

LONDON and VICINITY
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MIDLANDS
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B29s Put Torch to 4 More Cities

Five hundred Superforts scattered 3,000 tons of fire bombs across four Japanese industrial cities on Honshu and Shikoku islands before dawn yesterday morning in a devastating Independence Day assault that raised to 26 the number of war centers seared in 21st Bomber Command's incendiary campaign against Japan's home islands. Two B29s were lost.

The four-way strike against Himeji, large railway terminus on Honshu, and the manufacturing centers of Tokushima, Takamatsu and Kochi on Shikoku—all of which were hit for the first time—was followed later in the day by a double attack against airfields and military installations on Honshu and Kyushu by 240 medium bombers and fighters from Iwo Jima and Okinawa, Tokyo radio reported.

The Japanese also announced that five U.S. warships had shelled Shikoku, on the southeast coast of Karafuto, Japan's most northern territory. Karafuto is the southern half of Sakhalin Island, the northern part of which belongs to Russia. The attack, if true, would mean the deepest penetration by U.S. naval forces into Japanese waters thus far.

Several days ago, the Japanese claimed that U.S. ground forces were being massed in Alaska and the Aleutians for an invasion of Japanese territory from the north.

As returning fliers reported fires reaching "general conflagration" proportions in the four fire-bombed cities, Tokyo radio acknowledged that 4,900,000 Japs had been killed, injured or rendered homeless in Tokyo, Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka and Kobe as a result of U.S. bombing. Up to May 31, the Japs said, 1,135,000 homes had been destroyed.

Adm. Nimitz headquarters announced that Navy planes had sunk or damaged six more ships in enemy waters.

Bradley Plans Red Tape Slash

WIESBADEN, Germany, July 4 (AP)—Gen. Omar Bradley, appointed by President Truman to head the Veterans Administration, is considering the feasibility of decentralizing and simplifying the administrative structure of the organization which must be geared to handle the needs of some 18,000,000 veterans by the time World War II is ended.

Bradley expects to return to the U.S. in about 30 days to assume his new responsibilities.

He is not certain that any great decentralization can be achieved until he studies the setup further, but he is interested in the possibility of putting more emphasis on regional administration to bring services closer to veterans.

One of Bradley's main concerns will be to see that veterans with service-connected disability receive the best possible medical care with as little red tape as possible. The trend of Bradley's administration of his new job will be to cut away as much red tape as possible and give veterans the benefits to which they are entitled.

Goebbels' Body Identified

MOSCOW, July 4 (Reuters)—Positive identification of a body found in the Reich Chancellery courtyard in Berlin as that of Joseph Goebbels, Nazi propaganda minister, was announced here today. Attempts to burn the body had been unsuccessful.

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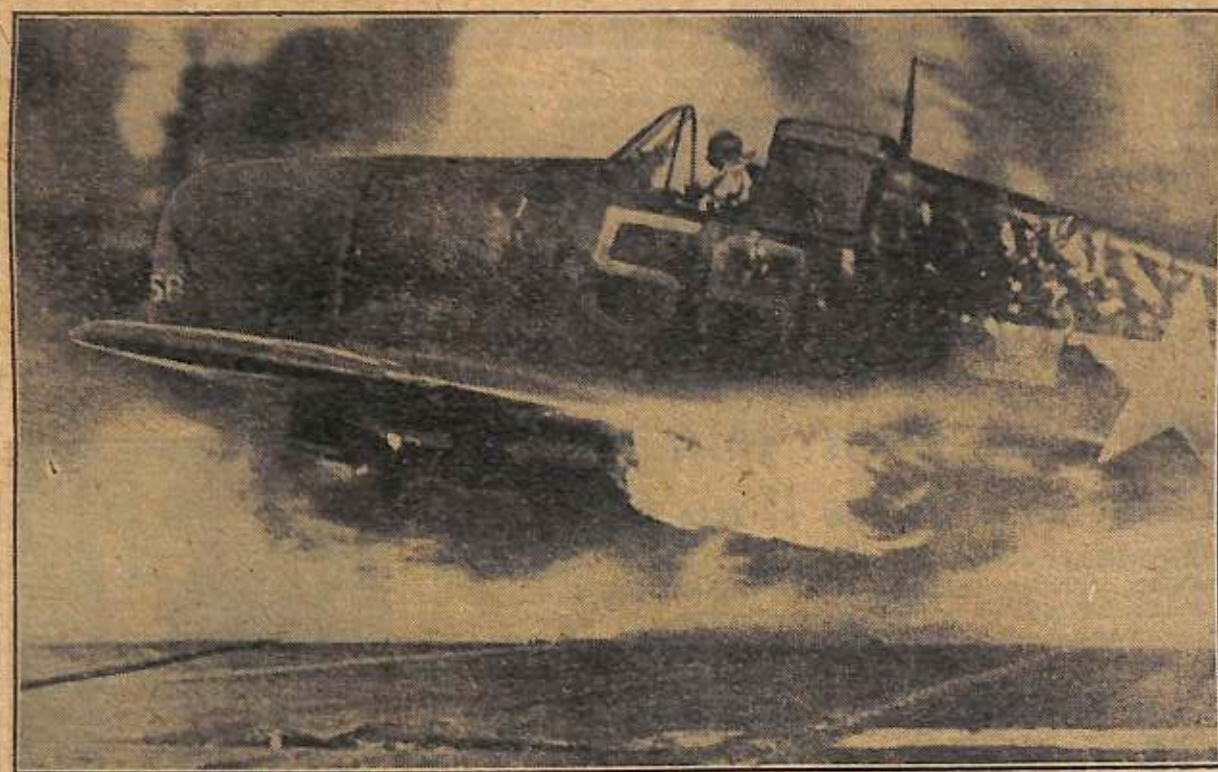
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U.S. Flag Is Raised Over Berlin



New York Times Photo

LANDS FLAMING PLANE ON CARRIER: A wounded American pilot brings his crippled, blazing ship to roost on his mother carrier after being shot up by the Japanese while battling a wave of suicide fliers in the Pacific war zone.

U.S. Workers Observe 4th by Staying on the Job

WASHINGTON, July 4—Expressing confidence that "we soon may crush the enemy in the Pacific," President Truman in an Independence Day message today called on the nation to honor the "creed of liberty" which the men and women of the armed forces are carrying with them throughout the world.

Aussies Tighten Grip on Borneo

Australian troops expanded their bridgehead on the east coast of Borneo yesterday and drove inland past the captured town and airfield of Sepinggau against light opposition.

Air and naval bombardments had crippled the Japanese coastal defenses so effectively that only snipers remained. One report said the city of Balikpapan was almost surrounded.

China Hopes Berlin May See the 'Big 5'

CHUNGKING, July 4 (AP)—Informed quarters here speculated that the Big Three meeting in Berlin might be extended to the Big Five, including Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek, if the high hopes now placed on T. V. Soong's mission to Moscow were justified.

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Illness Forces Hopkins to Quit As U.S. Aide

WASHINGTON, July 4—Harry L. Hopkins, special advisor to two Presidents and a topflight policy-maker in his association with the White House before and during the war, has resigned from government service because of illness.

The announcement was made last night. It had been previously disclosed that Hopkins, who will be 55 next month, would not accompany President Truman to the forthcoming Berlin Big Three parley.

Hopkins, who had been with the late President Roosevelt in previous Big Three talks, last month completed a special mission in Moscow where he arranged details for the Berlin meeting.

An Administration figure for the last ten years, Hopkins became Mr. Roosevelt's advisor in 1941 after having served successively as Works Progress Administrator, Commerce Secretary and Lend-Lease Administrator. He continued as special Presidential advisor when Mr. Truman took office.

Digestive ailments have troubled Hopkins for some years. He has several times undergone treatment at the Mayo Clinic, at Rochester, Minn., and it was understood he would return there again soon.

"The time has come when I must take a rest," Hopkins wrote in his resignation. President Truman accepted the resignation by replying: "I know that I shall have to call upon you in the future, and I hope that you will soon recover so that you can give me the benefit of your counsel."

It also was announced by the White House last night that Joseph E. Davies, who had carried out a special mission in London at the same time that Hopkins was in Moscow, had again been sent to the British capital and would probably go on to attend the Big Three conference.

Reveille Is Back; the War Is Officially Over

That Loud and Mournful Wail In Paris Is Partly Bugle's Howl

By Robert Donovan
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

PARIS, July 4—Into the cobblestone streets and grassy plots of Paris and Versailles, shortly before 6.30 AM tomorrow will tumble tens of thousands of Com Z troops on a new routine of daily reveille formation and physical training ordered by Brig. Gen. Pleas B. Rogers, Paris troop commandant.

Capt. Henry H. Hewitt, executive officer of special troops, said no enlisted personnel in Com Z would be excused from reveille, at least at the outset, except soldiers who might be on duty at 6.30 AM or ill, or whose organizations, for certain reasons, might not begin standing reveille immediately.

Hewitt said, for example, that WACS would not have to stand reveille tomorrow, but would in the near future. In some cases, he explained, suitable formation areas have not yet been found adjacent to certain billets.

The only officers who will be affected

2nd Armored Takes Over Occupation

By a Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BERLIN, July 4—Today, American Independence Day, the Stars and Stripes rose over Berlin to fly alongside Britain's Union Jack and the Soviet Union's Hammer and Sickle, symbolizing the completion of the long-awaited joint occupation of the German capital.

At 4 PM, Berlin time, with Gen. Omar N. Bradley, acting ETO commander in Gen. Eisenhower's absence, looking on, the American flag was run up by men of the 2nd Armored (Hell on Wheels) Division, who then became officially the U.S. occupation force in Berlin.

Turned over to the Yanks at that time was the southwestern section of Berlin, all of which had hitherto been occupied by Soviet Forces since May 2, when Marshal Stalin proclaimed the fall of the world's fifth largest city.

A 48-round artillery salute boomed as the Americans and about 100 members of the 5th Russian Guards stood at attention while the Soviet standard was lowered and the Stars and Stripes raised over the Adolf Hitler military barracks in Zehlendorf, one of the six boroughs in the U.S. occupation zone.

In the British occupation zone a similar ceremony was enacted, with a guard of honor from the famed British 7th Armored (Desert Rats) Division taking over from their Russian comrades.

France Runs Eastern Berlin
France will be charged with the occupation of eastern Berlin, it was announced today. Before long, with French troops already en route to the city, the flag of a fourth major power will fly over the German capital.

Berlin's chief decoration today were three illuminated portraits of President Truman, Prime Minister Churchill and Marshal Stalin. For an unexplained reason, the scheduled "victory" parade was postponed until later in the week and thus the flag-raising were the chief ceremonies.

Beneath each portrait was the statement from the Big Three's Yalta declaration in February: "It is our inflexible purpose to destroy German militarism and Nazism and to insure that Germany will never again be able to disturb the peace of the world."

Accompanied by Maj. Gen. Floyd Parks, 1st Airborne Army chief and overall commander of the U.S. zone in Berlin, Bradley toured Berlin, without colors or escort except for press jeeps, visited the bomb-hollowed Reichstag and then drove out to Berlin's western edge to watch the last groups of the 2nd Armored roll into the city.

The American occupation zone, covering roughly 75 square miles, has suffered relatively little damage. It is largely residential. The 2nd's entry into Berlin was delayed for some hours because of a defective bridge over the Elbe. The span was repaired by Russian engineers.

Paris Gets an Offspring Of the New York Post

PARIS, July 4—The first issue of the Paris Post, an affiliate of the New York Post and billed as "the first American afternoon daily in Paris," was published yesterday.

The new paper brings to four the number of English-language newspapers being printed in the French capital.

Officers in administrative positions will not have to stand reveille. Asked whether the introduction of stricter enforcement of military courtesy and uniform regulations, was a disciplinary measure, Hewitt answered in the negative. He said it was merely an adherence to regular Army garrison practice, suspended during the war lest it interfere with the "carrying out of a primary mission."

Paris troops will stand reveille every day except Sundays and holidays. Bulletin-board notices in billets yesterday said that 15 minutes of physical training would follow the 6.30 roll call.

The bulletin-board notice at the billets at 20 Rue Vernet prescribed a typical reveille routine. First call will be at 5.45 AM. Rooms will be cleaned and men will shave before falling out. Uniform will include OD shirt and tie, but not blouse. Troops will fall out in the Rue Vernet at 6.20, ten minutes before reveille.

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THE B BAG

BLOW IT OUT HERE

NOTE: B-Bag is receiving many unsigned letters. We require your signature as evidence of good faith only. Your identity will not be revealed if you inform us you want your name withheld.—Ed.

A-I Blow

To the B-Bag:
So we're high-pointers going home! Twenty-two days ago we landed at this "concentration camp" to await shipment.

All grades pull details twice weekly, including guarding empty baggage rooms, etc. Five master sergeants, in one barracks, pulling latrine duty are costing the government about \$1,000 per month. Two hours of drill per day is common.

Marching to chow in columns of three, your dog tags are checked. If you're out of line, you've had it. My old man's hogs wouldn't eat the chow, but the mess officer is sporting a Bronze Star Medal. The permanent officer personnel, however, eat steak twice a day, from which comes the fat in our beef stew.

We respect the uniforms of any officer in the U.S. Army, but have no affection for the six-month wonders here who classify themselves as "tin gods."—Fed-up but underfed GI.

All W.E.T.?

To the B-Bag:
Your scribe, William E. Taylor, causes me much grief. Personally I do not see why you send him to Oxford at all unless you figure he needs education more than any other member of your staff.

Never having visited Oxford, I am pleased that you give so many inches to the Oxford story, but I feel Taylor falls short of the basic journalistic requirements, to say nothing of displaying bad taste in a sheet that represents America to a greater extent than the State Department, the New York Times, Life Magazine, the Ford car or the Daily Mirror.

Thanks to Taylor's deficiencies I am not aware what profs held forth on what subjects. In fact, I do not even know why swans are the outstanding American-phobes among Oxonians.

Please don't let Taylor cover Eton. Assign him to some progressive Z of I high school with a weekly blot. I feel he has a flair for writing.—S/Sgt. Stephen O. Kenney, AUS 491st Bomb Gp.

[Taylor already has begged off from Eton, but admits to a flair for being Zid.—Ed.]

Ex-PW's Lament

To the B-Bag:
I am one of the many ex-PWs who have been trying for over two months to get a boat home. I am broke, out of clothes and haven't been able to contact my family in almost two years. Every day I get the same old story: "Sorry, it's against the rules. You'll probably be going home in a few days, anyway."

The other day I tried again to draw some money from the Southampton finance office. I drew less than a month's pay in May, nothing at all in June and will have apparently nothing in July, as it is against somebody's rules. Meanwhile, I can't even buy PX rations. The Red Cross, too, has been asked not to make loans.

I tried to draw some badly-needed clothing from QM, but this also was "against the rules." I have had no answer to several telegrams to my parents, from whom I have not heard in over 18 months.

As I read about the thousands being flown home daily or embarking on the "Queens," I seem to remember reading somewhere that the Army had worked out elaborate plans for the handling of liberated PWs so that there would be none of the snafu which resulted after the last war.—P-O'd Tramp.

A Nurse Speareth

To the B-Bag:
The letter from the "Disgusting GI Wife" was the payoff. Oops! So sorry, I believe it was "disgusted." Shame on the mean old U.S. Army that will not let you go back to the States with your husband!

I am just one of the thousands of nurses and WACs in the ETO who would give our right arms to go back and be with our husbands. But we are not stupid enough to blame the Army. Every day we see men who have fought in battle for long, weary months, sweating out passage home. And until those men get back and no longer need our help, we won't start bitching.

If you think I'm disgusted, you are damned well right—but not toward the Army.—A Yankee Nurse.

By Irvin S. Taubkin

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

They used to tell us that one of the American phenomena that caused our British cousins to raise their eyebrows—evidently in question over our sanity—was the lusty way we played the great game of politics. It's true we play it loud and we play it rough, and not many shindings in the world can compare with a Presidential nominating convention.

But if you've paid any attention to the British campaign that closed last night—they vote today in the first general election in ten years to choose a new Parliament—you'll find your own eyebrows arching upward. Because our British cousins so much forgot their traditional dignity as to call a few names themselves, and dirty names at that, and to fling more than one fistful of mud.

So much so, indeed, that the Washington Post the other day told its readers they need never again feel ashamed of the American way of politics. Compared to this British campaign, the Post suggested, political campaigning in the U.S. is about as wild as a women's garden club election for recording secretary.

Having salted their campaigning with a little roughhouse, the British have brought their politics a little closer to our own.

The one big difference is the lack of color—bands, banners, buttons, stickers and posters, although in evidence, are few. That's because the British restrict election expenditure a lot more closely than do we.

But otherwise you'll find the same campaigning devices in use. Each candidate sets up his headquarters, staffed with volunteers who comb the voting register and make a point of visiting every voter and stuffing him full of campaign talk—and campaign literature. There are big meetings in auditoriums and little meetings on street corners, with loudspeakers blaring forth the hems and the haws and, occasionally, the issues.

Absent here are the gigantic mass rallies that are held usually on the Saturday night preceding election Tuesday and that mark the closing high point of any campaign, such rallies as fill Madison Square Garden in New York with tens of thousands of shouting, sweating partisans. Most meetings here are small, since no candidate actually appeals to the nation as a whole, but only to his own constituency of about 50,000 voters.

Nation-wide campaign tours, for the most part, are out along with the special trains and the rear-platform talks of the candidates. Prime Minister Churchill came close to this, however, when he

toured north England last week in a special train.

Back home, the radio air is full of campaign oratory. Every candidate has his time, and every candidate's supporters manage to wangle some, too. But here, since BBC is a government agency, radio campaigning is strictly controlled. Indeed, this is the first campaign in which radio played any part at all. Each of the major party leaders was given a little time, and all radio campaigning was ended last Saturday night, ostensibly to give the voters time to digest what they had heard before voting.

It's in the crowds you get the difference, too. American crowds may boo and hiss and otherwise voice their sentiments against the speaker or his candidate. But rarely—except in feudin' Kaintuck country—is there any violence. There has been quite a bit of it in this British campaign.

In the newspapers there's a marked difference. Few papers in the States are party organs as blatantly as is virtually every British paper. Most of the reputable papers back home cover politics with a ruler, making sure to give each party the same space. But here—every paper is a vigorously campaigning election handbill.

However you play it, though, British style or U.S. fashion, politics is politics. And fun, too.

400 State Dept. Posts Open; Lack of Points Won't Bar GIs

Applications for 400 foreign-service posts soon will be open to qualified members of the armed forces, the State Department in Washington has announced. Eligible applicants must be college graduates, between 21 and 30 years of age, must have a reading knowledge of French, German or Spanish, and must have been American citizens for at least 15 years.

No-Points Corner

Here's Our Only Hope

By Bob Hope

BEFORE you leave the States you are inoculated against everything from Bright's Disease to double martinis. They want to make sure you don't pick up any germs, but by the time they get through with you're such a wreck no self-respecting germ would even look at you.

I've had most of the shots before and only had to take boosters this time. That means you get off easy. They only use the six-inch needle. Of course, I wasn't at all frightened about taking the shots. In fact, all the way into the doctor's office I kept up a lovely spirited conversation with the two guys who were dragging me.

But then the nurse came in and I had six shots in 30 seconds. Of course, W. C. Fields holds the world's record.

Lately they've discovered a lot of new fancy diseases to give you inoculations for. In fact, after looking at me they discovered three more. The nurse told me I was really a very unusual patient. She said it was the first time she ever saw anyone's arm start to swell before she got his sleeve rolled up.

And what a big needle she used. I won't say it was king size, but she didn't keep it in a little box. She carried it around in a scabbard.

If judged eligible, the applicant must take a written and oral examination at suitable locations arranged with the armed services. To receive an appointment, the average for both written and oral examinations must be 80 per cent or higher.

Enlisted and commissioned personnel are eligible if they had been in service at least one year as of last January or have been honorably discharged. Soldiers in active service who receive appointments will be given discharges, regardless of their point totals, except in cases of where military necessity prevents it.

Troops may obtain application blanks from their COs as soon as they are made available by the War Department. The U.S. Embassy in London anticipates the receipt of these forms within a short time.

Newly-appointed foreign-service officials normally serve for approximately two years, during which time they are given a brief training course in the department and a probationary assignment abroad. Pay generally starts at a minimum base salary of \$2,500 per year, although older appointees with special experience may receive up to \$3,400. Salaries of personnel abroad are supplemented by living allowances. After two years, promotions are based on merit.

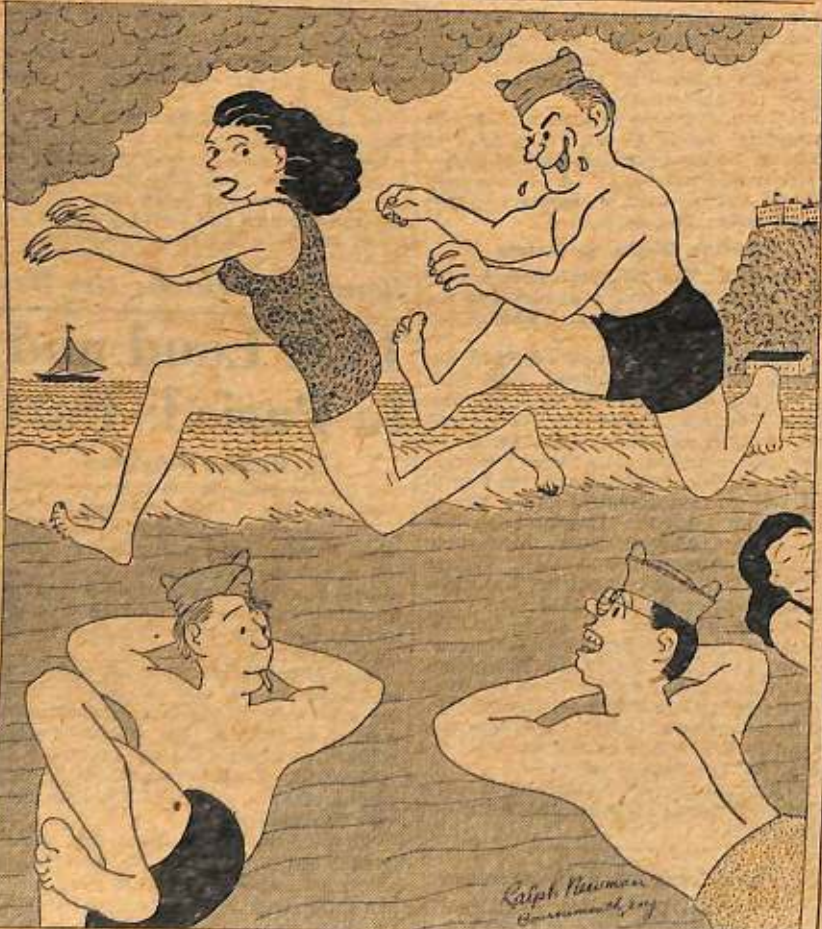
A soldier whose education was interrupted by military service must have completed at least three fourths of his undergraduate college course to be eligible. If the applicant is married, the husband or wife must also be an American citizen.

Truman Signs Measure To Extend GI Insurance

WASHINGTON, July 4 (ANS)—President Truman has signed legislation extending for five years life insurance policies issued by the government to members of the armed forces. The act extends policies automatically another five years without another physical examination and does away with the necessity for GIs to decide now about converting to other forms of insurance.

ARC Gets 'Putsch Hall'

SHAFF, Paris, July 4 (AP)—GIs soon will be able to blow the foam off their beer in the Munich saloon where Hitler made his first bid for power. The American Red Cross, Commissioner Frederick Carroll announced here today, is building a club there, as well as a doughnut canteen at the Fuehrer's eagle nest hide-out overlooking Berchtesgaden.



"There goes MacNally again enjoying the benefits of the Bournemouth rest area!"



VENUS BACK: This price-less Parisian lovely, in hiding throughout the war, is back doing business at the same old stand in the Louvre Museum in Paris.

100 Good Girls Bound for ETO

By Richard Wilbur

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, July 4—One hundred actresses, most of them "fresh, unspoiled college and community theater girls," will leave the U.S. soon to take part in soldier-acted, soldier-staged shows throughout the ETO. The Special Service Division expects all of them to arrive by Aug. 1.

"Main thing about these girls is that they're being selected for character, as well as talent—girls who can mix with GIs and be good sports, girls with social bearing," Capt. Frank McMullan, in charge of soldier-shows for the entertainment branch, said today. "They're not the hardened, rough-and-tumble kind of actresses."

Special Service feels that these girls, who will be working day after day with GIs, should be the "best influence possible with stamina and moral character," McMullan, the former acting chairman of the Yale University Drama department, added.

Each actress is engaged for one year at a salary of \$4,680, which, McMullan said, amounts to the basic rate paid USO camp-show performers. After she pays for her food, lodging and incidentals, her salary will equal about \$70 a week, he explained.

Vandenberg Gets USAF Post

WASHINGTON, July 4 (ANS)—Lt. Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, former commander of the Ninth Air Force, was named assistant chief of staff in the USAF, replacing Maj. Gen. Donald Wilson, who has been assigned to a new undisclosed post.

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1200—World News
1205—Duffie Bag
1300—World News
1305—John C. Thomas
1330—Mus. Soc. of Lower Basin St.
1400—Radio Theater
1500—Beaucoup de Musique
1600—Baseball Recreat'n
1630—Strike up the Band
1700—Amos 'n' Andy
1730—Canada Sw'g Show
1755—Sports Roundup
1800—World News

1805—On the Record
1900—U.S. Home News
1905—RCAF Show
1945—Yank Bandstand
2000—Bing Crosby
2030—Burns and Allen
2100—World News
2115—Danny Kaye
2145—GI Bill of Rights
2200—Pacific News
2206—Merely Music
2300—News of the Hour
2101—One Night Stand
2330—The Hot Spot
2400—World News
0015—Sign off

Friday, July 6

0557—Sign On
0600—Yawn Patrol
0700—World News
0705—Yawn Patrol
0800—World News
0815—Personal Album
0830—Modern Music

0900—Raymond Scott
0915—Remember
0930—AEF Ranch House
1000—Bing Crosby
1030—Strike up the Band
1100—U.S. Home News
1106—Duffie Bag

Lehman Asks U.S. Sacrifices To Aid Europe

WASHINGTON, July 4 (AP)—Herbert H. Lehman, UNRRA's director general, last night urged the U.S. to make four specific sacrifices to help Europe fight famine and pestilence this winter. He urged:

- 1—That the U.S. cut down its ice cream and other uses of milk to provide 10,000,000 cases of evaporated milk for Europe, 20 per cent of the U.S. production;
- 2—That several million head of cattle be slaughtered to provide canned meat for Europe;
- 3—That fat consumption in the U.S. and other supplying countries be cut to help supplement most of Europe's bread and potato diet, and
- 4—That soap be rationed to provide Europe with a sufficient supply to fight filth and epidemic disease.

Nazis Still on Crete?

PARIS, July 4 (AP)—Prince Peter of Greece, cousin of King George, charged here last night that the British had failed to disarm 15,000 German soldiers still occupying a corner of Crete. He said "they are fed by British authorities and have British liaison officers to look after them."

Correspondents Threatened

BUENOS AIRES, July 4 (AP)—A telephone message warning Arnaldo Cortesi, correspondent of The New York Times, to quit writing "tendentious news" was received last night in the AP office here, which adjoins Cortesi's. A similar message received previously by Joseph Newman, correspondent of The New York Herald Tribune, had prompted him to take refuge in the U.S. embassy.

Both messages were reported to have emanated from Capt. Mario Moretti of the Argentine war ministry, but Moretti denied making the calls. The ministry of information issued a statement criticising Newman for his "carping" reports and for trying to "create a wrong impression abroad of the real situation in Argentina," but declaring itself ignorant of any threats.

Cortesi reported last month having received similar threats.

50,000 Italy Fliers Back

ROME, July 4 (AP)—More than 50,000 U.S. airmen and 1,481 planes have been returned from Italy to the U.S. for redeployment, Maj. Gen. J. M. Bevan, USAAF commander in the Mediterranean theater, said today. Those remaining of the 165,000 air force men and women in Italy when the war ended will go back at the rate of 25,000 monthly, and 5,000 planes will go back in a steady stream, he said.

Harold Denny Dies

DES MOINES, July 4 (AP)—Harold N. Denny, 56, war correspondent for The New York Times who had recently returned from covering the 1st Army, died here last night. He had covered assignments all over the world and was for several years Moscow correspondent.

Denny, while covering the British Army in Africa, was captured in Libya in 1941 and held prisoner by the Germans and the Italians for six months before repatriation. He then returned to cover U.S. armies in Europe. A doughboy in the first World War, he was wounded in the Argonne.

Dutch Strikers Warned

AROUND THE GLOBE YESTERDAY: At Rotterdam, 4,000 striking dock workers heard Prime Minister William Schermerhorn warn that Holland's meager food ration would have to be cut even more unless they returned to work. Food ships already in port and others on the way, he said, would be diverted to other countries. He blamed both workers and employers for the situation. . . . At Washington, Rep. John M. Coffee (D-Wash.) urged that the U.S. break diplomatic relations with Franco Spain.

At Paris, it was reported that Spain had removed the ban on trade licenses with France and that unofficial commercial talks between the two nations had reopened in Madrid. . . . At Minden, Germany, a 37-year-old British lieutenant admitted to a court-martial that he had had sexual relations with a 24-year-old German woman. He will be sentenced later.

At Paris, police trying to clean up the black market arrested about 100 persons after finding U.S. Army uniforms, cloth and gas coupons in a business building. . . . At Canberra, it was announced that a wing of the Commonwealth National Library would be dedicated to the memory of the late President Roosevelt.

At Madrid, Franco called the Cabinet into session to hear him make a speech on the change his regime had made in Spain to bring it into line with the United Nations. . . . At Paris, SHAEF stopped salaries, allowances and compensation of all national and local officials of the former German government. Although Allies took over, it was explained, under German law they continued to draw pay. Now they won't unless they are hired by the Allies.



As The Scribes See It
CLYDE McBRIDE, Kansas City Star— Scanning the baseball writings in the Boston papers you get the idea that Boston fans are beginning to wonder if Sam Breadon, Cardinal owner, didn't sell Mort Cooper at the proper time.



Cooper has come up lately with elbow trouble and apparently the move of the Boston National League club to counter the opposition sensation of Dave Ferriss of the Red Sox hasn't proved a successful maneuver.

Cooper, who was sold to the Boston after he had left the Cards, got away to a victorious start with the Braves, but of late he's come up with a lame elbow.

Many a fan—especially those familiar with wily Breadon—are watching this particular film develop.

WILLIAM KEEFE, New Orleans Times Picayune — Bobby Ruffin apparently has become imbued with the idea that the dear old boxing game is a dead pigeon without him.

The other night when waiting to be called into the ring to meet Freddie Archer in Jersey, Ruffin decided the size or make of gloves didn't suit him or that the attitude of the announcer was displeasing: because he just walked out and disappeared.

They went after him and he got in the ring and took a shellacking from Archer. Then after the bout the Jersey commission revoked his license.

Ruffin had done the same thing in Madison Square Garden one night but we don't have to go that far to dig up an example of the temperament of the young man.

When billed to fight Bobby McIntyre at Municipal Auditorium a couple of years ago he did exactly the same thing—disappeared when he was supposed to be in his dressing room. They finally brought him back.

That night it was the size or make of the gloves that irked him. He's like a six-year-old about gloves. If they won't let him have the exclusive make he wants he doesn't want to play.

ARCH WARD, Chicago Tribune—The Phillies' Grandstand Managers' Club now has a membership of 6,000 in 35 states and practically every correspondent has a sure-fire suggestion for getting the Phils out of the National League cellar.

One fan, however, topped them all when he gave General Manager Herb Pennock a list of 15 sandlotters and suggested he substitute them for the entire club since they most surely couldn't do any worse.

Twenty men went down on strikes before the slants of Sgt. John Ledinger, of Pittsburgh, as the Skyliners of the 20th FIGHTER GP. blanked the Falcons of the 357th Bomb Gp., 6-0, for victory number nine against three losses. Ledinger allowed only one hit.

THE 825TH CONV. CENTER will represent the 12th Hosp. Center in the U.K. Base softball tourney, and the team is banking heavily on T/5 Joseph Chatla, of Lorraine, Ohio, to pull them through. Chatla pitched 56 innings of scoreless ball as his mates rolled to nine wins against one loss in regular league play.

Dick Tracy
By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune

L'I Abner
By Courtesy of United Features

By Al Capp

ODT Probes Horse Travel By Railroad

WASHINGTON, July 4—Folks who bet on horses are always in trouble, as everybody who bets on horses knows, and the same thing goes for the folks who own the horses these days, whether they do any betting or not.

The Office of Defense Transportation disclosed that it is asking railroads to give an account of the shipment of racehorses to and from the tracks.

Natural reason given by the ODT was that Washington officials are concerned "over the tight transportation situation and heavy requirements due to the Army redeployment program."

British Boxers Lack Training Facilities

By a Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
DONCASTER, England, July 4—Just at the edge of this old railroad town, where you hit the road for the coal mines and the steel mills of Sheffield, some 18 miles away, there's an ancient pub that goes by the name of The Plough.

lad of 24, his kid brother and his old man have turned it into a real training establishment. Upstairs, in what was the hay loft, they've fitted up a ring and a couple of punching bags.

Bill, Bruce's kid brother, fiddled around with an old bucket and a heating element until all he has to do to heat a bucket of water is plug it into the single wire they've run into the stable.

Primitive? But primitive! How come? Well, Bruce will tell you. And his manager, Tom Hurst, who used to do a little ring work himself both here and in the States, will confirm.

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BAD BREAK AT THIRD: Although White Sox Pitcher Joe Haynes is safe at third in this play at Chicago the Hose hurler suffered a compound fracture in his right leg.

First on Fourth Not Always On Top at Finish of Season

CHICAGO, July 4—It's a baseball axiom that the team leading the league on July 4 is the team that will win the pennant, but axioms are sometimes like weather reports and you can't quite depend on them.

This was pointed out today by Earl J. Hilligan, American League publicity chief, who dug into the record books and revealed that in 44 years of American League operation the team that was first July 4 won the pennant on only 27 occasions.

That you can't always depend on axioms is an accepted fact by the Chicago White Sox, who four times—in 1902, '05, '07 and '15—were out front on the 4th but failed to come through.

Holmes Out to Better Hornsby's Mark of 33

BOSTON, July 4—Tommy Holmes hasn't been talking much about his hitting streak because all ball players are naturally superstitious, but he left the bars down today and revealed that he is determined to hit safely in at least five more consecutive games and break Roger Hornsby's modern National League record of 33 in a row, made back in 1922.

Just a month ago yesterday Holmes, now slapping the apple at a .402 clip to pace the sluggers of both loops, went hitless, but the left-hand swinger hasn't been stopped since and is now in the midst of the most terrific hitting streak of his career.

Giants Take Over 2nd; Cubs Crush Braves, 24-2

NEW YORK, July 4—Lightning struck the Dodgers twice yesterday, but though their nerves were still jangled at a late hour last night the National League leaders could still grin and point to a four-game margin over their nearest rivals.

Their nearest rivals, incidentally, turned out to be the New York Giants, who provided the first "bolt" by bopping the Cardinals, 3-2, to climb back into second place.

After surviving the storm, the Durochermen hurried out to Ebbets Field, where they absorbed a 5-1 beating at the hands of the Cincinnati Reds, who clinched the battle when they scored four times off Clyde King in the second inning with singles by Dain Clay and Eric Tipton the payoff blows.

The Giants won from the Cards behind three-hit pitching by Harry Feldman, but it took a homer by Phil Weintraub in the seventh to send Ken Burkhardt down to defeat.

The Cubs went wild with the willow to roll up 24 runs—four under the modern major league record—for a 24-2 victory. Five Boston "pitchers" were plastered for

PHIL CAVARRETTA
28 blows, with Phil Cavarretta and Don Johnson getting five safeties apiece and Andy Pafko knocking in five runs with four blows.

The Bruins batted around in the fourth and seventh and sent 11 men to the plate in the ninth as Claude Passeau pitched and yawned his way to the easiest triumph of his career.

Boston's only display of fireworks was provided by Tommy Holmes, who collected three singles to boost his average to .402.

Frankie Frisch's Pirates had things easy in rolling to a 10-3 decision over the Phillies behind superb chugging by Nick Strincevich.

The Bucs hopped on Dick Barrett early and had the game sewed up by the fifth, with Frank Colman's two doubles and a homer featuring the attack.

Red Sox Blank Tigers, 4-0
In the American League the leading Detroit Tigers were stopped by Jim Wilson, who turned in a five-hitter to give the Red Sox a 4-0 win and snap Hal Newhouser's seven-game victory streak.

Prince Hal retired in the eighth with the Sox leading, 2-0, and Boston picked up two more counters in the ninth off Walt Wilson.

George Metkovich led the Bosox attack with three singles and a double, while Detroit's Hank Greenberg got none for three and drew two walks in his second start since being discharged from the Army.

A triple by Felix Mackiewicz with the bases full in the eighth broke a 2-2 tie and gave the Indians a 5-2 count over the Yankees with Al Smith getting the nod over Atley Donald.

Mackiewicz also clouted a triple in the second, but was tagged out trying to stretch it into a homer.

The Browns handed the Athletics their 14th straight setback under the lights, winning, 2-1, behind Weldon West and Bob Muncief, with the latter getting the decision.

Lou Knerr blanked the champs for seven innings, but they picked up single runs in the eighth and ninth for the margin.

Roger Wolff limited the White Sox to seven hits, while his mates battered three White Sox hurlers for 14 to give the Senators a 12-2 victory.

Earl Caldwell started for the Sox but was chased in the third after allowing seven runs and the Nats continued their attack against Johnny Johnson and Frank Papish.



American League
Cleveland 5, New York 2 (night)
Boston 4, Detroit 0 (twilight)
Washington 12, Chicago 2 (night)
St. Louis 2, Philadelphia 1 (night)

National League
Pittsburgh 10, Philadelphia 3
Chicago 24, Boston 2
New York 3, St. Louis 2 (night)
Cincinnati 5, Brooklyn 1 (night)

American League Leaders
G AB R H Pct.
Cuccinello, Chicago .. 64 273 34 76 .341

National League Leaders
G AB R H Pct.
Holmes, Boston .. 66 276 67 111 .402

Home Run Hitters
Johnson, Boston, 8
National League—Lombardi, New York, 13; Holmes, Boston, and DiMaggio, Philadelphia, 12.

Runs Batted In
American League—Ettan, New York, 44; Johnson, Boston, 43.

Stolen Bases
American League—Case, Washington, 16; Myatt, Washington, 15.

Leading Pitchers
American League—Ferriss, Boston, 12-2; Benton, Detroit, 5-1.

Minor League Results
International League
Jersey City 9, Syracuse 4

Eastern League
Albany 5, Elmira 3
Binghamton 6-0, Wilkes-Barre 5-10

American Association
Columbus 2, Toledo 1
Louisville 8, Indianapolis 5

Southern Association
Atlanta 19, Birmingham 5
Chattanooga 11, Nashville 8

Pacific Coast League
Oakland 3, Portland 0
Seattle 7, Los Angeles 4

Steelers Discard T Formation
PITTSBURGH, July 4—The Pittsburgh Steelers, on their own after two years in combines, will discard the T formation this year and return to the Notre Dame system.

Revised Standings
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Around the 48 Yesterday

Vast Housing Program For Veterans Is Asked

WASHINGTON (ANS)—In a budget request to the Senate, President Truman proposed a \$100,000,000 housing program for servicemen's families and veterans.

Mr. Truman said there was an immediate need to provide homes for the distressed families of servicemen and for veterans and their families who are affected by eviction or other unusual hardships.

In Chicago, the National Housing Agency announced that honorably discharged veterans or their families now may occupy certain war housing units in 13 states previously available only to essential civilian war workers.

CAPITAL RAMBLINGS: The government spent a record \$100,030,000,000 during the fiscal year ended June 30, the Treasury Department announced.

Federal agencies exclusive of the War and Navy Departments and the Veterans Administration were ordered by President Truman to cut their work weeks from 48 to 44 hours.

'One-Man Army' Wermuth Is Alive

CHICAGO (ANS)—Capt. Arthur W. Wermuth, of Detroit, "the one-man army" of the first battle of Bataan, is in a Japanese prison camp on Honshu Island, according to a Red Cross message received by his mother, a cousin disclosed here.

Long listed as missing in action, Wermuth conducted individual campaigns during which he killed scores of Japs. Although wounded a couple of times, he disregarded medics' orders and returned to the front, loaded with almost every hand weapon in the book, to kill more Japs.

New C54 for Gen. Ike

SANTA MONICA, Cal.—Douglas Aircraft delivered a new C54 equipped with sleeping quarters and a kitchen to Gen. Eisenhower.

Rain Cuts Kansas Wheat Harvest

TOPEKA, Kan. (ANS)—Heavy unseasonable rains and cool weather have combined to slash the winter wheat harvest, reducing this state's estimated yield by millions of bushels.

As late as May 1, government experts estimated a yield of 239,000,000 bushels, second-largest crop in Kansas' history.

The rainy season this year extended right up until the last day of June. Consequently, at a time when the harvest normally is at its peak, work is under way along the southern border of Kansas and in a few other scattered areas of the state.

In normal years the Kansas City Board of Trade has a July 4 glut that takes several days for clearing. This year only 187 cars were received at that terminal, in startling contrast to 1,733 cars received July 3, 1944, which also was below normal for the season.

Acts to Curb Market Speculators

WASHINGTON (ANS) — The Federal Reserve Board took two major steps to reduce loans in the stock market and thereby cut down on speculation.

1—It raised margin requirements from 50 to 75 per cent, the highest ever. Thus, when a person buys stock on credit he must put up 75 per cent and may borrow only 25 per cent from his banker or broker for the transaction.

2—It moved to squeeze some of the existing credit out of the market. If a person holds several securities in a single account and sells one of them, he must

cigarettes. . . . CAMP LEE, Va.—Pvt. John J. Kocherhans died from a heat stroke, 15 minutes after collapsing on maneuvers.

Tit for Tat

PHILADELPHIA — Morris Segal, a discharged veteran, turned the tables on his wife, who previously had charged him with bigamy, by telling a court she was guilty of the same thing, but with six men, three of them servicemen from whom she allegedly collected government allotments. Both complainants are being held on bail.

20 Hurt in Train Wreck

TALBOTTON, Ga.—More than 20 were injured, two seriously, when the crack Dixie Flagler, a streamliner, collided with a local passenger train.

RALEIGH, N.C.—Pvt. James Matthews, of Lovington, Va., was killed when struck by lightning at the North Carolina State College athletic field.

POE Opened At Antwerp, Army Reveals

By Robert Donovan

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

PARIS, July 4—The Army's redeployment and readjustment program attained new magnitude yesterday as Antwerp, hitherto used almost exclusively for movement of supplies, was commissioned as a Port of Embarkation for American forces.

Fifteen hundred troops, all of them with 85 points or more, sailed from Antwerp Monday on the inaugural voyage, of which there had been no advance announcement. The port, an important addition to the facilities of Le Havre and Marseilles, is scheduled to embark about 44,000 troops in July and 93,000 in August.

Meanwhile, Com Z disclosed that the 45th Infantry Division, veteran of four invasions—Sicily, Salerno, Anzio and Southern France—had been alerted for shipment to the States.

The only destination mentioned in the announcement was the U.S. No indication of a further mission was given, but with shipping at the critical stage it was considered unlikely that the division would be moved at this time except for important reasons. Divisions to be inactivated in the U.S. have the lowest priority on shipping space.

Com Z also announced that the 28th Infantry Division, previously ordered redeployed to the Pacific, has had its movement orders suspended and will remain in the ETO for the time being.

At the rate of 1,500 men a day in July and 3,000 men a day in August, troops will sail from Antwerp on Victory and Liberty ships, the holds of which have been fitted out with "standees," long tiers of bunks that can be lowered when the cargo carried on the eastward voyage has been unloaded.

The Antwerp area, named Camp Tophat, will accommodate 16,500 men, Col. Doswell Gullatt, Port Commander, said yesterday. No man is likely to remain at the camp more than a week while he is there, he will not be called to any formations or training, he said.

Com Z reported that 134,000 troops were presently in the AAC Redeployment Center around Rheims.

"Thus far," the announcement said, "no troops have been sent from AAC directly to the Pacific, but many units now being processed will leave for Marseilles and direct redeployment against Japan during the next two weeks."

Darnand Is Jailed On Murder Charge

PARIS, July 4—Joseph Darnand, chief of the Vichy French police during the occupation, was locked up in Fresnes Prison near Paris yesterday on a warrant charging him with the murder of Georges Mendel, anti-Nazi French statesman.

Object of a long search by the French Darnand was picked up by Italian police in northern Italy several weeks ago. He had fled France following the liberation of Sigmaringen in southwest Germany with other Vichy leaders and then had left Sigmaringen at the approach of the French 1st Army.

Houston Warned Anew On Tardy Ship Unloading

HOUSTON, Tex., July 4 (ANS)—The port of Houston today was warned for the second time in two weeks by the War Shipping Administration that all ships berthed here for loading would be withdrawn unless the discharge of freight from box cars into ship was speeded.

Mrs. Pyle Gets Ernie's Medal

WASHINGTON, July 4 (AP)—Mrs. Geraldine Pyle yesterday was presented with the Medal of Merit awarded posthumously to her husband, Ernie Pyle, who was killed in the Pacific Apr. 18.

Margie, WACs Mesh Ears

By A. Victor Lasky

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BAD 1, Burtonwood, July 4—Plenty of hair was let down today when the girls got together with Margie. The girls were WACs of the 70th AAF Replacement Depot and Margie was their guest.

First of all, the WACs presented Uncle Sam's poster girl with a couple of pairs of silk stockings. They had read of Margie's sad plight—she didn't have a "decent pair" left. Then they really had a "hen party," although at least one male interloper was present.

The WACs sounded off on what they thought of a rumored plan to send them to the CBI and to Germany. They wanted to go home, but bad, they told Margie,



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photos

GI INDEPENDENCE DAY: Fourth of July was "Enlisted Man's Day of Independence" at the 228th Station Hospital where GIs were served breakfast in bed by nurses and officers.

Waiter!

GIs Get Bacon and Eggs in Bed As Brass Shells Out on July 4

228TH STATION HOSPITAL, Sherbourne, July 4—There were plenty of eggshell fragments and bread crumbs in the EMs' bunks at this hospital's Nissen huts this morning. On an ordinary morning there should be nothing in an EM's bunk except the EM himself. Or, at least, there'd better not be.

But today was an unusual morning for the 228th. While the EMs yawned, tousled their locks or scratched—some doing all three simultaneously, not being otherwise occupied—the brass, both male and female, came through with trays of hot coffee, fried potatoes, crisp bacon, soft boiled eggs and toast.

(Some gourmets shook their heads sadly at coupling bacon with a boiled instead of fried egg, but there are always those who look a gift horse in the mouth.)

There was a reason for such a reversal of form at the 228th yesterday. It was July 4 (an American holiday) in the U.K., but at the 228th it was "Enlisted Men's Independence Day."

With a true Southerner's appreciation of the finer things in life, the 228th's CO, Lt. Col. J. Kingsley MacDonald, of Charlotte, N.C., decided that the backbone of the Army should have its chance that morning to rest upon that backbone and take things easy, being attended meanwhile by the unit's nurses and officers.

"I've always looked forward to a day like this," MacDonald beamed. And he wasn't kidding, because twice in his 31-year Army career he has been an EM. MacDonald's job as CO was forfeit for the day, with M/Sgt. Richard H. Hagan Sr., of Middletown, Ohio, unit sergeant major, taking over, assisted by M/Sgt. Frederick E. Mandernack, of Hobart, Ind., as acting executive officer.

Hagan, with becoming modesty, described the day as the "highlight of my Army career."

The day ended with a dance at the Officers' Club, where a British orchestra provided music for those who, having been torn away from the free beer and snacks, tripped the light fantastic—or just tripped.

In the words of Pfc Lee McLain, of Statesville, N.C., "We never had it so good!"

AFN Notes Second Year

PARIS, July 4—The American Forces Network celebrated its second anniversary today with a special broadcast, which included recordings of speeches by high-ranking Army and Navy officers and entertainment by radio and motion picture stars.

Terry and the Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate

By Milton Caniff

