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# MINSK CAPTURED

## French Colonial Troops Occupy Historic Siena

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, July 3 — Famous Siena, one of the foremost art centers of Italy and the most perfectly preserved of medieval cities on the peninsula, fell early this morning to 5th Army French troops.

The capture of the ancient Tuscan city came after a three-pronged drive by hard-fighting French colonials who pushed up Highways 2 and 73 and over the low hills. The Germans put up a heavy screen of artillery to block the advance, but couldn't hold out any longer against the deadly efficiency of the French.

A French military observer noted today that Allied artillery has not been used against Siena, and it is hoped the town will show a minimum of damage. Even if the Jerries left their usual number of snipers and SP guns on the northern outskirts to give them time to withdraw, the city itself shouldn't be hurt much.

Taking Siena puts the French 25 miles away from the tempting goal of Florence. The intervening terrain consists of relatively low ground hard to defend, and undoubtedly the Jerries buried plenty of mines along the way to delay the Allies.

Fifth Army Yanks met the hardest fighting of the day as the do-or-die Jerries on the coast—elements of ten divisions—battled desperately to keep the GIs from Leghorn. It seemed probable that the Krauts had tried to make the Cecina River a sort of defense line, but their devastating losses in men and material were weakening the power of their resistance.

In spite of everything, the Yanks pushed across the Cecina River and seized Volterra, key

## Nazis Patrol Dane Port

STOCKHOLM, July 3—Copenhagen was described as being virtually in a state of siege today in most reports leaking through the strict Nazi censorship. One unconfirmed report this morning said the strike which has paralyzed the city for a few days has been ended.

The Germans were said to have thrown troops around the Danish capital and to have issued a stern ultimatum to strike leaders who nevertheless persisted in urging continuance of the work shortage.

The German Overseas News Agency today declared that all important factories and installa-

## Most Of Saipan Held By U. S.

PEARL HARBOR, July 3 — Garapan, capital of Saipan in the Mariana Islands, has been surrounded on three sides by U. S. troops who now hold about 60 percent of the island, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

The Pacific commander in chief said that our forces had driven deeper into the city's defenses and that another column had bypassed the capital and captured an important height overlooking Tanapang on the island's northeast coast.

point on the lateral Cecina-Poggibonsi highway, and Montecatini, five miles west. What the GIs faced was indicated by the 800-odd AP mines found in one stream bed south of Volterra.

British, South African and Indian forces flowed around Lake Trasimeno and swept up the Chiana Valley toward Arezzo, ten miles away from forward elements at Lucignano. For the first time the entire lake region was in 8th Army hands.

## Yanks Open New Drive

SHAEF, July 3—The expected American offensive on the western Normandy beachhead began at 0530 hours today along a 20-mile front from Carentan west and slightly north to the sea.

First dispatches from correspondents with the Yanks said the principal drive was southward on both sides of a marsa 4,000 yards inland from Portbail.

Reports that five towns had been captured in the first phases of the drive were not immediately confirmed at Allied headquarters.

Robert Dunnett, BBC reporter with the Americans, said the attack kicked off behind a massed artillery barrage in the general direction of La Haye du Puits, which is 12 miles due west of Carentan.

The weather broke badly for the attackers, Dunnett reported, with our troops fighting ahead in a driving rain and heavy mud.

Near St. Lo, 21 miles inland from Cherbourg Peninsula's west coast, American troops early today "straightened out some dangerous salients in their lines," an Allied spokesman said. "Similar (Continued on page 4)

## Calling Diogenes

MOBILE, Ala., July 3 — The Gulf, Mobile and Northern Railroad yesterday received a letter from a Detroit man enclosing a money order for three bucks "to pay for some rocks which I took from your right-away 35 years ago for my slingshot."

## Sign Man Turns Rancher To Care For Nazi Equines

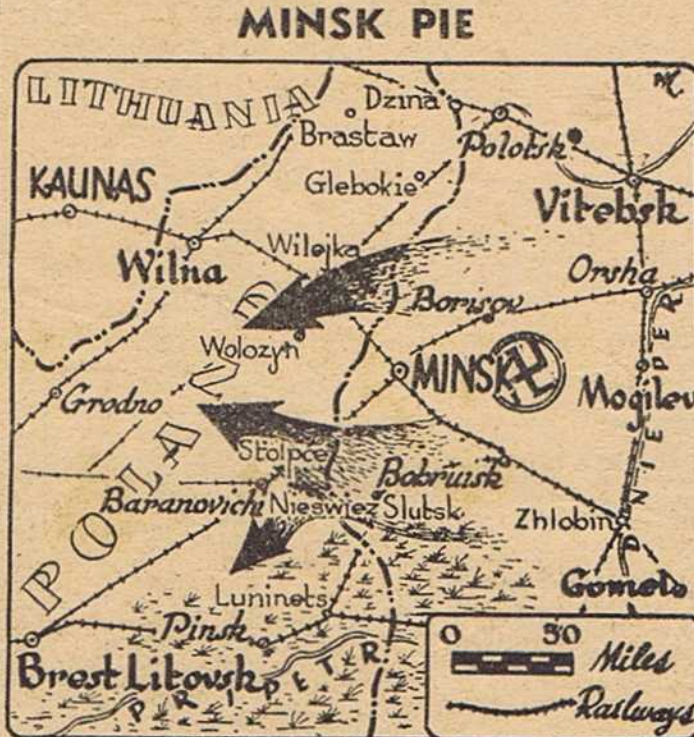
By Sgt. DAVID GOLDING  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE 5TH ARMY AT MONTECERBOLI, July 1 (Delayed)—The terrain is so rugged up here that G Company of an armored infantry unit is depending on captured German artillery horses instead of their halftracks. In charge of the new detail is Sgt. Robert Mahoney, a former sign erector from Jersey City.

Sgt. Mahoney used to be a machine gun sergeant but was wounded coming out of the beachhead and is temporarily handling supplies. When the horses were captured, they became his problem since they are used in bringing up badly needed ammunition and food where peeps no longer can make their way. Now Sgt. Mahoney acts as if he had been around horses all his life.

"One thing you have to say,"

## Capital Of White Russia Falls To Soviets By Storm



NOT TO MINSK WORDS, the swift fall of the capital of White Russia puts the Red Army fewer than 140 miles from East Prussia. As Marshal Stalin puts it, "Death to the German invader!"

## Historic Flag Flies In Rome On July 4

ROME, July 3—The American flag that saw World War II come to the U. S. will be raised over Rome at patriotic ceremonies tomorrow in observance of July 4.

The flag that will fly from the Piazza Venezia in the Italian capital is the same banner that waved over the Capitol in Washington on Dec. 8 and Dec. 11, 1941, when war was declared on Japan and Germany respectively.

The use of the Stars and Stripes in this dramatic man-

ner—originally suggested by President Roosevelt—will symbolize to the world the part played by the U. S. in liberating the first of the three Axis capitals.

The flag will be raised at 0730 hours at a simple reveille ceremony in Piazza Venezia. The lowering of the flag during retreat will be marked by an elaborate Independence Day military observance, with combat troops present.

American and Allied military and diplomatic leaders have been invited to attend the retreat. U. S. bands will furnish the music and 5th Army troops will act as color guards and guards of honor.

Since the entire Piazza Venezia will be cleared, the best place for soldiers to see the goings-on is from the steps of the Vittorio Emanuele monument. Side streets leading into the Piazza also will be available to spectators.

The retreat and reveille ceremonies will be handled by the Rome Area Command.

## No More Home Subscriptions

It is contrary to War Department policy to permit Army newspapers to accept subscriptions for delivery to civilians. The Stars and Stripes has therefore been instructed to discontinue its home subscription list. Present subscriptions will be fulfilled, but no new subscriptions or renewals can be accepted.

Individuals, however, may still send their own copies of the weekly to anyone.

MOSCOW, July 3—Soviet troops, climaxing their great White Russian offensive today took Minsk by storm.

Marshal Joseph Stalin, in a special order of the day announcing the great Russian victory, ordered 24 salvos fired from 324 guns to salute the triumphant Red Army.

The White Russian capital was the most important German railway communications center and strongpoint of the Nazi defenses which guard the road to Warsaw and Berlin.

The Germans had no chance to hold the city once they had been trapped in a great Soviet encircling movement.

One Soviet force of tanks, infantry, cavalry and self-propelled guns advanced from captured Borisov at the rate of a mile an hour and attacked Hitler's last major base on Soviet soil in a direct frontal assault. In the south a Soviet army cut the railway line linking Minsk with Warsaw and the west, while in the north another column cut the rail line running to Wilna.

At the far northern end of the White Russian front, the Red Army which bypassed Polotsk drove 35 miles inside the 1939 Polish border.

From the east, divisions under General Zakharkov forced the Germans back into Minsk, while northwest and southeast German reserves were being kept from rushing to the city's aid. With their communications and lines of retreat cut, the Germans faced a desperate battle that must be fought without a steady flow of supplies and without a safe road of retreat.

A German News Agency commentator said that street fighting was going on in Polotsk, northern hinge of the former German defense line in White Russia. Indicating a general Nazi withdrawal from the city, the commentator said the bulk of the

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## Stimson Here For Inspection

ROME, July 3—Flying from the United States by way of Africa, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson has arrived in Italy, it was announced tonight.

The secretary landed at an Italian airport at 1605 hours, where he was met by Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, deputy supreme commander, and members of his staff. He inspected a guard of honor and band assembled at the field to welcome him.

Secretary Stimson plans to inspect troops, hospitals and frontline installations in Italy and to hold conferences with Allied leaders.

Accompanying Mr. Stimson from the U. S. were Harvey H. Bundy, his special assistant; Maj. Gen. Alexander D. Surles, War Department director of public relations; Maj. Gen. Norman T. Kirk, Surgeon General of the Army; Lt. Col. William H. Kyle, Mr. Stimson's aide; Col. T. R. Kreps, his pilot; Capt. William T. Hodge and an enlisted stenographer. In Africa the party was joined by Maj. Gen. I. H. Edwards and Lt. Col. E. E. Shumaker, General Devers' aide.

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**Lost And Found**

Considering that a bicycle these days is one of the few means of transportation available to Roman citizens, the meanest GI would be the guy who would borrow one from a friendly Roman for a spin around the block—and not come back.

Two American soldiers borrowed two bikes—one blue, one black—from Giorgio Hecht Lucari, 48 Via de Monti Pariolo, one afternoon and forgot to bring them back. Absent-mindedness of this variety doesn't happen very often, but giving the GIs the benefit of the doubt, they can correct their slip by returning the bikes to their owners, who may be reached by phone at 873833.

The list of Italian kids who have stowed away in a weapons carrier or a full-field pack gets longer and longer and so, in case implicated GIs don't realize it, does the list of grieving parents. Now it's Enrico Moreschi, 12 years old, last seen by his folks June 25. His home is at 25 Via del Gelsomini. It's also Roberto Walles, 20 years old, from Rimini, who was last seen Oct. 20 and is believed to be with the 5th or 8th armies. His home is at 39 Via Hagnagrecia, Rome.

A pink North African wallet belonging to S-Sgt. Earl C. Dwellie of a fighter-bomber outfit has been turned in at the Stars and Stripes office. Recent arrivals also include dog tags of Wesley W. Calhoun and Walter N. Cox, both Texans.

Miss G. A. offers a substantial reward for the return of a gold wrist watch, Abercrombie and Fitch make, with her initials on the back. The watch was lost about two weeks ago at the

Amusement Park or the Grand Hotel. Return to Stars and Stripes office.

Pfc. Genaro Salazar lost his wallet of brown cowhide near St. Peters. Another Pfc. Pedro Garza, lost his Purple Heart medal outside the Red Cross Officers' Club.

Pvt. George Taggart is looking for Pvt. James Tipaldo, who can get in touch with him through this office.

A camera has been turned in to Sgt. Zerengue at MP Hq. of the 1st District, by a merchant who found it in his store.

Other lost articles: pocketbook of Pvt. Frank Carlo (Frank says the finder can have the money, but he'd like the snapshots back); wallet of T-4 Peter A. Vanderlis, lost on Route 1, near Civitavecchia. Stars and Stripes will forward.

Brown leather wallet with initials G.M.S. in gold on outside. Contains pictures, papers and 37 dollars. Lost in Anzio region. Reward offered. Pvt. George M. Spencer.

**FOUND:** Dog tags belonging to Shelvon Comeaux, 38483236.

Drs. H. Stokes Munroe, Jr., and Reeve Betts, serving with either the 5th Army or PBS are asked to write to Maj. F. L. Shipp, RCAMC, Deputy Asst. Director of Medical Services, 1 Cdn Corps, C.M.F.

Pvt. Oscar R. Cote is looking for his brother, Pvt. Elmer C. Cote.

Sgt. Thomas H. Burris is looking for his cousins, Billy Carpenter and Willard Bradshaw.

**18 Miners Saved From Fire Trap**

**HARLAN, Ky., July 3**—Rescue crews yesterday brought 18 miners, shaken but alive, to the surface of a shaft of the Ridge-way Darby Coal Company, 15 miles east of Harlan, where they had been trapped for nearly 17 hours by a fire.

Mine officials said that rescue squads reached the men after driving a new entrance to the shaft from an old air vent through more than 300 feet of dirt and coal, bypassing the fire which had hampered rescue efforts. Mine officials had feared that the men had been suffocated by fumes and smoke of the fire. Five hundred anxious friends and relatives were on hand when the first of the grimy, grinning miners were brought to the surface.

**Destroyer Gets Woman's Name**

**WASHINGTON, July 3**—For the first time in U. S. naval history a combatant vessel will be launched bearing the name of a woman, the Navy announced yesterday. The new ship is the destroyer Higbee named in honor of Mrs. Lenah S. Higbee, first superintendent of the Navy Nurse Corps, who died in 1941.

A vessel named the Harriet Land served in the Civil War, but she was not intended for combat when she was commissioned as a revenue cutter.

**30,000 Cars**

**WASHINGTON, July 3**—The Office of Price Administration yesterday said that only 30,000 new automobiles remain to meet requirements until automobile production can be resumed in normal times. The 30,000 new cars would take care of just three days' buyers demands.

**97th Marks 300th Raid**

**MAAF HEADQUARTERS, July 3**—Loosing its bombs on Yugoslavia Sunday, the 97th Bomb Group of the 15th AAF became the first heavy bomb group in the Mediterranean theater to complete 300 missions.

To the veteran of veteran outfits, which was the first AAF unit to operate in combat from Great Britain, North Africa and Russia, Maj. Gen. Nathan F. Twining, 15th AAF commander, sent a congratulatory message which described the 300th mission as "a symbol of the growth of American air power and a further substantiation of the faith and perseverance of high altitude daylight bombing."

Lt. Col. Ira C. Eaker, now MAAF chief, led the 97th's first attack in the Flying Fortress "Yankee Doodle" on Aug. 17, 1942, in a 12-plane raid on Rouen, France, from England. On June 2, of this year, General Eaker flew in "Yankee Doodle II," which was the first American bomber to touch Russian soil as part of the new shuttle bombing operation.

The group has dropped nearly 17,000 tons of bombs and has destroyed 334 enemy planes in the air. It has lost fewer than 60 bombers to enemy action. Present commanding officer is Col. Elmer J. Rogers, Quincy, Mass. The group's personnel have received five DSCs, one DSM, three Legions of Merit, 30 Silver Stars, 382 DFCs, 12 Soldier's Medals, one Bronze Star, 13,918 Air Medals and Clusters and 251 Purple Hearts.

**War Goods Output Slow**

**WASHINGTON, July 3**—Monthly goals of war goods deliveries are not being met, the War Department announced today with a warning that serious difficulties have been reported in items most urgently needed in combat areas. These items include trucks, radio and construction equipment needed to build airports, roads and docks in Europe.

The War Department urged the War Production Board to permit relaxation in war production controls and increase its efforts to speed the delivery of badly needed war goods. The schedule for June was reduced 3 percent from that established for April. It revealed.

Army production which aggregated 1,855 million dollars in May must be increased this autumn to 2,270 million dollars per month, an increase of 17 percent, if 1944 requirements are to be realized, the War Department said.

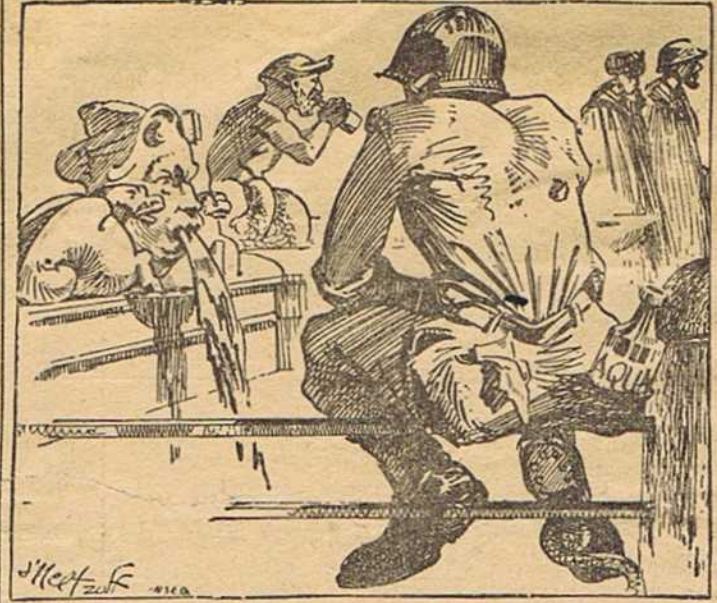
**WASHINGTON, July 3**—The War Department announced yesterday that in view of expanded operations on all world fronts tank production for next year will be stepped up approximately 12 percent over this year's output. This will represent an even larger increase from the standpoint of tonnage, it was said, since tank developments have brought about more heavily armed and armored types. Officials said that bigger production was decided on even before the invasion of Europe began. They emphasized that the increase has no relation to current fighting, including that in Normandy.

**Hides 4 Years To Avoid Draft**

**MIAMI, July 3**—FBI agents said that a 23-year-old Miami youth, allegedly secreted by his parents in the bedroom of their home for four years to escape the draft, was arrested yesterday along with his father and mother on charges of violating the Selective Service Act.

Agents said that the son, Morris Stanley Neff, never left the house except for two or three occasions when he was taken to a dentist and to the beach. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. William S. Neff, failed to obtain a ration book for their son or to list him as a dependent in filing income tax returns, the FBI said.

**Views Of Rome V: Morning After In Piazza Navona**



**STARING MOODILY** at Bernini's Fountain of the Moor at one end of the Piazza Navona, the GI is looking at the scene of some of Rome's most torrid orgies and martyrdoms. Here, in the days when the Piazza was the Stadium of Domitian, St. Agnes was exposed nude to the mob until God covered her with a miraculous growth of hair. A millennium and more later the Piazza became a center of Renaissance Rome. Raphael's house stood just around the corner and Michelangelo and Bramante came there to choose their models. Now of interest are Bernini's two fountains and the baroque church of St. Agnes in Agony.

**MPs Debate Succulency Of Chickens Vs. Rabbits**

By Cpl. BOB FLEISHER  
 Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

**WITH THE 5TH ARMY, July 1** (Delayed)—The combat MPs of the division fighting up Highway 1 were having lunch. "Hell no, they haven't taken the town yet," said Pvt. Turk Sinda, Bronx, N. Y. "If you go upstairs you can watch them shell it and get a good meal all at the same time."

"Upstairs there was a heated discussion going on. 'I tell you them chickens is too scrawny,' argued Pvt. Abbey Tearle, Philadelphia. 'There ain't no meat on them. What we ought to do for supper is kill a rabbit. The rabbits are nice and fat.'"

**TIRED OF Ks**  
 "Don't mind them," said Pvt. Laurence Higgins, Letcher, S. D. "Life was nice and peaceful around here until the boys got tired of eating Ks and started keeping a barnyard."

Farmhouse living is an old story to these boys. For longer than they care to remember it has been their job to follow behind the infantry and take charge of blown bridges and other hazards to advancing vehicles. Come shell or machine gun, they have to stay there and take it.

"Hope they grab Cecina soon," said Pfc. Shorty Landgren, Aitken, Minn. "Guiseppi has a wife and a couple of kids there. He says we'll get spaghetti and spinach if there's any left. How about that?"

Guiseppi didn't answer. He was pretty busy messing with the frying pan and probably he didn't understand what Shorty had said anyway. All the English

**Hunger Strike Goes Unheeded**

**ST. LOUIS, July 3**—Asserting that he was now losing about a pound and a half daily as a result of his self-imposed fast in protest against what he terms "political domination" of the Rural Electrification Administration, Chester Lake, now out of a job, said yesterday that he plans to spend most of his time in bed.

"I still feel all right although hungry and a little drowsy," the former field representative of REA said. His job was recently abolished.

Mr. Lake said that he had taken no nourishment since Wednesday noon, but he drinks a glass of water every hour to prevent dehydration. Asked if he had received any word from Washington officials concerning his written protest to President Roosevelt, he replied: "I don't suppose they know where I live." Mr. Lake is 51 and normally weighs 200 pounds.

he knew was what he had picked up in his few months of volunteer Kr. But ever once in a while he glanced in the direction of the town, and once he walked over to the window and watched the smoke rising from the buildings and the new dust every time a shell hit.

**TIME TO CHANGE**  
 The boys opened a case of 10 in 1 and speared one of Guiseppi's masterpieces out of the frying pan. The supper problem came up again and the chicken vs. rabbit debate raged on. It was time to change shifts.

One by one they clamped on their belts, grabbed their helmets and walked down to the road. Somebody came back with the story of a Jerry counterattack. Tearle picked up a couple of hand grenades and stuffed them in his shirt. "Just in case," he said.

**PUPPENT POETS**

**Promotion**

Yesterday Jonsey was just a plain guy, A simple, unnoticed, and timid GI. No gift he bequeathed to posterity; His highest ambition was a mere Pfc. But fickle fate's powers work in a strange way To give every "doggie" his one glorious day.

Today Jonsey stands in the midst of the crowd; Timidity gone, he is lofty and proud. And sergeants and corporals, the miserable drips, Strain forward to hear every word from his lips. Eyes eager, a plea upon each sweating brow— For Jonsey, the timid, is mail orderly now!

—T-3 HENRY F. WRIGHT

**Censorship**

I wrote a verse about my gripes And sent it to The Stars and Stripes; A day I spent—my brain was wracked— The censor then just upped and hacked. The most and best of it away! I cannot help the situation— Gripes are my best inspiration. Censor, ideas to add you must desist. My poetry to ruin, please resist. In the basket let it lay!

—Pfc. LESTER McCOLGAN

**Mail Call -**

**Children's Friend**

Dear Editor: I don't know if you are taking letters from civilians, but I ask you to publish this one.

I was last evening in a small galleria. All at once came a bunch of children. With them a U. S. soldier. There were about 20 children. One, a cripple, was in his wheelbarrow at the front of the galleria.

The soldier wasn't celebrating a birthday, or anything else, but had only a good heart, bringing it with him from Illinois. All the children were his guests, and the cripple got his ice cream directly from the soldier.

The soldier is well known in my environs. The children are waiting for him every evening, and it is a big halloo when he arrived. I asked him for his name. He is Pvt. William Thien, from Belleville, Ill.

In this way you will conquer the heart of the Italians, too, and Italy begins with Rome.

LEWIS F. MARTON  
 (Ex-interne from Czechoslovakia)

**GIs In Rome**

Dear Editor: I am as much appalled by the average GI's behavior in Rome as is Pfc. Crawford. He is right that we represent America to these people and that they will judge the entire democratic world by our actions. But—I should like to ask—how else does he expect GIs to act who have been on the line far removed from the refinements of civilian life? The infantryman on pass in Rome did not lick Jerry by a devastating display of gentlemanly behavior—I'm sure he realizes that I should like to see us gain the trust and the regard of the Roman population. But don't expect us to change overnight.

—Pvt. S. H.

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.....

July 4, 1776

THE FOREGOING WORDS are generally regarded as the heart of the Declaration of Independence, which Thomas Jefferson, later to become third President of the U. S., drafted and which Benjamin Franklin and John Adams, second U. S. President, slightly revised. It was adopted by the Continental Congress 168 years ago today. It was signed that day by John Hancock, president of the Congress, and Charles Thomson, secretary. Shortly afterward a parchment copy of the Declaration was signed by all members of the Continental Congress.

Texans Expect To Support Farley Or Byrd At Parley

DALLAS, Texas, July 3—E. G. Germany, former Texas Democratic committee chairman and leader of the Texas revolt against the renomination of President Roosevelt, said yesterday that he expects Texas and other Southern states' delegates to support James A. Farley for President against Mr. Roosevelt if given seats at the forthcoming Democratic national convention. If barred from the convention, he asserted, Southern Democrats have indicated that they favor Sen. Harry F. Byrd of Virginia as their candidate.

Mr. Germany, the Associated Press reported, said that a caucus of Southern delegates to the national convention would be held in Chicago on July 17, two days before the Democrats formally convene. He said that the Southern group would try to agree on platform planks and resolutions to be placed before the convention to carry out the program adopted by Texas and Mississippi Democrats.

CONSIDER CANDIDATES

Another meeting will be held on July 18 by all Southern Democrats, Mr. Germany said, adding that this meeting would probably consider candidates for President and Vice President whom they can support in the event that the national convention fails to adopt their program.

This program, he asserted, demands that the national convention restore the two-third rule; deplores efforts to nullify state laws and regulations for the segregation of white and Negro children in public schools; disapproves and criticizes the Supreme Court decision admitting Negroes to Texas Democratic primaries, and denies the right of Congress to prescribe the qualifications of participants in state and party elections.

Medical Care Pays Dividends

WASHINGTON, July 3 — The Army's highly developed technique for quick care of its wounded is paying dividends in the battle of Normandy, Maj. Gen. A. W. Kenner, chief medical officer of Allied Supreme Headquarters, reported to the War Department yesterday.

General Kenner said that among 561 wounded in two groups he had visited during a tour of hospitals in England, not a single death had occurred. The 311 patients in the first group arrived at the hospital on the fourth day after the landings in France. About half were walking cases and many were released from the hospital. Only two were in a serious condition at the time of their arrival. Another group arrived seven days after D-day. "None are in a state of shock and all are reported making satisfactory progress," he said.

Actress Cured

SEATTLE, July 3 — Former film star Frances Farmer, who was committed to the Western State Hospital at Steilacoom, Wash., nearly three months ago following a nervous breakdown, has been pronounced completely cured, her mother disclosed yesterday.

The question of seating the delegation from Texas arose after it appeared almost certain that Texas would have two delegations to the national convention, one representing anti-Roosevelt forces and the other for Roosevelt. The pro-Roosevelt group withdrew from the state convention in Austin last May, organized a "rump" convention and named electors pledged to support the President if he is nominated for a fourth term. The electors named by the regular convention are not pledged to support the party's nominees.

The Credentials Committee of the national party convention will determine which delegation will be seated.

FDR Against Recognition

WASHINGTON, July 3—"Authoritative sources" were quoted by the United Press last night as saying that General Charles de Gaulle, scheduled to arrive here this week for conferences with President Roosevelt, "which he hopes will result in early recognition of his French Committee of National Liberation as the new provisional government of France, will find no change in policy awaiting him."

President Roosevelt, according to the UP's informants, will try to bring General de Gaulle around to the official American point of view that "recognition should be extended only to the government selected by representative sectors of the French population."

"The President," the UP went on, "from the time the issue of recognition for de Gaulle first arose has clung consistently to the idea that much more of France should be liberated before a decision was reached."

German Shells 40 Percent Bad

DOVER, N. J., July 3 — Forty percent of German artillery shells are defective and do not explode, Maj. Gen. Levin H. Campbell, U. S. Army chief of ordnance, told a munitions workers' rally here yesterday.

He attributed the fact to "patriotic sabotage" in Nazi factories, which, he said, also accounted for the 37 percent of duds in German bombs dropped on London. In contrast, the ordnance chief pointed out, American arsenals were delivering less than one-half of one percent duds.

Bosox Cut Browns' Lead With Double Win

Baugh Signs With 'Skins'

WASHINGTON, July 3—Slingshot Sammy Baugh, whose name is synonymous with forward passes, signed a Redskins football contract over the weekend to become the 53rd player to accept the capital team's terms.

Along with the Texas passer's signature, 22 other athletes were taken into the fold representing college and high school stars throughout the country.

In Brooklyn the Tigers yesterday announced the signing of Ed Kubale, former Center College mentor, as line coach to succeed Buff Donelli, who decided to retain his government job.

Kubale was a member of the little Kentucky college's eleven when it boasted of its "Praying Colonels" back in 1921. He afterwards became line coach at Texas Christian for four years.

Armstrong Offer

NEW YORK, July 3 — Henry Armstrong, only fighter ever to hold three championships, has been offered 10,000 dollars to meet Morris Reif of Brooklyn in a ten-round bout at Ebbets Field, promoter Max Jacobs announced.

Tobin's Two No-Hit Games Not Enough For N. L. Berth

BOSTON, July 3—Jim Tobin, star Braves' knuckleballer, looks like the forgotten man of baseball today after eight National League managers, releasing a 25-man club to meet the cream of the junior loop in the pastime's annual "dream game" scheduled for July 11 in Pittsburgh, failed to name him.

With the season now at its half-way mark, rabid Boston fans who flooded sportswriters desks with protests pointed to Tobin's two no-hit performances which have featured his excellent hurling record to date and which they claim should have won him a spot in the classic.

Along with the Beantown moundsman, the senior circuit's moguls either overlooked or ignored such brilliant players as Morton Cooper, Cardinal pitcher; Tommy Holmes, another Brave warrior; Phil Weintraub and Bill Voiselle of the Giants; Clyde Shoun, Cincinnati speedballer who also tossed a no-hitter, and Frenchy Bordagaray, enjoying his best year in the big show with Brooklyn.

SIX RED BIRDS

The league-leading Red Birds placed six men on the All-Star squad, Cincinnati won four spots, the Pirates, Cubs, Braves and Dodgers three each, the Giants placed two men and the Phillies one.

Fourteen players from last year's team whipped by the American stars 5-3 were chosen again along with 5-3 newcomers and four others who returned to the club after an absence of a year or two. Of the 11 from last year's team not returning, three are in the Army, three in the Navy and Stan Hack has just reported to the Cubs after a two-months' retirement.

National League players who will take the field in the July contest are Pitchers George Mungler and Max Lanier, Cardinals; Bucky Walters, Reds; Al Javery and Nate Andrews, Braves; Rip Sewell, Pirates, and Ken Raffensberger, Phillies. They'll hurl to catchers Walker

Bergen Honor

HOLLYWOOD, July 3 — Film and radio comedian Edgar Bergen today wore the Medal of the Order of Vasa, first class, presented to him by King Gustav V of Sweden for furthering American-Scandinavian relations. Bergen ordered a miniature medal made for his young partner, Charlie McCarthy.

Cards Take Three From Bums; Yanks Divide; Braves Triumph

NEW YORK, July 3—Luke Sewell's Brownies dropped a Sunday doubleheader to the Red Sox at Boston, 1-0 and 4-3, enabling Tom Yawkey's men to pull within a game and a half of first place. Tex Hughson out-pitched Jack Kramer in the first game.

Manager Joe Cronin was elected in the second game for protesting a strikeout in the seventh frame, and Lou Finney who left his farm to join the Red Sox replaced him to become the star of the nightcap. Finney's double in the ninth scored the first Sox run and he tallied on Hal Wagner's single to tie up the contest. In the 11th, with Bobby Doerr on second and two out, Finney singled in the winning tally.

YANKS SPLIT

The Yankees and White Sox split a doubleheader at the Stadium with Chicago taking the opener, 7-3 and the Yanks, behind the long-range clouting of Bud Metheny and Nick Etten, capturing the nightcap, 7-6. Jake Wade, former Yank and Tiger southpaw made his first of the season for the Sox in the fourth frame of the final game

and silenced the Yank bats until the eighth when he blew up.

At Shibe Park, the Tigers and the A's shared shutout victories. Detroit won the opener, 8-0, and the Mackmen came back to take the second, 2-0. The Tigers walloped Russ Chastopher for 11 hits in six innings for all eight runs while Dizzy Trout scattered eight blows to hang up his ninth win of the season. Jess Flores held Detroit to four hits in capturing the second tussle.

Cleveland took both ends of a doublebill from the Senators, 4-3 and 6-3. Steve Gromek handcuffed Washington for seven innings in the nightcap but Catcher Mike Guerra ruined his bid for a no-hitter in the eighth frame. The Indians took an early lead off Bill Lefebvre and continued to maul Alex Carrasquel who relieved him.

The first game went ten innings as the Senators came from behind to tie the score in the eighth frame. Lou Boudreau's double and Ken Keltner's single in the tenth clinched the contest.

FIRST SHUTOUT

Mel Ott's uncertain Giants scored their first shutout of the season when 39-year-old Johnny Allen blanked the Cincinnati Reds with three hits to win, 7-0, in the second half of a bargain bill. The win gained an even break for the Giants as they dropped the opener, 4-1. Jim Konstanty, Reds rookie triumphed over Bill Voiselle who lost his ninth game without allowing an earned run.

Nate Andrews held the Pirates to six hits and pitched the Braves to a 4-1 win at Pittsburgh. The second game was called in the eighth inning with the score tied, 5-5, because of the Sunday law. In one opener, Andrew had the Bucs completely puzzled until the final innings when they scored a walk, a single and a long fly.

In Chicago, the Phillies split a doubleheader with the Cubs. Chicago took the opener, 8-1, behind the five-hit pitching of Bob Chipman. The Phillies grabbed the final game, 4-2, as southpaw Ken Raffensberger scattered 11 bingles.

CARDS WIN TWO

The Cardinals continued their winning ways by taking both ends of a doubleheader from the Dodgers 2-1 and 4-2. The wins increased the league leader's margin to nine games over the second-place Pirates.

Max Lanier copped the opener in a 14-inning thriller. Both Lanier and Rube Melton hurled scoreless ball for 13 innings. Dixie Walker's triple and Frenchy Bordagaray's fly gave Brooklyn the lead in the 14th. But a walk to O'Dea and singles by Danny Lidtwaier and Marty Marion tied the game. Les Webber replaced Melton and walked pinchhitter Deb Garms, filling the sacks. After pinch-hitter Gus Bergamo flied out, Johnny Hopp drove one over Lou Olmos' head to end the game.

Combining an 18-hit attack with a brilliant triple play, the Red Birds also pounded out an 8-3 victory over the Dodgers in a Saturday night contest.

Dutch Leonard had his knuckleball working to perfection as the Senators tripped Cleveland 4-2 in another night game. Leonard allowed only five hits while his mates reached three Indian twirlers for 12.

FA Unit Seeks Softball Games

ROME, July 3—A field artillery unit is looking for softball matches and is ready to take on any enlisted man's club. The unit prefers to schedule games for Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday or Sunday at about 1900 hours. Teams interested are asked to write Lt. Robert H. Wilson, SSO, through the sports department of Stars and Stripes.

Jug McSpaden Shoots Neat 65

CHICAGO, July 3—Jug McSpaden treated a large gallery to almost phenomenal golf yesterday in tying Lt. Ben Hogan, Army Air Corps, for the lead in the Victory Open.

McSpaden shot 65, six below par on his last round and then climaxed a thrilling afternoon with a 40-foot putt on the final green. The 18-hole playoff is scheduled today.

Any Jobs Open For Mackensen

ADVANCED ALLIED HEAD-QUARTERS, July 3 — Col. Gen. Eberhard von Mackensen has been fired from his job of commanding the ill-fated and almost-destroyed 14th German Army, it was indicated today in an enemy document, dated June 3 carrying the name of a General Lemensen as army commander.

The document was a letter to the Hermann Goering Division by the Fat Boy of the same name calling on the krauts to fight to the last man and declaring: "It is possible that the division be destroyed but impossible that it retreat." The Hermann Goering Division has now achieved the impossible.

# Yanks Open New Drive

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attacks were carried out by other American forces west of Caumont." Caumont is 12 miles east and slightly south of St. Lo, and 20 miles southwest of Caen.

Except for liquidating the Cap de la Hague garrison there has been virtually no reported American activity since the fall of Cherbourg. Today's communique announced that the American 1st Army had captured 43,000 prisoners in Normandy.

On the Caen front, where the bridgehead across the Odon remained solid against dwindling German counterattacks, military spokesmen said Field Marshal Erwin Rommel had brought in an entire corps from the Russian front.

## 11 DIVISIONS

The new reserves brought to 11 the total number of German divisions now facing the 2nd Army in the Caen-Tilly sector. Comparative enemy inactivity there in the last two days was explained by his probable regrouping.

British patrols yesterday entered Bretteville, three miles southwest of Caen, and found the town vacated by the Germans but heavily booby-trapped. This represents the closest Allied approach to Caen, where the Germans are still holding out with no signs of evacuation.

Air activity over the front was greatly reduced by bad weather yesterday, although heavy American and British bombers attacked flying bomb installations near Pas de Calais. The Germans continued to send the robot planes over England yesterday and last night, although a two-hour lull in their operations followed yesterday's bombing.

## Minsk

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garrison "has taken up positions on a new defense line west and northwest of the town."

Roads before Minsk were reported choked with German infantry and motor columns which were being cut to pieces by low-flying Stormoviks. Pillars of smoke and flame from resulting explosions were being used by Soviet mobile units as beacons to guide them to the enemy.

Three years ago today the Germans boasted that their capture of Minsk was the "greatest battle of encirclement in history." Now the shoe is on the other foot. In ten days the front has been pushed back 110 to 120 miles and the fall of Minsk will do more than liberate White Russia — it will open the way for a drive to Warsaw and Berlin.

As the Soviets smashed into Poland north and southwest of Polotsk, they captured 250 more inhabited localities. Far to the north, on the Karelo-Russian front they continued their advance between Lakes Onega and Ladoga, occupying two industrial towns and several small villages.

## Free Philippines Pledged In Law

WASHINGTON, July 3—President Roosevelt over the weekend signed legislation providing for full independence of the Philippines as soon as possible. The bill which pledges the U. S. to drive the Japanese from the islands and relinquish governmental control to the natives as soon as normal functions can be established would permit the United States to acquire air, land and naval bases in the Philippines.

# Invasion Flashes

A SPECIAL TELEPHONE cable, laid under the English Channel since the invasion, is now in use. The first call "came through so clearly," said the WAAF telephone operator, "that it might easily have been an ordinary local call."

TOP-RANKING STARS IN the Allied military line-up in France are now known to include General Sir Bernard Law Montgomery, commander of the 21st Army Group; Maj. Gen. Francis Wilfred de Guingand, his British chief of staff; Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, commander of the U. S. 1st Army, and Lt. Gen. Miles C. Dempsey, commander of the British 2nd Army. Some British and Canadian units not in the 2nd Army are in the 21st Army Group.

THE INDEPENDENT BELGIAN News Agency announced yesterday that the Germans have closed the Belgian-German frontier. A similar report was broadcast by the Portuguese radio.

ALLIED ENGINEERS CLEARING Cherbourg Harbor are working against a 26-foot rise and fall in tides as compared with two feet at Naples. The Germans sank nearly every ship which they were forced to abandon in the harbor, one large vessel blocking the entrance to the

3,000-foot long ocean dock. Long stretches of quay walls and railways were blown up and docking cranes and other essential port machinery were left masses of twisted steel. The wreckage is rapidly being cleared by American engineers using bulldozers, pile-drivers and power-driven reconstruction equipment. There is little evidence of demolition in the city of Cherbourg.

CIVILIANS IN CHERBOURG say the Germans began feverishly improving their Atlantic Wall fortifications about a month before the invasion. They obtained 27,000 civilian workers but were forced to pay them the unprecedented high wages of 1,000 francs a day.

THE BATTLE OF FRANCE came to a halt yesterday for the first time since D-day, when American and German officers near Caumont stood in No Man's Land and negotiated for the return to the enemy lines of eight captured German nurses. They had been taken in Cherbourg and were returned in one of their own ambulances. Not a shot was fired in the salient for about 15 minutes as two American and two German officers stood in the bright sunshine between the lines and chatted.

GROUPS OF GERMAN SOLDIERS in full field pack have been crossing from France into Spain since the Allied landings in France, says the BBC. The troops, who are interned as they reach Spain, were said to consist mainly of young soldiers "tired of the war."

## 14 Remain Idle In 'Tie' Strike

CHICAGO, July 3—Fourteen ticket clerks at the Union Coach Motor Terminal are still idle today in a dispute with the company over non-acknowledgment. They reported for work Friday without their ties and officials refused to let them work. Union leaders backed up the ticket clerks.

To settle the weighty dispute a Federal Labor Conciliator was called in. He suggested that the men go without ties but keep the top buttons of their shirts closed. This compromise was indignantly rejected by both sides.

## Sign Man

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moment, given up his job as company driver and has taken over the duties of blacksmith. This afternoon he was toiling in the sun shoeing the horses.

"We were lucky to get these," he said, pointing to a small pile of horseshoes. The corporal's technique is simple. He selects a shoe which looks about right. Since he has no forge or any other regular equipment for shoeing horses, the corporal does the best he can with what he has on hand. The bumper of a half-track makes a good anvil, he said as he pounded a shoe into the shape he wanted. The men in the company like having the horses. On two different occasions they came through with supplies that helped a situation which might have become disastrous.

## WPA Folds

WASHINGTON, July 3—The Works Project Administration—the WPA to you—died quietly Friday. In its nine years of life it had spent more than ten billion dollars in Federal funds to provide employment for 3,500,000 persons.

Congress failed to provide new funds for the WPA. The Associated Press noted that there were more jobs than people to fill them.

## Nazis Rumored On Aaland Isle

STOCKHOLM, July 3—Unconfirmed reports from Finland today said the Germans had occupied strategic Aaland Island between Finland and Sweden.

One correspondent confirmed the Sunday inspection by German officers of fortifications and airfields on the main island. Correspondents of Swedish evening newspapers, however, said they had telephone communication with the islands and that the report of German occupation had been denied.

## An Old Story-- But A Good One

By a Staff Correspondent

WITH THE 5TH ARMY, July 3—This story is making the rounds of a certain divisional headquarters. A lieutenant colonel called one afternoon and demanded angrily, "Where the hell are those operational reports I asked for this morning?"

The voice on the other end asked, "Do you know who you are talking to?"

"No," the colonel said, "and I don't give a damn."

"This is General X," the voice answered, "and you can't talk that way to me."

There was a pause. "Do you know who this is?" the colonel asked. "No," the general said. "Thanks to Jesus, that's good," and the colonel hung up.

## Aliens Admitted

WASHINGTON, July 3—More than 59,000 aliens were admitted to the U. S. from July to December, 1943, the Department of Justice announced yesterday. Of the total, 15,108 were "quota" immigrants, chiefly Germans, Poles, English and Russians.

## ARMY CHIEF



HENRY L. STIMSON, Secretary of War, arrived in Italy yesterday for a series of inspection tours and conferences.

## Shuttlers Hit Rail Yards

MAAF HEADQUARTERS, July 3—American heavy bombers in strong force, including British-based Fortresses now in Italy after a shuttle flight from Russia, blasted enemy oil targets for another time today in three countries—Rumania, Hungary and Yugoslavia.

The 8th AAF heavies took care of the rail yards at Arad in southwest Rumania, 18 miles from the Hungarian border, while 15th AAF Forts assaulted oil repair shops in the same area. The rail line leads from Budapest to the Ploesti oil fields.

Italy-based Liberators bombed the Titan oil refinery on the northwest edge of Bucharest and the Mogosoaia oil storage plant nearby.

The heavies at Arad were covered by 8th AAF Mustangs, while 15th AAF Lightnings and Mustangs escorted bombers at the other targets.

A total of 57 enemy fighters were blasted out of the sky during yesterday's 15th AAF raid on oil and rail targets in Hungary and Yugoslavia. Fifteen of our bombers and eight fighters are on the missing list.

About 135 enemy planes took to the air to defend the Axis objectives, but bomber gunners shot down 23 and another 25 were downed by fighter escorts. Mustangs on a sweep over Budapest got another nine in combat.

## Nazis Patrol

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tions in Copenhagen have been occupied by Germans on orders of the German minister in Denmark. It added that reports of street battles in the city were "exaggerated."

Although there were few further details on yesterday's reports that the Germans had fired into street barricades set up by the resistance elements, the Nazi ultimatum was said to have threatened the populace with bombing or execution of 100 trade union leaders who have been arrested.

According to the Swedish radio, an estimated 300,000 to 400,000 workers are still in at least passive revolt against the stringent Nazi curfew orders which started the resistance. In addition to demanding the lifting of the curfew, the strikers are said to be asking for the abolition of the Danish Fascist military organization.

## Orlando Leaves Hiding In Rome

ROME, July 3—Vittorio Emanuele Orlando, 84-year-old Italian statesman who was one of the Big Four with President Woodrow Wilson, Premier Georges Clemenceau and Prime Minister Lloyd George at the peace table at the end of World War I, today announced his emergence from nine months of hiding from the Germans.

In an interview at his home, where he appeared to be in excellent health, the former Italian leader revealed he had been in Rome all the while.

## Poles Battle

LONDON, July 3—Polish circles reported today that a full-scale battle is raging in the Lublin area of Poland between the Polish underground army and the Germans. The report said the Nazis were using a panzer division, an infantry division, an artillery regiment and air force units against the Poles.

## Vet Benefits Speeded Up

WASHINGTON, July 3—The Veterans' Administration today was working at full speed to set up machinery for distribution of benefits under the "GI Bill of Rights" which became a law last week.

Yet Administrator Frank T. Hines said that benefits will be distributed through the Administration's regional offices in co-operation with Army, Navy and state officials. Unemployment benefits under the law will be paid either by state unemployment agencies or by Railroad Retirement Board field agencies.

In addition to jobless pay, the law also grants veterans medical care, educational allowances and bans to assist in starting business and purchasing homes.

NEW YORK, July 3—More than 15,000 discharged veterans, many of them with severe physical handicaps, have been employed by East Coast airplane engine and accessory manufacturers, the Aircraft War Production Council announced this week.

Careful study has been made of individual cases to find the right work for those ex-service men who are partially disabled and veterans who "are more determined to turn in a good production record than men who have never been in the service," the Council reported.

Many of those employed, the Council said, are neuro-psychiatrists. A safety inspector who had fought on Guadalcanal and in North Africa couldn't bear to enter parts of a plant where riveting was in progress, it was stated, but he and others have gradually overcome their anxiety states and now can do a normal day's work.

## Raiders Destroy Albanian Base

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, July 3—An Allied raiding party landed in Albania, demolished an enemy lookout station south of Valona and took some prisoners Thursday night, it was disclosed today.

The raiders were put ashore by light naval forces after a shelling of the station. The action took place on the Straits of Otranto between the heel of Italy and the Albanian coast.

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