

MORTAR CREW MOVES INTO ACTION



ON ITALIAN FRONT—A mortar crew of United States soldiers hauls weapon, ammunition and personal equipment on a two-wheeled cart into position for attack on the Germans.—A. P. wirephoto from United States Army Signal Corps.

GERMAN BLITZ IN RUSSIAN TOWN



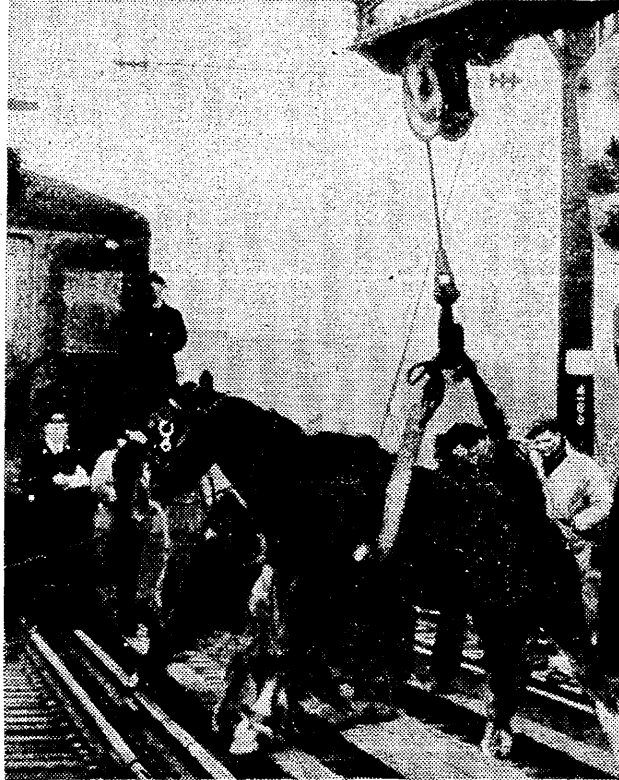
IN ZHITOMIR—This German picture, sent out by the Swedish news agency, Pressens Bild, shows German soldiers penetrating one of Zhitomir's burning streets. Zhitomir, Russia, was recaptured by the Germans in their counter-offensive in the Kiev bulge.—A. P. wirephoto by radio from Stockholm yesterday.

WAC SURPRISES HER SON



SOMEWHERE IN ITALY—Pvt. Alvin Bailey (center) of San Francisco introduces his mother, Pvt. Theresa Bailey of the Wacs, to his first sergeant, Edward L. Hillan of Julian, Calif. Mrs. Bailey surprised her son at his camp after arriving in Italy with a Wac unit.—A. P. wirephoto.

DOBBIN DELAYS TRAINS



NEAR PHILADELPHIA YESTERDAY—A horse fell between the ties on a Reading Railroad trestle and delayed 11 commuter trains. It took a wrecking crane three hours to get Dobbin off the right of way.—A. P. wirephoto.

French Patriots To Hold Secret Conclave Today

By PAUL GHALI
Chicago Daily News Foreign Service
BERN, Dec. 21.—A clandestine congress of partisan delegates will be held today "somewhere in France," unless unforeseen events crop up at the last minute.
From "the bus" and other resistance centers, delegates, whose number is kept as low as possible, are hurrying to the meeting place which up to last night was known only to the supreme leaders of French resistance.
French police and Gestapo, making vain efforts to discover the rendezvous, are arresting at random any "suspect."
The Paris radio yesterday disclosed that 4,000 arrests had been made during the past fortnight. So far, it seems, the police hold no important representative of today's congress.
The partisan conclave was first scheduled for December 15, but owing to some last-minute hitch it was deemed safer to postpone it until today.
Together with the formation of a common front of resistance to include all French patriots of every class or political creed, today's agenda includes the even more important subject of the constitution of a clandestine "consultative government council." This is looked upon by French patriots as the "Tito" government for Metropolitan France.
Gen. Charles de Gaulle, chief of the A1gers Committee of National Liberation, will be its symbolic head, but a French patriot, whose name will naturally remain secret, will be its actual director in France.
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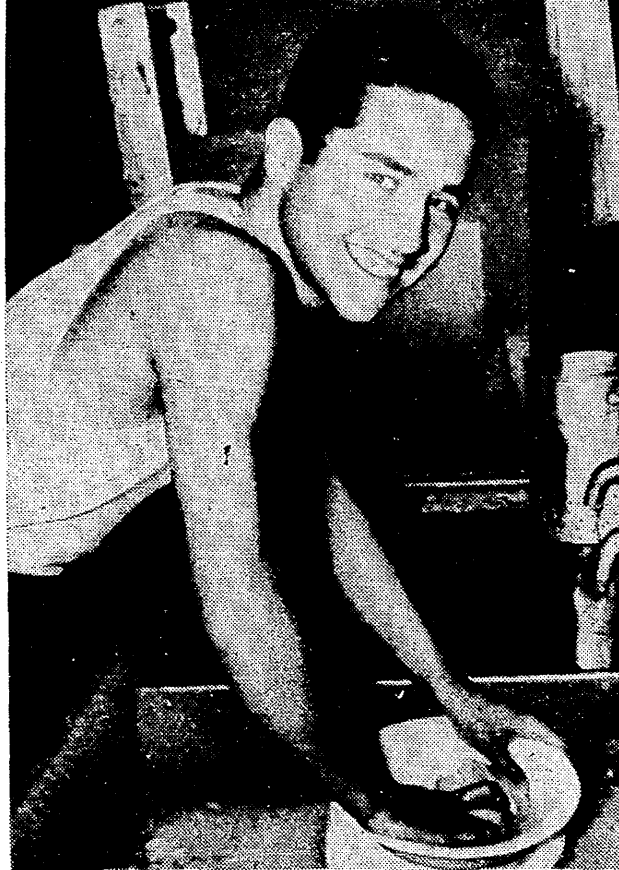
ON ITALIAN FRONT—Pvt. Sandil Jones of Manchester, Ky. (right), mud-spattered but uninjured, grins as he is cleaned off by his comrades who dug him out after a bomb explosion buried him.—A. P. wirephoto from United States Army Signal Corps.

CHRISTMAS DINNER ON 'THE HOOF'



IN ITALY—Pfc. Berrford A. Thomas of New York City advances on three turkeys which will make a part of his company's Christmas fare.—A. P. wirephoto from the Army Signal Corps radiophoto.

A SERIOUS CHAPLIN



AT CAMP HAAN, CALIF., YESTERDAY—A serious, hard-working private, quite the contrast to the portrait portrayed by his father in the silent-screen comedy, "Shoulder Arms," is Charlie Chaplin, Jr., 18 years old, who is doing his share of kitchen police duty at this anti-aircraft training center. Young Chaplin spent eight years in a military academy and said he found the Army "just like school, only more so."—A. P. wirephoto.

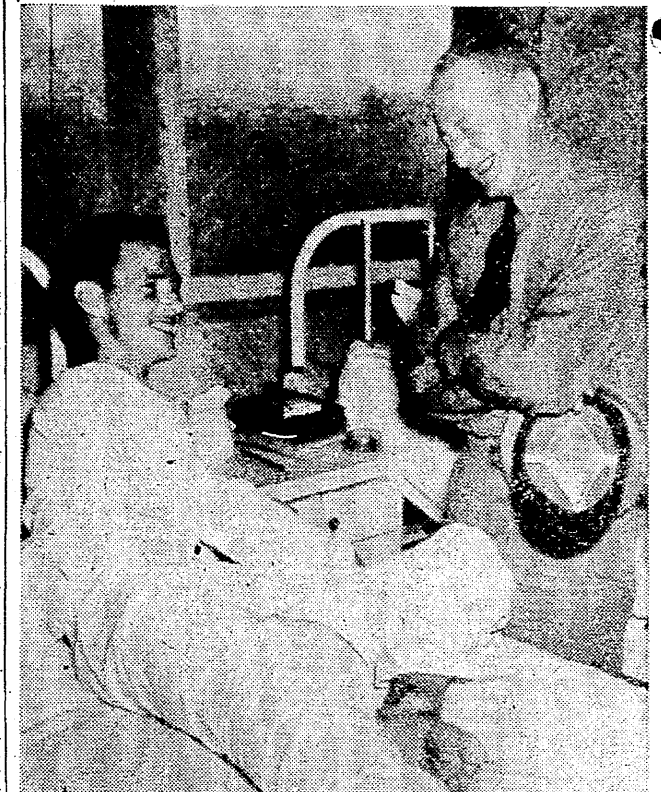
Tule Lake Japs Trouble-Bent, Best Testifies

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Director Ray Best of the Tule Lake, Calif., Japanese internment camp said yesterday that he called the Army to take over the settlement November 4, because some 220 Japs "were armed with clubs and were intent on using them."
Best, an official of the War Relocation Authority, told a House Dies subcommittee that until the night of November 4, it was his opinion that the internees were orderly and controllable, but that on November 4, a large group of them became "very menacing."

Steel Workers To Get Christmas Off

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Some of the nation's hard-working steel employees will get a rest next Saturday, Christmas day, the first time since the war started that the day has been marked by any let-up in activity.
The only official announcement on the subject came from J. L. Perry, president of Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corporation, the nation's No. 1 producer, who said in Pittsburgh production would be curtailed at a majority of its plants except those turning out sheets and plate.

ADMIRAL PAYS CALL



IN HONOLULU YESTERDAY—Vice Adm. J. L. McCain, deputy chief of naval operations for air (right), chats with Radioman (1st c.) G. W. McCarthy of San Mateo, Calif., in a naval hospital. McCarthy was wounded during the assault against the Gilberts.—A. P. wirephoto.

Glycerine is used as a base for the ointments and emulsions which carry the sulfa drugs to fighting fronts.
The deity Brahma is represented in Hindu art as four-headed and four-armed, and riding a swan or goose.
Gaeta, figuring prominently in Italian campaign, served as refuge for Pope Pius IX. in 1849 when he fled from Rome.

LUXURY TREAT WHEN GOOD FRIENDS MEET...

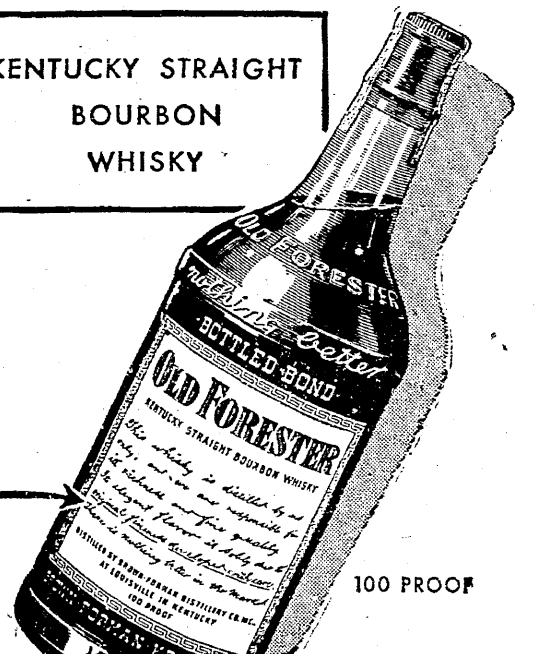
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