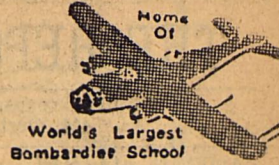




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MacArthur Makes Landing At Hollandia

By JACK TURCOTT
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WITH GENERAL MACARTHUR, ABOARD A U. S. CRUISER OFF NEW GUINEA—(Delayed)—A tall khaki-clad figure trudged through the smelly Dutch New Guinea mud swamps Saturday, rubbing shoulders with sweat-soaked Americans who had successfully carried out his bold scheme of sealing the doom of 60,000 Japanese.

Like the lowliest rookie, instead of a four-starred commander-in-chief, Gen. Douglas MacArthur picked his way around huge boulders and side-stopped multi-wheeled trucks and supply-laden jeeps pouring off the big landing ships at Hollandia and Tanahmerah Bay. His infantrymen, perfectly co-ordinated with powerful naval and air forces, two hours earlier had dealt the Japanese one of the most staggering blows of the Southwest Pacific war by capturing twin beachheads 25 miles apart.

It was a classically-executed assault, from the

minute warships began dumping hundreds of tons of shells on shore, until the last man of the invasion force set foot on land.

Not satisfied to witness the invasion from his cruiser several miles off shore, MacArthur, disdaining personal danger, went ashore without even troubling to wear a steel helmet.

The General made the Hollandia landing in a small barge while shells rumbled across Humboldt Bay from the warships blasting enemy positions hidden in the jungles. A few hours later MacArthur went ashore to Tanahmerah Bay despite a signal from the beach that Japanese raiders were on their way. The enemy planes, however, did not appear, apparently having been driven off by a screen of American aircraft.

MacArthur's appearance ashore electrified the troops, who did not suspect the commander-in-chief was anywhere within hundreds of miles.

MacArthur did not miss a single detail of the entire day's operations. Arriving on the cruiser's bridge before dawn, the General watched the

first effect of the shelling which paved the way for the troops landing at Hollandia from scores of alligators, buffaloes, ducks and barges.

While others on the bridge braced themselves against the thunderous volleys which shook the vessel violently, MacArthur stood calmly, apparently unaware of the big guns' flashes, the smoking gunpowder or the fumes.

It was a day of complete triumph for the General. Food still lying on the plates of the Officers at their quarters at Hollandia beach showed that the Japanese had not expected the attack. They abandoned their weapons, including scores of uncrated plane engines, bombs, plywood billy tanks, tons of rice, hundreds of cases of foodstuffs, and great piles of ammunition. All this fell to the Americans without a single casualty as forward units prepared to blast their way toward the three airfields 12 miles distant.

The forces at Tanahmerah quickly overcame scattered opposition, then started out on the 20-mile hike toward the airfield in that section.

By the time MacArthur had left that beach, advance patrols had already reached the half-way point to their first goal.

Meanwhile, the General was receiving reports from his easterly invasion force. A strong force of veterans of the Sanananda and Salamau campaigns smashed all resistance outside Aitape, nearly 150 miles to the east, at negligible cost.

"This is one of the best executed operations I have ever seen," MacArthur told his unit commanders. "You have the enemy trapped now; don't let him go."

MacArthur told newspaper men that in addition to 80,000 Japanese cut off from escape on New Britain, New Ireland and the Solomons, at least 60,000 remain in New Guinea, members of the enemy's 18th Army.

The General predicts desperate local battles as the Japs seek to break out of the trap, but says they will not succeed, because they have been split into numerous isolated groups.

Casualties Light As Yank Troops Pour Onto New Guinea

By C. YATES McDANIEL

MACARTHUR'S ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS IN NEW GUINEA—(AP)—Under cover of a tremendous naval and air blasting, thousands of American troops established beachheads at Hollandia and Aitape on the strategic north coast of New Guinea Saturday, and Monday 60,000 more isolated Japanese faced annihilation.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who witnessed the gigantic operation, termed it "Bataan in reverse."

MacArthur's triumphant communique Monday said 140,000 Japanese troops stretching from New Guinea to the Solomon Islands are thus "neutralized and strategically impotent." These Japanese are all that remain of a force of 250,000 established in these islands for the invasion of Australia, he declared, adding:

"Time and combat will be required to accomplish the annihilation, but their ultimate fate is now certain."

The 60,000 Japanese are caught between Hollandia and Madang. The other 80,000 are on New Britain, New Ireland and Bougainville.

The Japanese, caught far off base by feints in the direction of Wewak and Madang to the southeast, offered little opposition to the powerful American forces which poured ashore on both sides of Hollandia and at Aitape, 150 miles southeast.

Immediately the Americans drove toward the airfields at both bases with tractors and bulldozers to make serviceable the excellent airstrips which are a little over 1,000 miles from the Philippines—within bomber range.

The landings, which in the case of Hollandia in Dutch New Guinea meant the first recapture of Netherlands territory in the war, bypassed the Japanese base of Wewak with its four airfields and the other enemy air bases of Bogia, Alexishafen and Madang along the northeast New Guinea coast.

The campaign swept the New Guinea front 500 miles up the coast from the Madang sector.

Nimitz Lends Aid
A strong force of Central Pacific warships under the command of Adm. Chester W. Nimitz participated in the pre-invasion shelling, lending support for the first time to a MacArthur landing operation.

The Americans disembarked from transports in tropical pre-dawn darkness for the landings. They hit shore at 7:08 a. m. and by noon had driven about two miles inland from the beachheads at Tanahmerah Bay and Humboldt Bay.

Their objectives were three airfields lying midway between the two beachheads.

No Land Mines
No land mines or obstacles interfered with rapid establishment of the beachheads. The troops met only weak resistance as they headed inland with fixed bayonets and suffered only light losses.

The estimated 14,000 Japanese in the Hollandia area may attempt a stubborn stand around the vital airfields or may withdraw to the

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King Pleads For Strong U. S. Navy After War Won

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Admiral Ernest J. King, telling how the United States Navy was caught short by Pearl Harbor, urges that the fleet never again be permitted to dwindle to its comparative weakness of pre-war days.

His plea appears in his first official report on the progress of the war, which recounts the heroic measures by which the Navy was built up to its present stature as the greatest in the world while defending itself and the nation against odds.

"Now, he says, the fleet is ready to 'travel far and fast to victory.'"

"The encirclement of Germany is in sight," he said, and the Pacific theater presents "a situation which must be as dark and threatening to Japan as it is full of promise to us."

But, his report showed, that stage was reached only after dark months of battling against overwhelming odds while the nation's industry built the Navy up to striking strength.

In Bad Position
He said the low ebb of naval strength was reached in 1927, and followed by slow steps to increase the power of the fleet.

"Our failure to build progressively was a mistake which it is hoped will never be repeated," he declared in a formal report to Secretary of the Navy Knox.

The war in Europe, coupled with indications that Japan would enter the war at a propitious moment, he said, placed the United States "in an unfavorable strategic position in that our naval forces were not adequate to meet the demand of both oceans should we be forced into the war."

"The sudden treacherous attack by Japan which resulted in heavy losses to us made our unfavorable strategic position at the outbreak of the war even worse than we had anticipated."

Now, however, he said, the picture is reversed—the United States Navy is great enough to roam the seas unchallenged and pick the spots and times it wishes to strike.

Yank Fliers Smash Europe Two-Way Blow

Landed Glider Troops Behind Jap Lines



This is the First Air Commando Force, commanded by Col. Philip Cochrane, of the U. S. Army Air Forces, who landed glider troops behind Jap lines in Burma to construct an airstrip that powered aircraft could then bring in ground units. Troops of Maj. Gen. Orde Charles Wingate's British Command were later landed some 200 miles east of Imphal where the British and Japs are now fighting. Here Wingate, left, who since was killed directing operations against Japs, and Colonel Cochrane, right, are shown briefing American and British officers on invasion plans. (NEA Telephoto.)

Bucharest And Ploesti Hit By Heavy Bombers

LONDON—(AP)—In a two-way blow, an American sky force approaching 2,000 heavy bombers and fighters from Britain smashed German plane plants Monday while an armada of about 1,000 more struck from Italy at Bucharest and Ploesti, Romania.

In perhaps the heaviest coordinated attack of the war, Britain-based heavy bombers struck plane plants and other factories at Friedrichshafen and airbases near Munich as a formation of perhaps 500 Liberators and Fortresses and as many protecting fighters roared out of Italy and attacked Balkan objectives.

Crewmen said they had "considerable success" in their attack on the main rail yards at Bucharest in good weather. The attack on rail yards at the oil center of Ploesti, highly important to Hitler's war machine, was made by big formations of Fortresses.

The Vichy radio said Lille, rail-road center in Northern France, was being evacuated. The rail-road yards have been hit frequently and hard of late, and the city's air fields were among targets of American fighter-bombers Sunday.

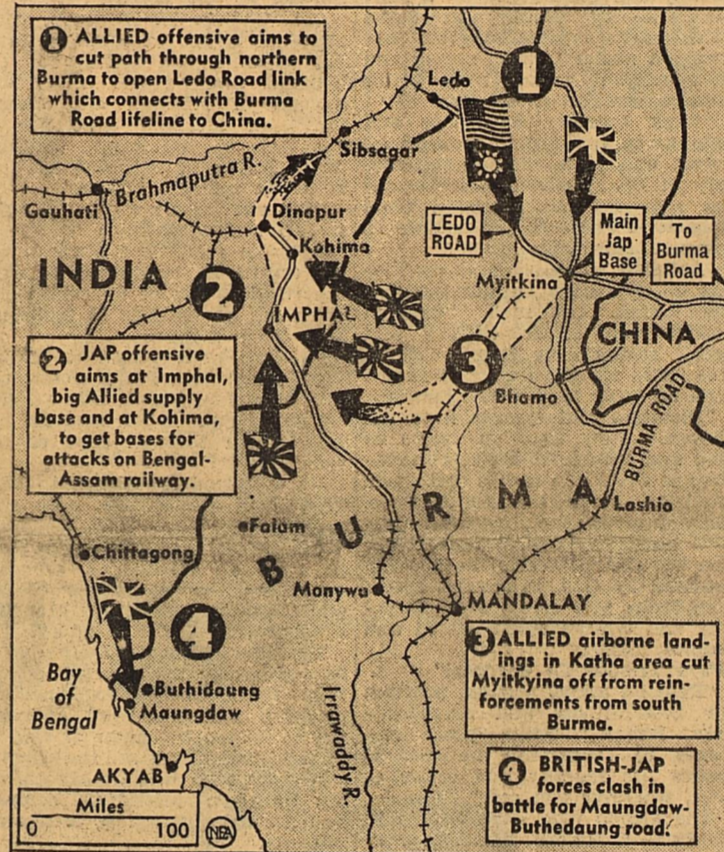
An Air Ministry communique said British heavy bombers had pounded an important signal equipment depot at Bilvorde, six miles east of Brussels, during the night while speedy plywood Mosquitos lashed at the German industrial center of Mannheim.

Six planes were listed as missing from the overnight operations, which also included mine-laying in enemy waters.

Virtually unending streams of Allied medium, light and fighter-bombers and fighters passed back and forth from Britain to Europe's western fringe Sunday, blasting the Axis invasion defenses, at least seven widely separated air bases in France and Belgium, the Belgium rail center of Namur, and many targets of opportunity.

Resistance Slight
Resistance was negligible during (Continued on Page 6)

Burma War—Doubly Offensive



One of the paradoxes of the fighting going on in Burma is that both sides are on the offensive in almost adjacent areas and the goal of each is the same—maintaining supply bases and seizing or destroying the enemy's. Key towns involved are Imphal, in India, chief British supply base, and Myitkina, main Jap base in the area.

Airborne Reinforcements Reach Chindits Fighting Deep In Burma

By THOBURN WIAN

SOUTHEAST ASIA HEADQUARTERS, KANDY, CEYLON—(AP)—Substantial Allied forces have been flown in to reinforce the Chindits already operating along a front scores of miles long behind the Japanese lines in Central and Northern Burma, Allied headquarters announced Monday, amid increasing signs that immediate danger to the Bengal-Assam railway from the Japanese invasion of India has been removed.

Humble Gets More Oil Signs In Lea County Project

By JAMES C. WATSON

Humble Oil & Refining Company No. 1 Federal-Leonard, Southeast Lea County, New Mexico, exploration, had reached total depth of 9,948 feet in the Silurian lime, and was taking a drillstem test Monday. During a 60-minute drillstem test Saturday, with the packer at 9,814 feet and covering the section

CPC TO TRY AGAIN IN SOUTHEAST GAINES

Case, Pomeroy & Company, Inc., has staked location for another 5,500-foot wildcat in Southeast Gaines County. The new exploration will be No. 1 Kuehn, 660 feet from the north and 1,890 feet from the east lines of section 11, block C-44, psi survey.

It is being moved into the location, which is about one and one-half miles northeast of the same operator's No. 1 fee, in section 13, block C-44, abandoned Saturday, at total depth of 2,320 feet, after marking the anhydrite in a low structural position.

to the then bottom of 9,928 feet, 320 feet of gas cut drilling mud with a show of oil was recovered. Then a core was taken from 9,928-42 feet. Approximately six feet of porous, saturated lime was (Continued on Page 6)

State Department Makes Plans To Settle European Boundary Disputes

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The State Department has virtually completed an enormous research project which eventually may be used to help withdraw the map of Europe.

Each of the more than 30 European boundary disputes, most of them in the center of the continent, has been thoroughly studied, it was learned Monday, so that when diplomats sit down to the peace table all the facts will be at hand.

American officials are hopeful that many of the arguments, left over from the reorganizing of Europe after World War I, can be settled amicably between the states involved without the need for outside help.

Allies Repulse Two Thrusts At Anzio Beachhead

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NAPLES—(AP)—Allied troops have repulsed two German thrusts against the Anzio beachhead, headquarters announced Monday as activity elsewhere along the Italian front remained limited to patrol clashes and artillery duels.

One of the unsuccessful thrusts against the beachhead was made in company strength around Carano in the central sector. The other was an infiltration attempt southwest of Carroccio, 21 miles below Rome.

West of Mt. Marrone, mile-high peak 15 miles northeast of Cassino held by Italian troops, Allied patrols probed and engaged the Germans at a point where little opposition had been shown previously.

Nine Reported Dead In Airplane Crash

EPSOM, N. H.—(AP)—Between nine to 12 persons were reported killed in the crash of a large airplane into the side of Delight Mountain Monday. Residents who rushed to the scene said there was a terrific explosion and that they saw between nine and 12 bodies in the wreckage.

WEATHER
Partly cloudy, warmer;
Windy Tuesday.

Soviets Mass Troops For New Offensive

By HENRY C. CASSIDY

MOSCOW—(AP)—The Russians, who in 10 months have lifted the siege of Leningrad, struck into Romania and smashed halfway to Berlin in their 500-mile overland march from Kursk, are massing for a new campaign, front dispatches indicated Monday.

As a relative calm prevailed along the long front for the second straight day Sunday, the dispatches said that rearward services were being moved forward to new bases, acquired after the winter advance. The pause was expected to be short-lived.

Coordinated Blows

In London and Berlin itself the conviction was growing that the Russians would strike soon on the Polish-Romanian fronts, perhaps coordinating their offensive with Allied blows in the west and south. The German-controlled Scandinavian telegram bureau quoted a Berlin spokesman as saying that the German high command "expects a general offensive which will demand superhuman efforts by German soldiers."

The Russians said Sunday that local German counter-attacks southwest of Narva on the Estonian front had subsided after infantry forces, with relatively small tank support, failed to make any significant gains.

The Axis Crimean garrison, crowded behind its fortifications at Sevastopol, is offering no offensive threat to the Red Army. Having slim chances of escaping through the Black Sea and the Red airforce blockade, the Germans and Romanians apparently were being left to expire slowly at a minimum cost to the Russians.

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Faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. —James 2:17.

A Big Job For Mr. Wallace

There is a growing suspicion that perhaps Vice President Wallace's projected trip to China should be taken at face value. This is naive, of course. It violates the tradition of interpreting any announcement which carries political overtones. But all the speculation upon this junket's possible effect on Wallace's chances for renomination have been inconclusive. We shall just have to wait and see. Meanwhile, there is a job to be done in China.

What is to be done, and how, is not clear. But there are various points of friction between China and the other members of the Big Four war alliance that need repair. China's relations with Britain, for instance, have not been of duck-pond smoothness. The question of Hong Kong remains unsettled. The Chungking government has not been entirely sympathetic toward England's handling of Indian problems. And lately there was the rebuff of China in England's drastic clamp-down on diplomatic immunity.

There has also been a recent border dispute between Russia and China. What happened in the remote western province of Sinkiang may not have seemed very important over here, but it was symptomatic of internal trouble in China that might have far-reaching effect.

Evidently there is a lot more trouble in China than most of us know. The country is tightly governed and tightly censored. The only opposition political party, the so-called Communists, are walled off by military segregation. Stories that come through from Chungking hint at hunger and great weariness, at an ill-equipped army, at inflation.

China must be near exhaustion after 10 war years. She needs assurance and encouragement while she waits for help so long needed and so long promised. She undoubtedly needs some practical and immediate advice, and a frank discussion of mutual points of dissatisfaction among the Allies.

This job calls for an American, on the basis of the long, friendly association and mutual respect between the two countries. It also calls for an American who can speak with wisdom and authority. In tackling it, Wallace has an important and challenging opportunity for diplomatic service no matter what effect his journey to Chungking may have upon his ambitions at home.

—Buy War Bonds And Savings Stamps—

Nix On The Sugar Rumors

Sugar, these days, is being made into dynamite. No—not the kind they use to blow up bridges in wartime, but the much more highly explosive stuff known as political dynamite. It's this way:

Twice, in fireside chats, since sugar first went under rationing two years ago, the President has indicated that sugar rations might be increased and has even hinted that the ration would be entirely removed. Thus far, he has not been able to make good.

The President's two hints on easing the ration naturally started a lot of rumors. Naturally, everyone in the industry agreed with the President and for once they all thought he was wonderful. The big question was: "When?"

All branches of the trade—growers, refiners, shippers, importers, dealers, confectioners, canners, makers of soft drinks and syrups—the whole sugar lobby began turning on the heat to force the issue. They built up stockpiles of statistics to show that the present restrictions—particularly on industrial uses—were entirely unnecessary. Whatever the figures, the Combined Food Board, U. S. War Food Administration and Office of Price Administration still say there is not enough sugar in sight to increase the rations.

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It's Not The Principle

Nine hundred flying instructors have already been cut loose by the Civil Aeronautics Administration, another 4000 are expected to be by June 30. A similar number now studying to be instructors may wind up with nobody to teach.

All this is reason enough for the House committee investigating Civil Service to take a close look at the Women's Air Force Service Patrol training program: 500 receiving instruction, 500 signed up and ready. The girls fly planes, tow targets, etc. It seems foolish to pay for their training when experienced men pilots, unfit for combat service, are being turned off.

It isn't the principle of the thing. It's a matter of \$6,500,000 for WASP training.

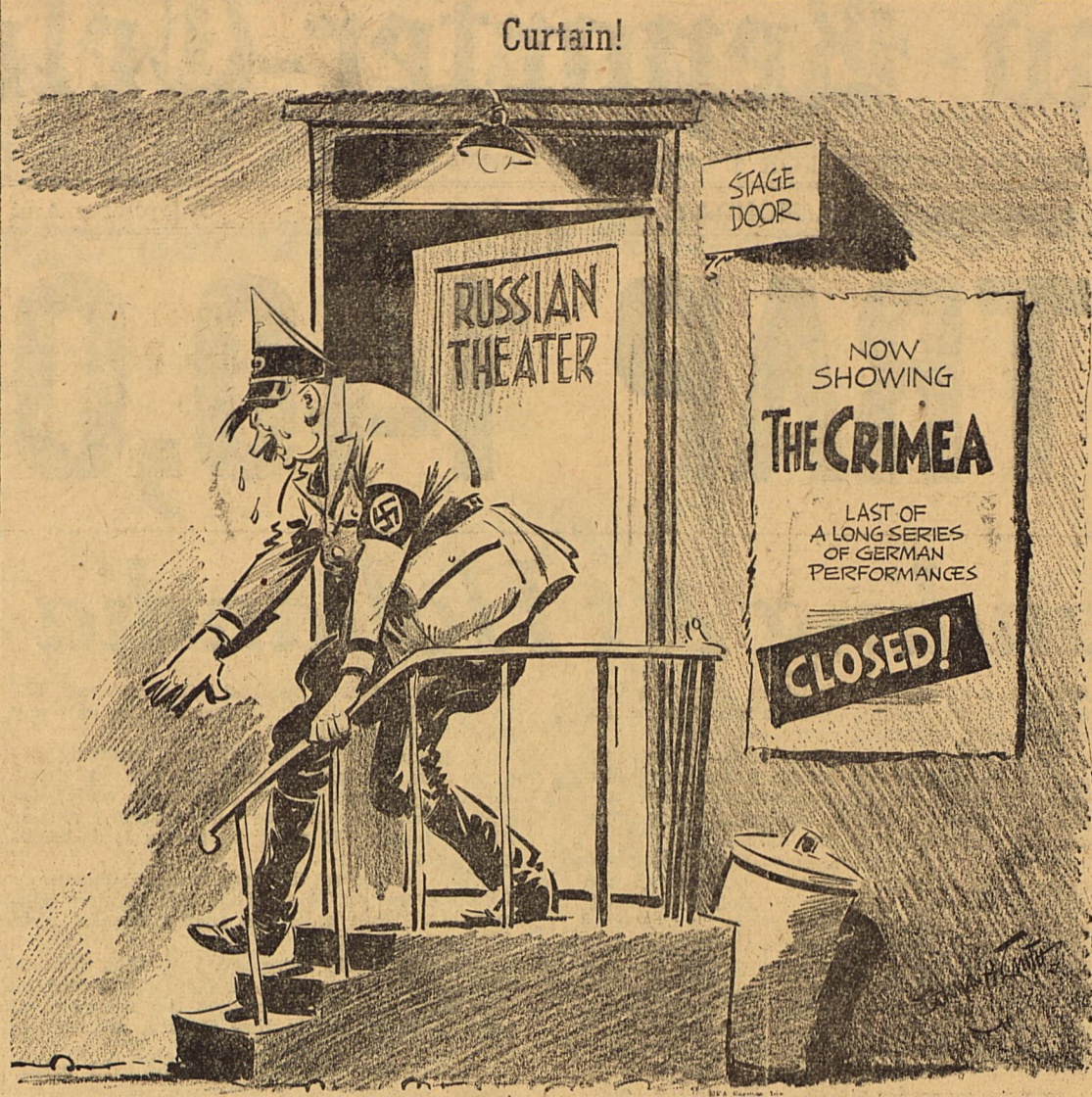
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Japs, Scotch, And Soda Pop

The convenient fact that Major Richard I. Bong is a teetotaler saved a rather embarrassing situation after the Pacific ace broke Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker's World War I record. When Captain Rickenbacker started to send the record-breaker a case of Scotch, General MacArthur raised an objection. He did not think spirits an "appropriate recognition," suggested that promotion to major was enough.

General MacArthur may have been within the bounds of authority, but he exceeded those of good taste when he passed judgment upon the appropriateness of some other person's gift.

General Arnold's message with a gift of soft drinks was more gracious: "Undersatnd you prefer this type of refreshment to others. You thoroughly deserve to have the kind you want."



Bishop FitzSimon Says Religion Makes Nations Strong, Better Citizens

The Most Rev. Laurence J. Fitz-Simon, D. D., bishop of Amarillo, told members of the Holy Name Society and their guests at a banquet Sunday evening in Hotel Scharbauer's Crystal Ballroom that "religion makes nations strong and that religion makes men better citizens and better soldiers."

"Work together for peace and help make our nation strong," he urged, and then recalled the history of Spain which after becoming a world power veered from religion and lost its prominence in international affairs.

"Aethism, disbelief and skepticism do not make nations strong," the bishop cautioned. "Religion makes men better citizens and better soldiers. By living well in this world we prepare for the right kind of living in the world beyond."

"Dictators and tyrants hate the church. They hate the voice of God and they hate the representatives of God," the bishop continued. "Religion curbs their evil ways. Religion gives people freedom. Religion builds up the commonwealth and the people receive the benefits provided by God. It reaches across boundaries and across seas. Dictators and tyrants teach hatred and despise religion."

"Pays Tribute To Cardinal" "Religion unites peoples, provides for brotherliness and neighborliness. Religion wants peace and wants to strengthen nations. It makes life happier and easier to bear, wherever you are."

The bishop paid deep tribute to Cardinal O'Connell, archbishop of Boston and dean of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in America, who died Saturday.

"The cardinal's influence was felt even on the plains of West Texas," Bishop FitzSimon said. He also paid tribute to the late archbishop of Santa Fe and the archbishop of San Antonio.

Bishop FitzSimon told of visits to prisoner of war camps for both Germans and Italians in this country and of talks with the prisoners. He speaks both German and Italian.

He said the prisoners believed what the dictators told them and their minds were distorted by the propaganda but "they are Catholics."

"Catholics everywhere should get together and get away from dictators," he declared. "All Catholics should follow the peace program of Pope Pius XII."

Praises Texas He asserted Texas has a beautiful history of the Catholic Church and that he is proud of what the Catholic Church in Texas has done.

"West Texas is a great part of the State of Texas which has a glorious history," the bishop continued.

He told of Texas' winning of its independence, its history as a republic and how it voluntarily became a part of the United States.

The bishop described the vast area and resources of the state of which he is a native and said he was proud of the Lone Star State and its accomplishments.

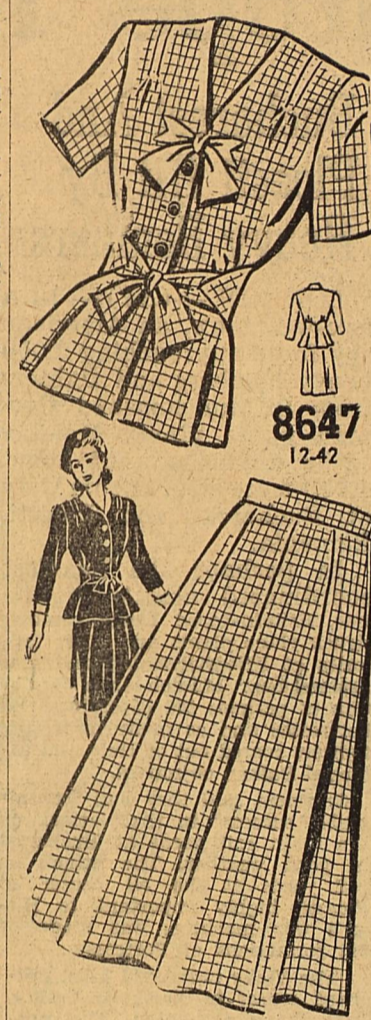
"We don't resent the pride you take in your states," he told the scores of soldiers who attended the banquet. "We respect you because you love your home. We're fighting for our homes in every one of the states and it will interest you to know that Texas is dear to Catholics because it was first trod upon by Spanish padres. Spanish friars first came to Texas 200 years ago and evidences of their work still remain in Texas. They were seeking souls and not oil."

"Texas has grown and prospered. It is a land of progress and we'll always remember that the Spanish padres, carrying the cross, the banner of Christ, established the Catholic Church in Texas.

Planning For Peace "We are all planning for peace for reconstruction and rehabilitation of the world. We hope to bring all nations of the world together under the banner of Jesus Christ."

More than 200 members of the Holy Name Societies of Midland, Odessa and the Midland Army Air Field attended the banquet honoring the bishop on his first visit to

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FIVE REMAIN FREE DALLAS (P)—Five of the six German prisoners of war who fled the internment center at Camp Howe, Gainesville, Texas, between Friday night and Saturday night were still at large Monday, the Federal Bureau of Investigation reported.

HEAVY RETURN WASHINGTON (P)—A couple of doughboys—Second Lt. Ernest Childers and Sgt. Charles E. (Commando) Kelly—returned from Italy's battlefields Monday to tell almost apologetically how they won the nation's highest award for heroism, the Congressional Medal of Honor.

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Coming Events

TUESDAY: The Red Cross surgical dressing room in the courthouse will be open from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

Mrs. R. P. Simpson will be hostess at 3 p.m. to the Twentieth Century Study Club at her home, 902 West Kentucky.

The High School PTA will have installation of officers at 4 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The So-Sum Club will meet at 2:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Ralph Troseth.

WEDNESDAY: The Red Cross workroom in Old Heidelberg Inn will be open from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:30 to 5 p.m.

The Red Cross surgical dressing room in the courthouse will be open from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

Mrs. P. D. Moore will be hostess at 2:30 p.m. for the Fine Arts Club in her home, 206 Club Drive.

The confirmation class of the Trinity Episcopal Church will meet at 7:30 p.m., at the church.

The Lucky 13 Club will sew all day at the Red Cross workroom beginning at 9 a.m. Members will take their lunch.

THURSDAY: The Red Cross surgical dressing room in the courthouse will be open from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

Mrs. J. Howard Hodge will be hostess to the City-County Federation for a coffee and business meeting at her home, 1801 West Missouri, at 9:30 a.m.

Miss Carolyn Oates will review "Goodnight, Sweet Prince" by Gene Fowler over KRLH at 2:45 on the Midland County Library program.

The last meeting of the year for the Craft Group of AAUW will meet at 8:30 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Joe Canon, 202 Ridgela Drive.

Mrs. Watson LaForce will be hostess at 1:30 p. m. to the Junior Matron's Society, formerly known as the Cadet Wives Club.

FRIDAY: The Belmont Bible Class will meet in the Scharbauer Building of the First Methodist Church at 3 p.m.

The Red Cross workroom in the Old Heidelberg Inn will be open from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:30 to 5 p.m.

The Red Cross surgical dressing room in the courthouse will be open from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

Mrs. J. C. Hudman will be hostess to Lucky 13 Club members and their husbands at 8 p.m.

SATURDAY: The Treble Clef Juvenile Music Club will meet at the Watson Studio.

The children's hour will be held at 3:30 p.m. in the basement of the Midland County Library.

Visiting Relatives Mrs. W. D. Blaydes, wife of Lt. (jg) W. D. Blaydes, and daughter, Sharon Elizabeth, of Gilmer, Texas, are visiting Mrs. R. V. Blaydes and Mrs. L. E. Sharp in Midland.

The Iroquois confederacy of six Indian nations, with 6,000 members, made its own declaration of war against the Axis in 1942.

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Society

Cadet Wives Meet For Luncheon And Business Session

The weekly meeting of the Junior Matron's Society was a luncheon meeting held Thursday in the Blue Room of the Scharbauer Hotel. After the luncheon, a brief business session was held. The next meeting will be held Thursday in the home of Mrs. Watson LaForce. It was announced that cadet wives may work in the Red Cross work room.

Luncheon was served to a guest, Mrs. Wilson Bell; the group's advisor, Mrs. Watson LaForce, and the following cadet wives: Mesdames H. H. Dewees, Joe Farnare, A. O. Elliott, Earl Holcomb, LaFayette Stuck, S. O. Addison, Gerald Simpson, P. W. Harrington, Burton DeVan, A. W. Harris, Robert Lawson, Ray Ferguson, LeRoy Davis, Michael Krammer, Olenir Sparks; Wilson Carlisle, Francis Gare, Gerald Johnson, Carl Hoffman, Albert Price, Jack Donner, James Lund, William Kline, Bill Clements, T. W. Culpepper, L. P. Caspary, M. B. Cooper, L. L. Kirkpatrick, W. E. McKay and Otis Bennett.

Miscellaneous Shower And Party Given For Miss Leota Segars

Mrs. J. E. Hill Jr. and Mrs. M. W. Collier gave a miscellaneous shower and party Wednesday at the latter's home for Miss Leota Segars, whose marriage to Roy Knowles will take place May 21. The house was decorated with daisies, poppies and irises.

The guest list included: the Misses Jo Ann Montgomery, Dorothy Hamilton, Allen Maxwell, Jamie Johnson, Dorothy Bracewell, Ruth Simmons, Lois Schulz and Deana Gray; Mesdames Waldo Grossman, Rudy Berg, J. H. Elder, Riley Parr, Archie Estes and R. M. Segars of Straughn, mother of the bride-elect.

School Will Sponsor Shorthand Classes

School Superintendent Frank Monroe announced Monday that Midland High School will sponsor shorthand classes for adults who desire to receive the training. An organization meeting will be held at 6:30 p. m. Thursday in Room 107 in the high school. All persons interested in this training should attend the session.

The first class will meet Tuesday, May 2, in the high school. Classes will be held each Tuesday and Thursday for 16 weeks. Classes will last an hour and a half each. Mrs. Grace Fine, a teacher in the school system, will instruct the classes.

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300 Soldiers Take Holy Name Society Pledge At Service

More than 300 soldiers at the Midland Army Air Field recited the Holy Name Pledge Sunday morning in the chapel at the field after the Most Rev. Laurence J. FitzSimon celebrated mass.

The Rev. Thomas J. Drury of Amarillo, diocesan director of the society, led the soldiers in the recitation of the pledge.

Following the mass, the bishop administered the sacrament of confirmation to 22 soldiers.

The bishop attended dinner at the WAC mess, accepting the invitation of Lt. Mary D. King, commanding officer of the WAC detachment.

Sunday marked the official inauguration of the Holy Name Society at Midland Army Air Field.

Wayne Gillespie Believes Clients Of Insurance Firms Should Be Serviced According To Needs

"The day will come when the choice of an insurance agent who can properly handle complicated and adequate coverage may be given as much thought as the selection of a family physician."

That is the opinion of Wayne Gillespie, new manager of the Midland branch of Texas Employers' Insurance Association and Employers' Casualty Co. Gillespie has been in the insurance business for 18 years and believes it is the duty of every insurance company to see that its clients are properly serviced.

and it also was the first time a class of military personnel received the sacrament of confirmation in the post chapel.

ing to their needs, not over-sold and not under-sold.

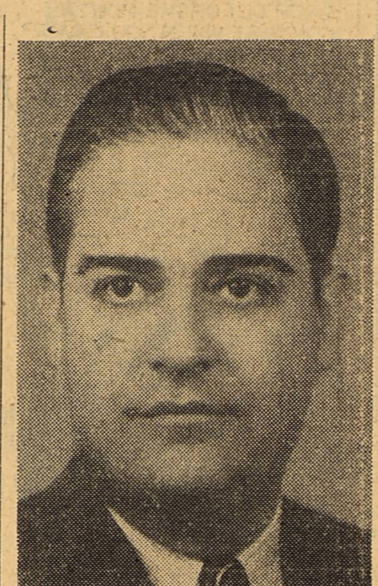
"For the insurance business is being recognized more and more for the profession that it really is," says Gillespie. "Certainly it affects the economy of the country as closely as does the profession of law, and in many ways it is comparable to the profession of medicine or, to cite a more apt simile, fulfills the function of a life-saver. That is what proper insurance amounts to—it is an economic life-saver."

"It's better to have insurance and not need it than to not have the right kind of coverage and need it badly."

In speaking of insurance investments at the present time, Gillespie advises the removal of all risks and cautions against gambling with hazards such as fire, lightning, windstorms, etc.

"It's a wise man who protects the investment on his home, household goods, automobile and other valuable property," he said. "No one who drives a car today can afford to be without good automobile insurance. Even though your car is old, it will probably have to last for the duration, and in order to protect your investment, your car should be adequately insured."

Gillespie wants anyone with an insurance problem to feel free to consult him at any time. The Employers' Casualty Co. and Texas



Employers' Insurance Association are well established organizations and have maintained offices in the Thomas Building since 1940. They have handled the insurance problems of many Midland firms and individuals and pride themselves on the service they have given their clients.

The company writes general commercial and passenger car insurance, public liability and property damage, group and individual hospitalization insurance, fire insurance on dwellings, household goods, mercantile buildings and stocks, and workmen's compensation insurance.

In fact, it is Gillespie's opinion that his firm is equipped to handle and solve any insurance problem that may arise for the individual or business organization. If you have such a problem, take it to him and be assured that you are adequately insured.

In the ancient Roman calendar, April was the second month of the year.

Dallas County Racial Vote Rule May Be Bit Confusing

DALLAS (AP)—Dallas County Democrats decided to bar members of the Mongolian, Malay-an and "Ethiopian or negro" races from voting in the precinct presidential conventions May 6, Monday, Texas anthropologists indicated it will take a Solomon to determine just who will vote.

Dr. Asa C. Chandler, head of the biology department, Rice Institute, Houston predicted "election officials probably will run into a great deal of difficulty in deciding eligibility."

Dr. S. W. Geiser, professor of biology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, declared: "In some cases it is impossible to look at a man and determine his race with any degree of exactness."

Dr. E. C. Webb, professor of religion at SMU and an authority on anthropology, remarked that: "County Democrats may be letting themselves in for a complicated time."

Negroes Smack Jailer With Rolling Pin, Make Escape

GREENVILLE, TEXAS—(AP)—Still at large Monday from the Hunt County jail were two negroes, Howard Gaddin and Charles Dixon, who, Sheriff Frank Wolfe said, Sunday night struck Jailer Lem Glass, 67, over the head with a rolling pin, unlocked the jail door and escaped.

Sheriff Wolfe said Glass, unconscious from the blow by the men who were helping prepare supper for the other prisoners, was taken to a hospital, in a serious condition from loss of blood.

The sheriff said after the two men struck Glass, they went from the fifth floor kitchen to the fourth floor, unlocked a door to the part of the jail in which white prisoners are kept, went to the basement and walked out the door. The white prisoners reported the affair to Wolfe.

Wolfe said the negroes had been recently convicted of burglary and car theft from Hunt County, in separate cases, and sentenced to seven years each in state prison. They were awaiting transportation to the Huntsville prison when they fled.

South Side Grocery And Market Have Many Hard-To-Get Items

Residents on the South Side of Midland have long been familiar with the satisfaction and convenience of shopping at the South Side Grocery and Market. Frank Abbott, owner of the market, has made it a policy to give his customers all-around service. Shopping at South Side Grocery requires just one little stop to fill all your needs with the finest groceries and meats the market provides.

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Many years in the food business have given Abbott the experience necessary in the selection of meats and the line handled at his market is the best available. Abbott takes pride in the fact that his store is known for its better meats, Steaks, chops, and roasts are always freshly-cut and properly aged

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TODAY the Japanese language teacher with the flat face and the underslung behind was not giving Lincoln Belt any special attention in the way of insults.

It was worrying Link. Thirteen prisoners were in the language class today. The 13, all captured flyers and all Americans with the exception of two Englishmen and an Australian, were not attending the Japanese language class willingly. It was forced.

Today's lesson had to do with how to give the consonant letter "L" the Japanese sound. Apparently you did this the same as when speaking Italian, by bringing the tip of the tongue in contact with the upper teeth, instead of touching the front of the roof of the mouth, as when speaking American the way they spoke it for instance in Kansas City.

When the Japanese language teacher mentioned Kansas City, Lincoln Belt was seized with ecstasy. Kansas City.

Link mentally parked his car on the steep hill at Ninth and Walnut streets in Kansas City. He ran into a restaurant, had three straight bourbons and ate a steak as thick as a mattress.

Sweet Judas! Better stop treating his mind to such joys. They might become real in his poor brain. Already he had all the trouble he needed.

He smirked at the Japanese language instructor. "A che ora," said Link, "parte il treno seguente?"

The Japanese linguist didn't get it. "What do you say?"

"I was," hastily explained Link, "just mumbbling."

"Mumbbling?"

"You know, regrettable habit of people from Missouri."

Link then looked as noodle-headed as he could and wished he hadn't spoken the travel book nonsense in Italian. He hoped the Jap would skip it.

TEACHER didn't know Italian, but acted as if he did. So what? Link couldn't understand why, there for a moment, the matter seemed important enough to investigate.

Trivialities had a silly way of taking on consequences when you had been an inhabitant of Niji Prison for several weeks. You got different. You got so you yelled bitter insults at the drop of a hat over such trivia as whether a piece of fish had or had not been near the fish soup.

Link thought of a truth. It went: There is nothing like being an Army Air Corps radioman in a place like Niji Prison to let you see how your mental bones can be broken.

Teacher decided to ignore Link. Thereupon Link grew cold in all his pores. He was being neglected today. It was not the best of signs when they stopped deviling you.

He was so disturbed he forgot to join the others in acting wildly relieved when the language class came to an end.

However, Pilot Officer Baldwin punched him to remind him. "Psst! The act, old boy," Baldwin whispered.

The prisoners had agreed in a body to act as if the language class was hell to take. It wasn't. Really, it wasn't tough to sit and be lectured about Go-Jiu-on, the 50 sounds. It got everybody out of the cell. And nobody learned anything anyway. By acting as if they hated it, they hoped to go on having it forced on them.

Such petty scheming was an example of the sort of thing that got to seem important, when you



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were in Niji.

Anyway, school was out for today. Link picked up his leg chain and joined the clanking cavalcade back to the cell.

"Today you were almost kissed," said Pilot Officer Baldwin.

"That's right," Link agreed. "The comparison is very good. You are an artist with words, fellow."

"What did you ask him in Italian?"

"Something I remembered from a travel book. When the next street car would be along, I think. That wasn't very funny, was it?"

Baldwin grinned as he limped beside Link. "Maybe they've decided to treat you decently for a change."

Link was pleased. He picked up Baldwin's leg chain and hitched it over his shoulder together with his own, carrying them both.

"I love the sound of your optimism, anyway," he said.

BALDWIN was a round blond Australian from Melbourne who joined the RAF in 1940, became a Spitfire pilot, and got shot down north of Singapore. He had told Link that much of his history, no more.

Incidentally, it wasn't wise to tell the Japs facts about yourself. You gave them your name, or a name at any rate, and they got your tag number. Best to let it go at that, or sometimes they would read you strange, devilish letters from your family, which you could only hope were imaginary.

Baldwin claimed he'd been a resident of Japanese jails long enough to take out citizenship papers. This statement was his

idea of humor.

Now Baldwin had an infected foot. All the prisoners had to go barefoot, and he had stepped on a splinter. The dirty floor made such a thing as bad as snakebite.

Baldwin was probably the best-liked man in the cell solely because he was a good listener in a place where one was in demand. He also drew rabbits. He drew them on the walls or anywhere.

They were wonderfully artistic rabbits and he was able to execute them with almost any material, but he never drew anything but rabbits.

"Well, we're home," Ling said. "Ah, sweet bower of dreams," Baldwin agreed.

Their cell was a guano cave 20 by 40 feet. The ventilation was wonderful; the cold night wind whistled inside freely. The sole toilet facility was a bucket.

The Yokohama traffic rumbled outside, sounding so much like Grand avenue in Kansas City that it was grotesque.

Link flopped on his hard sleeping mat.

He wanted to nap in order to stop thinking about dinner, which tonight was due to be meat stew and boiled alfalfa and rice. Everybody knew it would be meat stew today because several shot-gun shots had crashed out somewhere earlier. Then a Japanese soldier paraded past the cell door carrying three dead alley cats by their tails.

This cat trick was ridiculous, didn't fool any of them. They knew the Japs used the same cats over and over. Everybody knew that. Or did they?

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(To Be Continued)

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY America's Card Authority
I was in Washington recently to attend the first quarterly meeting of the board of directors of War Grphans Scholarships, at which we voted 20 scholarships to be awarded this year by the scholarship committee. After the meeting I visited the Federal Bridge League and found 33 teams-of-four playing. Capt. Russell J. Baldwin, former

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 ♦ A K 7 2
 ♣ K 10
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tournament manager of the American Contract Bridge League, was one of the contestants, and I watched him make the maximum on the hand shown today with a nice squeeze play.

On the opening lead Baldwin put up dummy's jack of diamonds, which held the trick. Now he ran off five club tricks. On the third club West dropped the seven of hearts, so Baldwin discarded two hearts and a small spade. He cashed the three spades, which left him with three diamonds and the king of hearts in his hand. West had to discard the queen of hearts to protect three diamonds to the queen. Baldwin then led the king of hearts, throwing West in the lead and forcing him to lead a diamond. This gave the captain the balance of the tricks.

Two Football Stars To Serve In Navy

Ivan Hall and Blackjack Taylor, Midland High School football stars, left for El Paso Monday for service in the Navy. Taylor, a lineman, and Hall, a back, are well known to football fans here.

Two other men were in the group which left Monday. They are William Joseph Howze and Glenn Clifton Foster.

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Little Dipper

YONKERS, N. Y.—(AP)—Lawrence Matthews, 9, sniffed the air, decided spring was here despite the near-freezing temperatures. He disrobed, plunged into a pond for a dip. Half way across he became chilled and could not reach the other shore. He climbed a tree growing out of the pond. Then he became frightened, was unable to swim back and started shouting for help. An hour later firemen rescued him.

Thievery Among Thieves

OMAHA — (AP) — A 16-year-old youth, held for questioning in a \$700 safe robbery at a Winterset, Iowa, theater, has proof there is no honor among thieves. Police said the youth had only \$37 when arrested and told officers like a cat at Winterset to come take a cat at Omaha, had stolen the major part of the \$700 from him.

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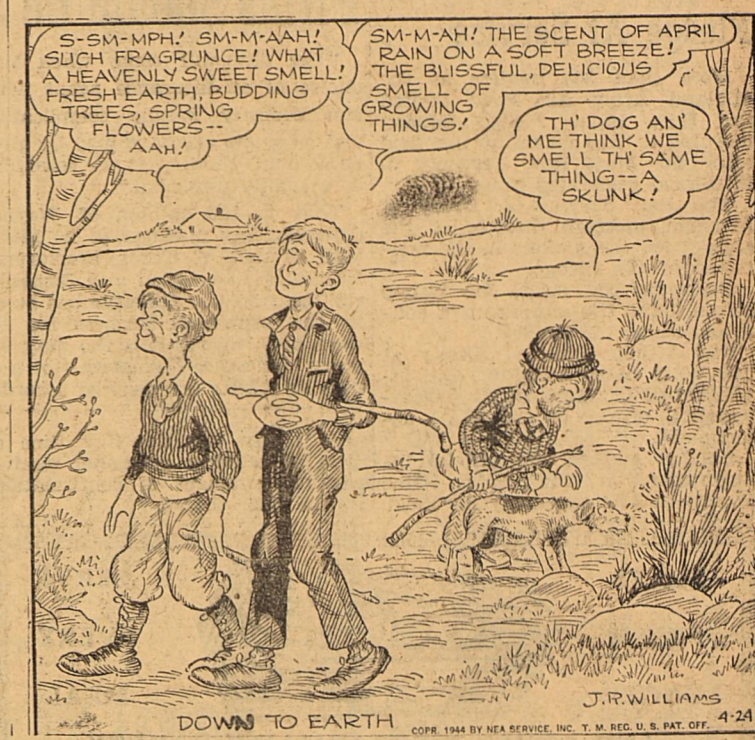


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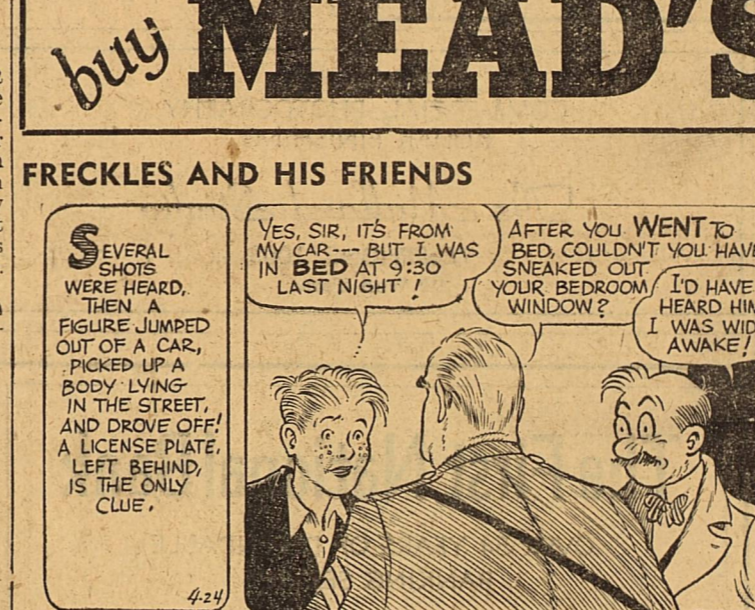
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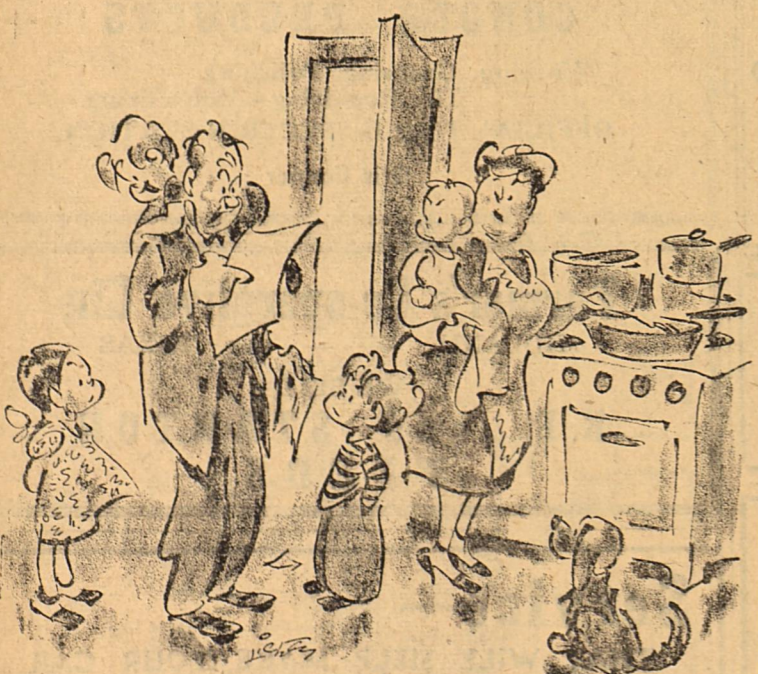
TROY, N. Y.—(AP)—A year ago a New York businessman passing through Troy say USO workers feed soldiers on trains. He sent the USO lounge a check for \$100. The lounge has just received another message from him. It read: "I paid my federal income tax. I paid my state income tax. I bought some war bonds. Then I had \$104.97 left, so I said to myself: 'What the hell good is \$104.97?' So I enclose my check for \$100 for ladies who get up before daylight to feed soldiers."

13 Men Sign Up For Course In Scouting

Enrollment for the fundamentals of Scouting course to begin at 9 p. m. Tuesday in the Mustang club rooms on Illinois Street has started with 13 men signing to take the course. The course is for all men of 18 or over whether or not they are connected with Scouting now. G. B. Rush and Clint Lackey are on the training committee sponsoring the course. Enrollees include: Dewey Jordan, Frank Monroe, Earl W. Statton, J. W. Drummond, Clinton Lackey, G. W. Brenneman, W. R. Upham, Stanley Erskine, W. B. Robinson.

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