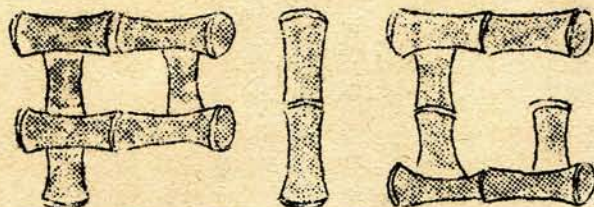
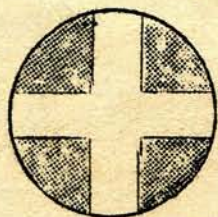


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SPRUANCE MEETS JAP FLEET

MACARTHUR

40TH REACHES ILOILO OUTSKIRTS ON PANAY

GEN. M. C. ARTHUR'S HQS., THE PHILIPPINES, MARCH 21, (ANS)-

The northward spearhead of the 40th Division on Panay Island fanned out to cover a distance of 25 miles. Meanwhile, the eastward inland spearhead overran the outskirts of Iloilo, Panay's capital city and captured Carpenter's Bridge which spans the Iloilo River. On Panay, the enemy is repeating his Manila performance.

Realizing they cannot hold Iloilo the Japs are burning the city.

GAIN ON EAST COAST OF NORTHERN LUZON

On Luzon in the northern sector, guerilla forces liberated San Fernando, principal port city on the east shore. San Fernando is the terminus of the Luzon northern railway system and a vital highway link with the central plains network.

Below San Fernando, the 33rd Infantry Division made a 10 mile northward advance to liberate Bauang, six miles south of the important port city.

Quick action by doughboys of the 33rd saved two bridges that had been prepared for demolition by the Japanese.

Other forces of General MacArthur's troops made an 8 mile gain north of Rosario on the Road to Baguio.

BATTLE OCCURS NEAR KURE IN INLAND JAP SEA

PACIFIC FLEET HQS., GUAM, MARCH 21, (ANS)- A late bulletin from Fleet Headquarters at Guam disclosed this noon that the American Navy had finally caught up with the super elusive Jap Fleet.

The battle occurred Monday in the inland Japanese sea of Iyo while the second consecutive day carrier plane attack was being made on the cities of Kure and Kobe. Ships of task force "58" found the Jap Fleet in the vicinity of Kure, important shipbuilding and naval base.

(Today's Guam communique revealed that Admiral Raymond A. Spruance was in command of the famed "58" for the operation. Adm. Marc A. Mitscher had previously been identified as commanding the task force)

The box score of the battle lists 25 Japanese warships and freighters sunk or damaged.

Four-hundred and seventy-seven Jap planes were destroyed.

A Navy spokesman in Washington declared the inland seas of the Japanese home islands have been the hiding place for the much sought after enemy fleet. He said the Japanese will no longer be provided with refuge for the Navy intends to go in after them.

Complete details of box score - Page 3

BURMA

MANDALAY LIBERATED

CALCUTTA, SE ASI. COMMAND HQS., MARCH 21, (ANS)-

Overcoming stubborn resistance in the southern part of the city, Indian and British troops have liberated Mandalay. Lord Louis Mountbatten announced the city toppled after the lost Jap stronghold at Fort Lufferin had been reduced. Simultaneously, the 36th Indian Division liberated Magok, which lies 65 miles northeast of Mandalay.

The AP said the Allies now hold, besides Mandalay and Magok, the cities of Maymo, Hsipaw, and Laschio, most important on the Mandalay-Laschio Road and astride all Jap communication lines.

WESTERN FRONT

PATTON'S ARMOR BLITZES NAZIS MAINZ CAPTURED - GERMANS TRAPPED

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SLEEF, PARIS, MARCH 21, (ANS)

In the greatest armored onslaught in history, Gen. Patton's 3rd Army forces smashed from the Saar-Moselle-Rhine River triangles (Continued on Page 3)

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FORRESTAL RECOMMENDS

WASHINGTON, MARCH 21, (ANS)-

Navy Secretary Forrestal today recommended consolidation of all U.S. international communications under one corporation to be privately owned but government supervised. Testifying before the Senate International Committee heading international communication plans, Forrestal said the monopoly controlling cables, radio press wireless, and telegraph communication facilities abroad was vital to postwar economy.

TURNER'S TALE

FACES DEATH FOUR TIMES IN PLANE CRASH AND LIVES

ROME, MARCH 21, (ANS)- John B. Turner, navigator of a flying fort faced death four times in 10 minutes as his plane spun toward the earth and survived without injury. At the start of his mission to Vienna, Turner's plane locked wings with another and went into a spin so violent he was unable to reach his parachute.

The plane came out of the spin and Turner donned his chute for close shave No.

"1." As he made for the forward escape hatch in order to bail out, he wrenched the handle but the door refused to open. He tried it several times and finally it flew open; that's close shave No. "2."

Turner jumped, counted 10 and pulled the rip cord. Nothing happened. Turner said: "I was stunned and scared. No man's luck could hold up against such odds.

He pulled off his gloves and clawed at the shoot pulling the canopy out of the pack. It blossomed

out in the air about him. That's close shave No. "3."

While he was still struggling with his chute, his fort hit the ground directly below and began burning. When he was 2000 feet above it, the bomb load exploded.

Fragments of metal ripped the chute and it collapsed. Said Turner: "I began to fall at a terrific rate. I was sure this was the end. At the last possible moment the chute billowed out and checked my plunge. I lived and died many times in my mind, but landed unharmed."

Close shave No. "4."

THE CHAPLIN MENACE

U.S. WOMANHOOD TO BE SAVED

WASHINGTON, (CNS)- Senator William Langer, North Dakota Republican, has introduced a bill to deport movie actor Charlie Chaplin "to protect morals and girls of the country." He said Chaplin was not a citizen although he had been a resident of the United States for over 30 years.

Meanwhile, in Hollywood, Joan Barry, who accused the movie actor of being the father of her baby, has announced that she has signed a contract to make a movie for Monogram Studios.

The paternity suit resulted in a hung jury, and a second trial has been set for the 2nd of May.

4 ETO YANKS SEND THEMSELVES HOME

NEW YORK, (CNS)- The Army has announced that four soldiers from the European Theatre issued themselves fake orders in the ETO and returned to the United States on a troop ship. They then discharged themselves from the Army on blanks obtained in the Pentagon Building.

But the one way tickets home which they thought they were writing turned out to be good for a round trip - for they are going back to Europe to face a court martial.

BULLSEYE

19 OF 20 GERMAN SYNTHETIC OIL PLANTS DESTROYED

LONDON, MARCH 21, (ANS)-

A spokesman high in Britain's war council told a specially summoned press conference today that only one of Germany's 20 synthetic oil plants and but 19 of her 78 coke ovens are operating and that the Allies are gaining mastery of "all forms of movement inside Germany." He added that the R.F. again dropped 11 and 6-ton bombs on Amsberg in the Ruhr.

LUCKY LADS

400 PLANES TAKE G.I.'S ON FURLOUGH

WASHINGTON, (CNS)- A mass flight of 400 transport planes made possible Christmas furloughs for 6000 infantrymen suddenly ordered overseas to help stem the December breakthrough, the War Department disclosed.

At the last minute it appeared pre-embarkation furloughs would have to be cancelled, but Gen. Marshall ordered furloughs granted. The planes flew the men from 12 replacement centers to 39 selected centers thruout the U.S. and returned them to Fort Meade by the 6th of Jan. for embarkation.

PROPOSES PAY BOOST FOR G.I.'S

WASHINGTON, (CNS) - Rep. Sparkman, Ala., Demo., has proposed that members of the Armed Forces be granted a 5 per cent increase in pay for each year after their first of overseas service. The increase would be in addition to the present increase for overseas duty.

SPANISH MANILA CONSUL CHARGED WITH MURDER

WASHINGTON, (CNS) - Representative Coffee, Washington Democrat, is reported to have demanded the arrest and punishment as a war criminal of Jose Del Castano, the Spanish Consul General in Manila.

"The charge is murder," said Coffee, portraying the Spaniard as a spy, fifth-columnist and Axis agent responsible for the deaths of thousands of Americans in the Philippines.

He said Del Castano acted as an agent for Germany, Japan and Italy after the Philippines broke diplomatic relations with the Axis in June, 1941, submitting to the Japs information about certain Americans.

GIRLS JAILED FOR AIDING GERMAN POWS

LANSING, MICH., (CNS) -

Kitty Marie Case, 21, was sentenced to a year and 3 months, and Shirley Jean Druce, 18, to a year and a day, by Federal Judge Frank J. Picard for conspiring to help the escape of two German war prisoners. Testimony at the trial showed the girls had a number of dates with Godfried Hobel and Ertl Classen, Nazi prisoners working at an Ovosso canning factory, before the Nazis escaped last July.

The prisoners were recaptured the next day. The judge told the girls, "It may be you have brought home to the people of Michigan that there can be no fraternizing with POW's."

CONTINUED

RHINE'S WEST BANK SECURED —

upper end through the German lines to a junction with the Seventh Army. Armored columns of the Third Army advanced along the lower Rhine to capture Mainz, marking up a gain of 14 miles in 24 hours. Then the forces wheeled south to capture Kaiserlautern.

Allied Headquarters made it clear that from Mainz to Cologne American troops now line the Rhine's western bank - and are on the eastern bank at one point.

"THIRD" FRONT FIGHTERS DESTROY 5000 NAZI CARS

LONDON, MARCH 21, (CNS) -

It was revealed here today that 5,000 German vehicles were destroyed Sunday on the western front by Allied fighters and fighter bombers. In making this announcement, a spokesman for the Air Ministry claimed the German gasoline supply has been hit so heavily by air attacks that the German air force is no longer able to supply it for training.

Highlighting the "Third" front activities, American heavies smashed at Hamburg port and storage facilities.

Meanwhile, the Royal Air Force planes and Italy based Liberators struck at Germany as the air assault against the Reich entered the sixth straight week.

The Raf planes dropped their new 11-ton supers.

EASTERN FRONT

ALT DAMM CAPTURED

LONDON, MARCH 21, (CNS) -

Premier Stalin announced in an order of the day that Soviet forces have seized Alt Damm, German strongpoint four miles outside of Stettin. In the meantime, the steel ring around Stettin tightened as more Russian forces wiped out the German bridgehead on the east bank of the Oder below Stettin.

Red Army columns are now poised for the frontal assault on Stettin, preliminary for the push on the heart of the Reich and the German capitol.

SPRUANCE'S SCORE ON JAP FLEET

PACIFIC FLEET HQS., GULF, MARCH 21, (CNS) -

Of the 475 planes destroyed in Monday's battle with the Jap fleet, 202 were shot out of the air and 275 were demolished on the ground. Additional probables were estimated at 100.

Sunk or damaged enemy shipping of the first battle of the inland sea included 6 freighters, 2 battleships, 5 carriers, 2 cruisers, a destroyer, a submarine, a destroyer escort. Some barges were also sunk.

RANGOON BECOMES OBJECTIVE WITH FALL OF MANDALAY

With the fall of Mandalay Rangoon becomes the major objective for Allied forces in Burma. Rangoon has been a periodic B-29 target for India-based superforts since the first of the year.

Mandalay, which fell to the Allies today, is located on the east bank of the Irrawaddy river, 360 miles north of Rangoon. It handles six railroads, one leading to Lashio, the terminus of the old Burma Road, and still another leading to the new Stillwell Road.

The road between Mandalay and Rangoon is the best surface type in Burma.

CENTRAL LUZON

GEN. MACARTHUR'S HQS., MARCH 21, (CNS) -

In the XI Corps sector on Luzon, forward elements of the 43rd Division entered Tanay, four miles southeast of Maybancal. Pushing up the Morong river valley, scattered resistance was encountered. They are now within a mile of Pantay, four miles northeast of Terresa.

The 6th Division on the north flank sharply repulsed an enemy counter attack southwest of Baytangan.

SPORTS TOPIC

JIMMIE FOXX
BACK IN
SHIBE PARK

BY AL MARWICK

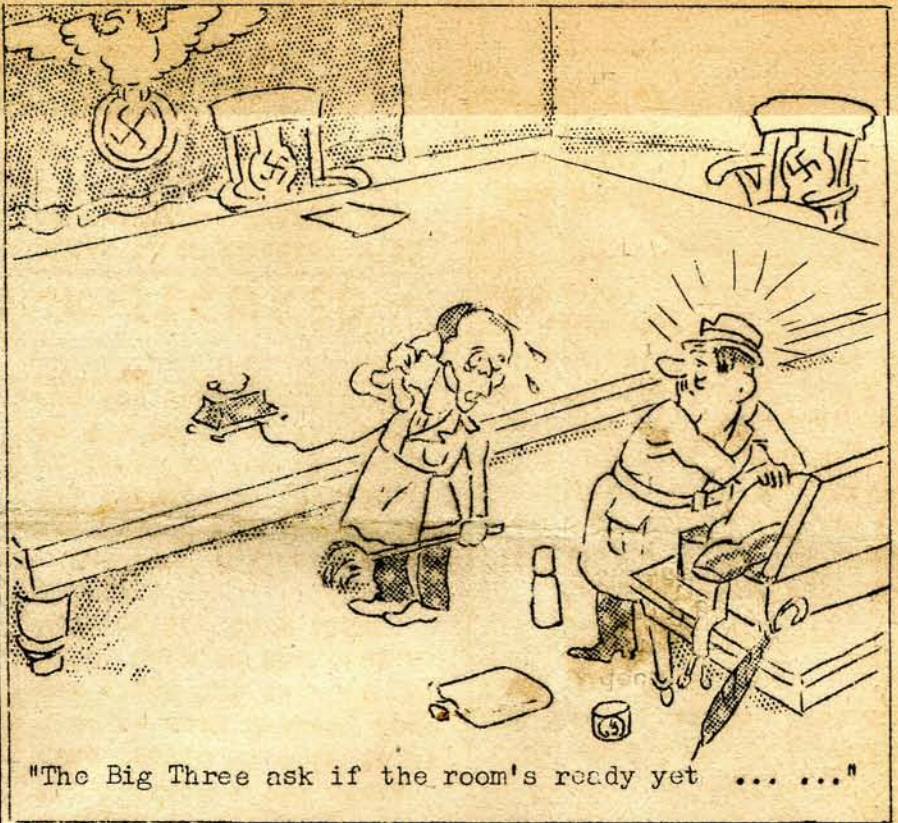
The Major Leagues are in spring training. F.D.R. has toppled racing and left the ponies to graze and the racing form "bugs" to bite their finger nails trying to figure a way to put handicaps on second division ball clubs. Regarding baseball, the Chief Executive said "Play Ball" and baseball men didn't answer "Don't you know there's a war on, Mr. President?"

The state of Indiana is the site of six Big League camps - the Cubs at French Lick, the White Sox at Terra Haute, Detroit at Evansville, Cincinnati at Bloomington, Cleveland at West Lafayette, and Pittsburgh at Muncie. The Cardinals are at Cairo, Ill., and the Browns at Cape Girardeau, Mo.

In the east, the Yanks, Giants, and Boston Red Sox are in New Jersey - at Atlantic City, Lakewood, and Pleasantville, in that order. The Phillies are in Wilmington, the Dodgers in Bear Mountain, the Senators at College Park, the A's at Frederick, Md., and the Boston Braves are located just outside the nation's capital.

The Philadelphia Phils, managed by Fred Fitzsimmons and general managed by Herb Pennock, will have Jimmie Foxx playing first base this year. Jim will be back within the haunts of his home run hitting propensities, Shibe Park. Foxx has hit 527 home runs during his career and will be vying with Mel Ott this year as the runnerup to Babe Ruth, the all-timer in this department.

The last time I saw Jimmie he didn't look too spry. That was in 1942. But then he was playing with the Cubs, an insurmountable burden for the greatest of sluggers - nee Babe Herman, Chuck Klein, Rip Collins, Don Hurst, and so on.



"The Big Three ask if the room's ready yet"

TRACK

HAEGB TO HAVE
CHANCE AT
CLEVELAND

CLEVELAND, MARCH 21, (CNS)- Gunder Haegg will have his best chance of the season Friday to do some front running all the way. His three-time conqueror Jimmie Rafferty is not expected to compete in the Knights of Columbus mile at Cleveland. Rafferty said he probably would not compete because of business reasons.

HOLLYWOOD

A CNS FEATURE

Servicemen overseas will be guests at the world premiere of another important motion picture, according to the overseas motion picture branch of the Army Pictorial Service: "My Reputation," a Warner Bros. production not yet set for civilian release. Supporting Barbara Stanwyck and George Brent are Lucille Watson and Eve Arden. It is a romantic domestic drama of life in wartime America. Coming overseas:

Paramount's latest newsreel, "Kings of the Ring - Part 5," featuring the Dempsey-Tunney long-count fight.

BASEBALL

MAC PHAIL STEALS
GRIF ONE-LEGGED
FIRST BASEMAN

ATLANTIC CITY, MARCH 21, (CNS)- Col. Larry MacPhail flew into Atlantic City yesterday with a prospective rookie for the Yankee camp, and flew him back to Washington in the evening after a workout at Bades Field. The rookie was Lt. Bert Sheppard, 25-year-old fighter pilot who lost his right leg below the knee in an air raid over Germany. Last week he worked out a few times for the Senators. Sheppard was a minor leaguer for 3 years before the war. U/Secretary of War Patterson first spotted Sheppard at the Walter Reed Hospital and asked MacPhail to give him a tryout.

MacPhail got Clark Griffith of the Senators to let Sheppard work out with that team, and then brought him to Atlantic City.

Griffith didn't seem to like the idea of losing this star attraction.

(CNS)- E. Ferguson of Forest River, N.D., received the Purple Heart this week for action in World War I. Ferguson also received the Silver Star. A bit late!