

RED CROSS DEALS WITH ELAS

\*\*\*Jan 21--An International Red Cross mediator in Greece has successfully closed a deal with the leftist Elás organization to release a high proportion of the Greek civilians which Elás had been holding as hostages. Elás, however, retained the right to hold civilians they consider responsible for the recent crisis among political factions in Greece. Among these persons, they say, are many Greeks who collaborated with the Nazis during their occupation of Greece.

AIR WAR RENEWED IN EUROPE

\*\*\*Jan 21--After one day lull, due to freezing weather, Allied airmen renewed their assaults on Nazi communications. 1300 Yank heavies and fighters blasted the Rhine bridge at Mannheim and railway yards at Rheine and Heilbronn. The weather was still soupy and bombing was entirely by instruments. This prevented observation of results.

Italy based Allied fliers swarmed over the Nazi transportation system in Yugoslavia and the Po Valley of Italy, as well as shipping in the North Adriatic and Ligurian Seas.

Liberator bombers of the 15th Air Force struck at major rail junctions in Austria, while their sister ships, the Flying Forts, hit the oil storage area of Regensburg.

WORLDWIDE FREEDOM OF PRESS URGED BY U.P.

Hugh Baillie, President of United Press, speaking from New York, said that the adherence of 12 foreign governments to the principle of freedom of the news is the first step toward the establishment of greater freedom of the press throughout the world. In discussing a practical means to encourage the free flow of news among nations, Baillie declared: "As I see it, freedom to compete in gathering news everywhere and freedom to compete

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INTERNED ITALIAN SHIPS RELEASED

\*\*\*Jan 21--From Madrid comes a dispatch that an Italian cruiser and four destroyers, interned by Spain in the Balearic Islands since the Italian armistice, have been released and have sailed for North Africa. Though the German embassy in Madrid strongly protested the action to the Spanish government, the ships were released after an agreement was reached between the United States and Spain. British officials and the Italian government concurred in Spain's action. It was understood that the ships were in excellent condition and especially suited to Mediterranean navigation. This will enable the British to release an equal number of vessels for Far East operations.

NEW U.S. AMBASSADOR TO BRAZIL

\*\*\*Jan 21--Adolf Berle was sworn in as ambassador to Brazil and said he would leave for the post by plane Monday. He succeeds Jefferson Caffery who became ambassador to France.



If you develop a combat trick which produces results don't be modest and keep it to yourself. Pass it along so that others may share it with you.



Be sure to pass on any additional dope which may occur to you after you've filed your patrol report. It may be just the information needed to prevent casualties and save the lives of others.



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REDS 200 MILES FROM BERLINFRENCH FIRST ARMY HITS NAZIS

\*\*\*Jan 21--South of Strasbourg, in Alsace Province, the French First Army has opened a new offensive on a 25 mile battle front. This drive, coming in the face of a nearby German threat to break thru Seventh Army positions to Strasbourg, has already gained three miles. The French, who are rapidly re-equipping their military forces, hope to have a million and a half men in the field by next summer.

Meanwhile, the American Seventh Army has temporarily halted the Nazi threat to Strasbourg. The Germans had driven the Seventh back five miles as they poured more and more troops and tanks across the Rhine north of Strasbourg. The deepest penetration from their bridgehead, was nine miles from the city.

At the other end of the western front the United States First Army tightened the attack on St. Vith in Belgium, four miles from the German border. The Third Army was driving in from the west against stout Nazi resistance and to the east it was within three miles of Vianden on the German border.

On the northern flank, in Holland, British units of the Canadian 1st Army routed German parachute troops from the village of Zitten. Four Allied Armies are hammering at the Ardennes bulge on the northern half of the western front, the total area of conflict in this sector is not much larger than the Island of Leyte.

NOW THAT YOU HAVE SEEN THE WEEKLY FEATURES  
\*\*\*\*\*SEND US YOUR MATERIAL.

\*\*\*Jan 21--Advancing thirty miles along the high road from Warsaw, the Russian Army crossed the Warta River, 210 miles east of Berlin. Marshal Gremiry Zhukov's First White Russian Army made the crossing of the Warta and captured the strategic road hub of Kolo. Zhukov's forces now stand only 73 miles from Poznan, last big western Polish fortress city barring the way to the heart of Germany. This arm of the mammoth Soviet offensive is now the nearest to the German capital and indications are that it has no intention of stopping until it arrives in Berlin.

The Third Russian Army captured the big German stronghold of Tilsit in northern East Prussia. Tilsit was the biggest prize yet taken by this Army and some of its units are already within nine miles of the Baltic sea in a new crossing of the Memel River. Other elements advanced to within 45 miles of Konigsberg, the capital of East Prussia. This Soviet drive has cut the Tilsit-Insterburg Railway, placing Russian units within five miles of Tannenberg, where the Czar's troops met disaster in the first World War.

To the south, still other Soviet troops captured Presov, Kassa, and Bardejov on a front clear across eastern Slovakia. They have also taken an important German stronghold in the Carpathian mountains.

Thousands of Germans are being killed or cut off by the engulfing Soviet tide-sweeping across Poland. Moscow said the three Russian Armies in Poland killed

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## LABOR AND NATIONAL UNITY

One of the most important factors in winning a war is national unity. Recognizing this fact, enemy propaganda strives zealously to create dissension within our country. It is imperative that we pull together and resist any attempt to cause division in our ranks. The enemy would like very much to have the armed forces hate the workers back home.

Listen to Tokyo Rose or broadcasts emanating from Berlin. They try to make us believe that labor is betraying us---that working men are living off the fat of the land while we suffer one hardship after another. Unfortunately newspapers and radio commentators in the United States have helped this campaign by playing up strikes and every evil of labor unions entirely out of proportion to the facts.

Strikes are newsworthy. Constant devoted efforts in the mines, fields and factories don't make spectacular copy. There are men who would profit if labor unions could be destroyed.

The result has been a serious threat to national unity. Recognizing the inherent dangers of this situation, General Marshall, Chief of Staff of the War Department asked every Army Information & Education Officer to counteract popular misconceptions about war workers current among soldiers.

What are the facts? How about these strikes? General Marshall points out, "It isn't a question whether the strikers had just cause or not. Our anger results from the natural fear that any strikes may prolong the war."

Without belittling the fact that our war effort would have been even greater if perfect harmony existed, he goes on to say, "The loss (through strikes and stoppages) represents less than one tenth of one per cent of all labor time available. The no-strike no-lockout pledge of labor and management has been kept at the rate of 99%."

It is well to remember that every major labor organization has pledged to forego the use of its most important weapon, the strike, for the duration. Many walkouts have been of the "wildcat" variety frowned on by labor leaders.

The Army Fact Sheet #29 points out that outside of the coal industry (in which an independent union operates) labor's record on strikes has been remarkably clean approximately two-thirds of the strike idleness in 1943 was due to strikes in the coal mines.

We can't all make equal sacrifices in this war. Sure the man in uniform is making more of a sacrifice than any civilian. The doughboy up front is sacrificing more than the men in headquarters and service units. And what have any of us contributed compared to our buddies who gave their lives.

The production front also has its casualties. The Army Fact Sheet #29 states, "Industrial casualties between Pearl Harbor and Jan 1, 1944 were 37,600 killed and 210,000 permanently disabled."

Going into the question of how well paid is the war worker, the Army Bulletin

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### RED ARMY ADVANCE: (Cont'd from page one.)

65,000 Nazis and captured 25,000 during this last week. History is again repeating itself in Poland as the Russians sweep the miserable remnants of Hitler's legions across the frozen plains and forests of Poland. 132 years ago, Kuzukov's Russian armies were cutting to ribbons the survivors of Napoleons shattered forces as they retreated thru these same plains and forests. The Warsaw highroad was then strewn with thousands of snow covered dead men, horses, equipment and arms. Besides the battle casualties, thousands of Napoleon's troops died from the intense cold. Winter will also take its toll on Hitler's ill-clad men. No one knows how many of them if any will reach the heart of Germany where they might draw together for another stand.

### GERMANY LOSES LAST FRIEND

\*\*\*Jan 21--Hungary has signed an armistice with the Allies. The document was signed in Moscow by Soviet Marshal Voroshilov for the United States, Britain and Russia. Details will be announced soon.

This peace strips Germany of her last Ally in the war, although a token puppet government has been set up by the Nazis, with Count Szalasi at the helm.

### HALF LUZON RAILROAD STOCK DESTROYED

\*\*\*Jan 21--Continued American air attacks on Japanese supply centers and communications on Luzon have resulted in the destruction of practically half the railroad rolling stock left on Luzon. Yesterday our airmen destroyed 23 Japanese tanks and many field guns in blows on the northern sector of Luzon.

### LOVE IS ONE GAME THAT IS NEVER CALLED ON ACCOUNT OF DARKNESS

Usher: How far down do you wish to sit lady. LADY: All the way, of course.

### LUZON COUNTERATTACK REPULSED

\*\*\*Jan 21--General MacArthur announced that Japanese night counterattacks near Rosario and Urbantea, the enemy, in spite of his armor and artillery, suffered heavily. Rosario is on the left flank of the Luzon beachheads and is on the highway leading to Baguio, summer capital of the Philippines. The city has been the scene of bitter fighting for days with American naval guns shelling the area. To the south at Binalonan, American troops were ambushed by a dozen enemy medium tanks. Yank artillery fire knocked out ten tanks while bazooka men got the other two. Casualties to American doughboys were light because the Japanese tank guns could not be depressed to reach men on the ground.

Thirty-seven miles of the principal north-south highway between Sison on the left flank and Panagui on the south has been captured by the Americans. Capture of this highway practically cuts the enemy forces in two, severing the enemy troops in northern Luzon from those in southern Luzon. MacArthur said that enemy resistance on the left flank, where the Japs have shown their only strong resistance, is crumbling and breaking into disorganized groups. Enemy resistance in the Carbaruan Hills has collapsed. These hills rise from the center of the Luzon plain midway between the two invasion highways. The high ground northeast of Rosario in the mountainous sector of the left flank was captured by Yank doughfeet.

The Pro Islands in the Camotes group west of Leyte have been invaded by American forces. The American troops met only minor enemy air opposition. Further details on this operation are lacking.

### SUPERFATRESSES HIT KOBE

\*\*\*Jan 21--Huge fires were set in one of the most modern airplane factories in Japan Friday when B-29's made their first attack on the Kobe-Osaka industrial area. Kobe is in the Japanese homeland just 250 miles south of Tokyo. Primary targets  
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quotes statistics showing that the average married worker is getting \$5.65 per week more than he did in January 1, 1941. If you think that increased living costs doesn't more than consume that raise, ask the folks back home how much more it costs to get along.

As to absenteeism and the slackening of interest in the home front, General Marshall makes the point that the civilians are no different from us. He declares, "We have the same proportion of men who slow up Army effort by going AWOL, joining the VD ward or just plain goldbricking."

The Production front has done a good job. It has not only caught up with the Axis but has pushed output to an overwhelming four to one edge over the Japanisiz. Let's give the war workers some credit for his achievement. Let's not condemn the entire homefront for a few selfish chiselers.

CHINESE FORCES TAKE WANTING

\*\*\*Jan 21--Chinese Central News Agency reported the recapture of Wanting, last Japanese stronghold between the new Ledo Road and the old Burma Road. Wanting, which is in China near the Burma border, was taken after two weeks of hard fighting.

The Chinese High Command said that Japanese forces in the Hunan and Kwangtung provinces in China have launched simultaneous and converging attacks designed to close the Chinese-held gap in the Canton-Hankow Railway.

In Chungking, the new American Embassy which was completed only seven months ago at a cost of 10 million Chinese dollars, burned down. The fire supposedly started from a burning coal which dropped out of the grate. The Embassy was a large house built in Colonial style.

SIMPLE INAUGURAL FOR ROOSEVELT

President Roosevelt began his fourth term Saturday in a simple 15 minute wartime inaugural ceremony in the south room of the White House. The President placed his hand on the old family Bible and repeated the oath after Justice Harlan Stone. Then the President delivered one of the shortest inaugural addresses in U. S. state history, only 500 words.

"In the days and years to come", the President said, "we shall work for a just

and durable peace as today we work and fight for a total victory in war. We can and will achieve such a peace." He added, "If we meet this test successfully and honorably, we shall perform a service of historic importance which men, women, and children will honor throughout all time.

At the simple inaugural ceremony in the White House, President Roosevelt wore a business suit while retiring Vice President Wallace gave the oath to new Vice President Harry Truman. There was no fanfare, no parade or the usual elaborations. Eight hundred guests stood under gray skies in an inch of melting snow on the broad lawn. Other spectators watched from an outside fence. As in other inaugurations, the President's eldest son, James, a Marine Colonel, attended. He was the only one of four sons able to attend, as all are on foreign duty with the armed services.

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for the sleek silver bombers was the big Kawasaki air plant. Upwards of 100 Superfortresses unloaded their bombs in daylight with good visibility. Returning crewmen at their Mariannas bases reported heavy explosions and big fires in the target area. All American planes returned safely. Recon photos showed at least 315 bomb bursts within a radius of 4,000 feet. One main assembly building received 15 direct hits.



When Yehudi Menuhin returned from a concert tour of Alaska recently, he made the statement that American soldiers abroad had a much higher entertainment standard than the folks at home. To prove that overseas GI's were more critical, he cited his experience at an Alaskan outpost. Menuhin said he played before a soldier audience one night and held its uninterrupted attention for an hour and one half. Then, on the following evening, he attended a showing of his own mediocre movie and heard the hyper-critical GI's boo him thru the length of the picture.

Which all goes to prove the oft-repeated statement that GI audiences are the most critical in the world. Knowing this, most picture producers are sincere in their desire to give the Service top entertainment. But production schedules in Hollywood are top-heavy these days, and duplicate prints are limited. So some studio execs reason that because entertainment is so scarce on the battle fronts, GI's can enjoyably devour a few burnt offerings when necessary. That's why some of the newer flickers are hard to take.

Hard to take because the GI, being a super-realist, is a super-critic. He doesn't care if two million or two thousand shekkels was spent on a production, but he can't see Judy Canova bringing her shot-gun toting brother (AGCT score 31) into the lobby of the Beverly-Wilshire Hotel--with the shotgun. For some reason, war makes that stuff unpalatable. Perhaps when Menuhin returns to Hollywood he can tell the right people what the GI's want in entertainment.

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in distributing that news to all who want it calls for four basic conditions: First, news sources, particularly official sources, must be competitively open to all services; second, transmission facilities available to all at equal rates; third, a minimum of regulation on the flow of news itself and fourth, all newspapers throughout the world must have access to all possible sources of news"

The nations which communicated their support to his proposition are Czechoslovakia, Belgium, the Netherlands, France, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Canada, South Africa, New Zealand, the Philippines and Great Britain.

JAPS ATTEMPT PELELIU COUNTER-MOVE

\*\*\*Jan 21--Admiral Nimitz reported that a Japanese attack against our bomber base on Peleliu Island in the Palaus was upset by Yank infantrymen. 64 of the enemy soldiers landed on Thursday from neighboring bases.



Japan has had a system of compulsory military training since 1873. The Jap soldier receives 10 yen (about \$2.36) per month. Of this amount, 8 yen go to his family and 1.6 yen goes to compulsory savings. The rest, amounting to about 15 cents in our currency, he keeps as "spending money."

## SPORTS

Tommy Loughran, former light heavyweight champ honorably discharged as a Marine sergeant, has been given a \$12,000 a year job that's a cinch under the present circumstances. Tommy has been hired by a big sugar firm as a salesman.....When Slamming Sammy Snead won the 19th annual Los Angeles golf open with a 283 total, the Virginia belter conquered a jinx hole to register his triumph. In three previous rounds in the tourney, Snead came up to the 18th one under par, blasted out a long tee shot, laid his approach within four feet of the pin and got down with a birdie to win the \$2,666 first money.

Late basketball scores in collegiate play: Notre Dame 79, Marquette 56; Oregon State 54, Washington State 32; New York 78, St. Francis 33; Rhode Island State 70, Brown 59; Army 48, Columbia 31; Colgate 55, Syracuse 52; Indiana 51, Purdue 50; TCU 52, SMU 46; LaFayette 48, Lehigh U. 28.

The Chicago White Sox hit only one homerun in Boston last year, and the Red Sox didn't get one in Chicago.....Eddie Mayo, crack second baseman of the Detroit Tigers, is doing manpower recruiting work for Wright Aeronautical.... The official scorer in a recent Southern service basketball game was a little woozy when the game finished. Knight substituted for Day and Day for Knight on three occasions during the game, and each time they reported to referee Weeks.

Peru, Illinois News-Herald sports editor ran this top line on a story from Hollywood that Les Horvath would take a screen test: "Horvath Attempts Screen Pass."..... Bainbridge, with an undefeated football team and one of the top service teams in the East, is looking forward to new records for their swimming team this year with Adolph Keifer, backstroke champ, Joe Verdeur, breaststroke titleholder, and Wally Ris, free style sprinter, turning in some record times in practice. Ann Curtis, the San Francisco miss who became the first winner of the Sullivan Award as the nation's top amateur athlete, refused to come East for the National Swimming championships unless expenses were paid for a chaperone and her coach. The sponsors refused as the rap was too heavy.

Dud DeGroot of the Washington Redskins, Tad Wieman of Princeton, and Henry Frnka of Tulsa are all reported in line for the Cornell coaching job.....The Cleveland Rams of the pro football loop have signed Lt. Tommy Farmer, former Iowa backfield star now in the Marines, and Lt. Clyde Johnson, 6-foot 5-inch 270 pound former Kentucky All-American tackle. Johnson is stationed at Fort Benning, and Farmer is in a San Diego hospital recovering from wounds suffered at Guam. Chick Meehan, boss of the Trans-American pro football loop planning operations next year, is hard at work on Howard Hughes, the oil tool and Hollywood millionaire, to take the Houston franchise in the loop.

A Baltimore newspaper has estimated that the City of Baltimore will lose about \$75,000 a year in revenue now that racing has been stopped. That's the average yearly take in fines for gambling.....Two days after the government put the ban on horse-racing, Look magazine hit the streets with an issue that contained a prediction that racing, "now out from under threat of the war," would go onto new records in 1945 and Pavot would be outstanding horse of the 3-year-old group....The sport most likely to benefit from the racetrack ban is boxing. Mike Jacobs, who can put on a card with two guys named Joe and still get a creditable gate with all the dough floating around, thinks the track fans will take up boxing as their pastime now that the hayburners are idling.

Squire Gene Sarazen, the one-time wonder of the golf links, has recently come out with a blast at Florida golf courses where Gene charges they gouge servicemen with green fees up to two bucks.

## Unit Reporters Column

"THINGS ARE TOUGH OVER HERE."  
(By-Pfc Wm. David Mullins, Co A, 381)

I landed on the beach with a full field pack, but all I have left is a broken back. I went to the General and he laughed with a jeer, "Things are too tough over here."

I went inland to a bivouac area, but all I found was swamps and malaria. I went to the Colonel and he said with a Cheer, "Soldier, things are tough over here".

I dropped my roll and there lay dud, in a matter of seconds I was lying in the mud. I went to the Major, who was down drinking beer? He said, "Things are tough over here".

That night chow smelled a lot like peas, but all I got was a mall can of "C's". I went to the Chaplain who was in the rear. He said, "Things are tough." So I said, "Punch Here."

In a hole that night I slept in my pants. Woke up next morning all covered with ants. I went to the Captain, and he said with a sneer, "Things are really though as hell, over here."

The next day we marched as far as Tauble, with me loaded down like an old pack mule. I went to the lieutenant, who looked as meek as a deer, and he said, "Things are just as tough for me over here."

During the night a Jap was running hell-bent, and a little while he was inside my tent I grabbed the First Sergeant, and he said, "Ly Dear", "Are things that tough for you here?"

The next morning the Japs made a dawn attack, and never, poor me, being very far back, looked for the Corporal, and there in the rear, he was crying, "Things are too tough over here."

With the battle over and the rank standing 'round waiting for me to police the whole battleground, I turned to a private, one named Lanier, and he said, "Friend, I agree; it's tough over here."

SPORTS IN THE 381st

The mine platoon boasts of a ringer-proof horseshoe team. They believe they have a team that is looking for suckers--- Come on you sucjers and make them prove their boast.

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The second platoon and first platoon of AT Company played a hard game of volleyball last night, with a mixed team of both platoons.

NEWS BITS - 381st

The second platoon has added to its roster another man blessed with the problem of Heart Trouble. T/5 J. Siprak, Star City, W. Va., has been receiving letters with that sweet smell of lipstick.

The Co has lost a baker, T/5 G. Lawyer, Dorset, Ohio, to the hospital. We are on the lookout for a baker with a lot of class. It is rumored that Pfc H. Zentz of Bremen, Indiana, was seen copying from Layer's book on how to become a baker.