelson, who recently completed a coast-to-coast benefit tour with Jug McSpaden and gave par a spanking almost everywhere, has tried several times to capture the Los Angeles Open, but it always has eluded him. He must be right, now, for last Tuesday he toured the Hillcrest course here in 65, seven under par.

Lord Byron will be up against some mighty stiff competition. McSpaden is here. So are Craig Wood, national champion for the duration; Willie Goggin, Johnny Revolta, Willie Hunter, Lloyd Mangrum, Olin Dutra and Tony Penna.

There will be 18 holes Friday and Saturday, then the field will be cut to the 60 low scorers, plus ties, and these will fight it out through Sunday and Monday.

#### WOUNDS ARE FATAL

SAN ANTONIO —(P)— Clarence Biediger, 15, of La Coste died in a hospital Thursday night of accidental gunshot wounds suffered earlier in the day while hunting with a companion.

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### Sports Roundup

By Hugh S. Fullerton Jr.

NEW YORK —(P)— No doubt there are plenty of good common-sense reasons for re-drawing top baseball map, but we still wonder why major leaguers are so interested in this essentially minor league project. . . . It's the big league officials who keep pointing out that it is silly to have little leagues over-lapping each other and towns where natural rivalries might develop operating in different circuits. . . . And generally they add that if leagues were more compact and travel expenses were reduced, minor clubs could operate under local ownership; "We wouldn't have to keep running to their big brothers for help. . . . They might be anticipating another anti-chain move by Judge Landis, of course, but our guess is that last season's declining attendances made the chain operators about divesting themselves of these expensive appendages.

#### Shorts And Shells

The story is that Georgia Tech's Eddie Prokop operated like Sammy Davis without knowing what happened during much of the Sugar Bowl game. . . . If true, adds Scoop Latimer, the Greenville, S. C. scribe, "his was the greatest exhibition of a man running (not walking) in his sleep I ever saw."

St. Stephen (ex-Missouri and Bears) who was the nation's best football scorer for De Pauw last fall, has turned up in a Marquette basketball suit as a Navy V-5 trainee. . . . Crooner Frank Sinatra will be the best man at Heavyweight Tami Mauriello's wedding —and with no microphone to help him.

#### Quote, Unquote

After the Chicago U. basketball team ended its two-year, 45-game losing streak, Coach Kyle Anderson said: "We have no trouble over losing men in the draft, but the club has been laboring under a mental strain, nevertheless. Most of the fellows are worrying about their dads going into service."

#### Baseball Title Games Scheduled

By The Associated Press

Two Southwest Conference basketball games Friday night bring four teams into action for their first taste of title competition.

Texas Christian's cagers journey to Fayetteville to open a two-game series with the University of Arkansas Razorbacks and Southern Methodist's Mustangs travel to College Station, where they tangle with the Texas Aggies in a one-night stand.

Conference play opened Wednesday night at Waco, when the Rice Owls defeated the Baylor Bears 45-27.

Saturday night finds three games carded—the second TCU-Arkansas fray, the SMU-Rice game at Houston and the Baylor-University of Texas contest at Austin, when the Longhorns initiate their conference schedule.

Arkansas, with five wins in seven starts, has the best pre-conference record of any club in the loop. TCU has lost six out of nine.

#### Rucker Plans To Play Despite Ailing Back

NASHVILLE, TENN. —(P)— Despite an ailing back, Outfielder Johnny Rucker plans to play with the New York Giants this season because "baseball has been hard hit by the draft and I feel that I should help out, if I can."

### 19 Hemisphere Nations Probe Bolivia Revolt

WASHINGTON —(P)— Nineteen American nations bent on rooting out Axis political influences in this hemisphere began an exhaustive joint study Friday of the forces that put a revolutionary government in power in Bolivia on Dec. 20.

A full exchange of information began among Washington and the 18 other capitals regarding the suspected influences which may have contributed to the accession of the new Bolivian president, Major Gualberto Villarroel.

**May Isolate Bolivia**

On the basis of this information, and acting through the Inter-American Emergency Advisory Committee for Political Defense, the American nations, which include all sovereign states except Bolivia and Argentina, will then decide whether to accord the government at La Paz friendly recognition or to take measures which in effect would isolate Bolivia from its neighbors, politically and economically.

Similarly stern procedure unquestionably will be applied to Argentina, where a revolutionary regime was set up last June, if it is found that Argentine influences were instrumental in bringing about the overthrow of the old government in Bolivia.

### Bulldogs Will Clash With Stanton Cagers

Stanton High School's cagers will come here for two contests with the Midland High School at 7:30 p. m. Friday.

Both A and B teams of the two schools will see action in the two games.

The Bulldogs will meet Lamasa High here in a practice game next Tuesday night, and then will open their conference schedule Jan. 14 here with Big Spring.

Bill Richards was ill with the flu Friday and probably will not be in uniform for the Stanton contest.

### Coaches To Train Mentors In School

BRYAN, TEXAS —(P)— Southwest grid coaches will serve as instructors for this year's Texas High School Coaches Association coaching school, says Bill Carmichael, secretary-treasurer of the organization.

Directors of the group will confer Saturday in Austin to select the instructors and the site for the school, said Carmichael, adding that a poll of the membership favored having instructors from the Southwest.

He said the association plans its all-star football game as usual, to climax the school, despite the fact players—boys who have completed their high school eligibility the year before—are difficult to obtain because of the war.

### Hank Feldman Gains Health, Able To Pitch

FORT SMITH, ARK. —(P)— Pitcher Harry (Hank) Feldman of the New York Giants, forced out of play in mid-season last year because of ill health, says he has received permission from his doctor to resume activity and will report to the Giants for spring training.

The 26-year-old righthander underwent treatment at the Arkansas Tuberculosis Sanatorium.

### Rip Sewell Contract Reported Returned

ST. PETERSBURG, FLA. —(P)— The St. Petersburg Times said Friday that Truett (Rip) Sewell, "Blooper Ball" pitcher for the Pittsburgh Pirates, had returned his 1944 contract unsigned.

### Coach Gene McCollum Will Attend Meeting

Coach Gene McCollum of Midland High School will leave Friday night for Austin to attend the meeting of the Texas High School Football Coaches Association. He is a director of the organization.

Plans will be made at the meeting for the annual coaches school next summer.

### Note Found By Fisherman Tells Of Ship Sinking

TAMPICO, MEXICO —(P)— A fisherman Thursday found a jar in the Gulf of Mexico with a note saying:

"July 19, 1943. My boat sunk by German submarine off Brazilian coast. I am dying of thirst on a raft after 12 days. Joe Crowley, Des Moines, Iowa, United States."

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### Willard Seeks 'Cut' Of Profit On Film

LOS ANGELES —(P)— Jess Willard, former world heavyweight boxing champion, has sued for an accounting of profits of the movie, "The Great American Broadcast," which included a film of his title bout with Jack Dempsey in Toledo, Ohio, July 4, 1919.

In his suit against 20th Century-Fox Corp., filed Thursday, Willard contended the fight scene was used in the 1941 picture without notification or payment to him for the one-third interest he claims in it.

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### College Sports Get Green Light

By MAJOR JOHN L. GRIFFITH  
 Commissioner of Athletics, Big Ten Conference

CHICAGO —(P)— College athletics, and sports in general, will continue in 1944 with the blessing of the American people. College football will continue, not primarily because it is conducive to improved morale and because it furnishes entertainment, but because it has training values that Army and Navy officials, for the most part, recognize.

Reviewing 1943 on the collegiate sports front, we find that the majority of colleges and universities kept their sports programs going. These institutions of higher learning, without exception, will keep their athletic programs in 1944. Meanwhile, many schools which abandoned football in 1943 have announced that they plan to put teams in the field this year.

Looking back a year, 1943 will be remembered as one of the most remarkable in college athletics. It will be remembered as the year that many college football coaches sent out boys to do a man's job, with most gratifying results.

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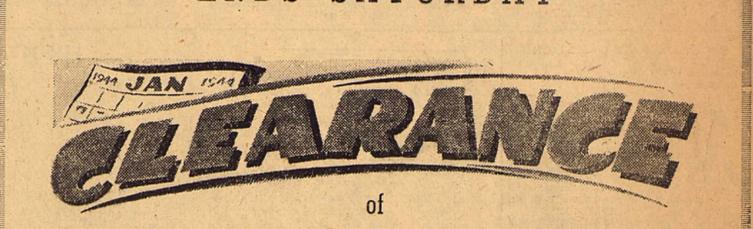
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### Gov. Stevenson And Ex-Governors Tell 1944 Hope For Victory, Peace

By The Associated Press

Winning the war and the peace. Inflation. The need for "people to be people and folks to be folks." These are some of the chief problems confronting Texas and the nation in 1944 as seen by Gov. Coke Stevenson and Texas' former governors in a preview of the new year.

In thumbnail sketches the present governor and former chiefs of state present their opinions on the outlook for 1944:

Gov. Coke R. Stevenson (1941 to present)—"The year 1944 presents a challenge to Texas' courage and devotion to continue the full effort so generously given at home and abroad toward winning the war and the peace."

James E. Ferguson (1915-1917)—"The most serious question in 1944 is for us to win the war in a decisive manner. A partial victory will not do."

Inflation Threat Faced

W. P. Hobby (1917-1921)—"Excluding the paramount task of winning the war, or at least the European phase of it during 1944, this nation during the coming year faces above all other problems that of overcoming the threat of a disastrous inflation. There would be no happiness in winning the war, if the internal economy of this country were to suffer the ravages of inflation x x x. Among Texas' major problems for the coming year is that of the war-engendered depletion of our natural resources, to which is linked the problem of finding sufficient jobs for the thousands of Texans now serving in the armed forces on their return to civilian life x x x."

Pat M. Neff (1921-1925)—"The main problem confronting us now is the winning of the war."

Mrs. James E. Ferguson (1925-1927; 1933-1935)—"Our greatest problem is winning the war, a lasting peace, and a free government."

Hope For Victory

Dan Moody (1927-1931)—"Looking forward to 1944: The hope that the year may bring the victory which we are confident shall be ours, and that under wise leadership it may be translated into a secure and lasting peace for the world. Looking back on 1943: Sorry that a hundred thousand and more of American boys have lost their

### Blood Plasma Is Used In Healing Surface Burns

By FRANK CAREY  
 Associated Press Science Writer

WASHINGTON —(P)— Two Navy doctors took a tip from mother nature and developed a new surface treatment for burns which they said Friday is better than any of the "many methods in vogue during the past two years."

The method involves application of a medicated solution of human blood plasma directly to the surface of the burn—thereby providing another "role in medicine for that blood derivative."

Plasma has been used and will continue to be used intravenously for the relief of "shock" due to burns and other wounds. In that procedure, plasma is injected into the veins to restore the volume of lost blood fluid.

**Explain Use Of Plasma**

Commander Melvin D. Abbott and Lt. John R. Geppert declared in the Naval Medical Bulletin they had employed plasma in surface treatment after reviewing these observations:

"Whenever the human body suffers a surface burn, nature seeks to compensate for the damage by causing the body to give off serum—the main constituent of human plasma.

Blisters are formed, with the serum inside them providing a protective covering for surviving tissue beneath and allowing it to regenerate.

Even if the blisters are broken, the serum spreads and covers the injured surface, serving as a protective and soothing layer of insulation."

### Army Classifications Held Nearly Perfect

AUSTIN —(P)— Speakers discussed conservation of natural resources as a conference of Texas school executives and teacher trainers entered its second day here Friday.

The conference was told by Lt. Col. Forest J. Agee of the adjutant general's department at Washington that less than one-half of one per cent of all the men in the Army had been incorrectly classified when they entered the services.

### 60,000 Persons Are Homeless In Stettin

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN —(P)— The Morgon Tidningen reported Friday that 60,000 persons were left homeless in Stettin, Germany's largest Baltic port, as the result of Wednesday night's raid by the RAF.

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