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"Find Peace Incentive"—Eisenhower

GENERAL TELLS CONGRESS PEACE DIFFICULT AS WAR

Addresses Joint Session Hour After Landing In Capital

"Speaking for the American soldier I can say that he hopes the nations of the world will be able to find the same incentive for peace as they discovered for a unity during the war", Gen of the Army Dwight Eisenhower told a joint session of the Congerss, yesterday, in Washington.

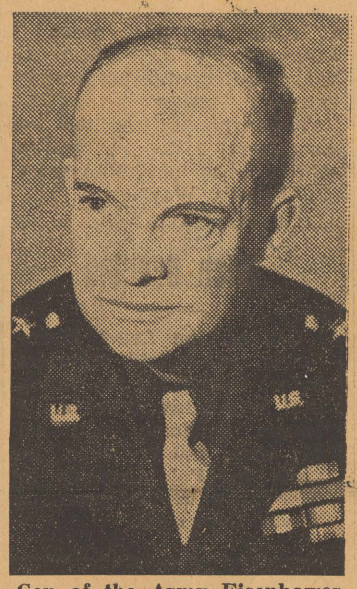
The ETO Supreme Commander, back in the US for the first time since the beginning of the African campaign, told the congressmen that the American soldier knows the problems of war and knows that the "problems of peace can be no less difficult".

The General continued by stating that the United Nations is a reality to the American soldier as he has witnessed the unity of nations during the battle with Germany.

The General landed at the Washington airport an hour before his address, which was

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ADDRESSES CONGRESS



Gen of the Army Eisenhower

PARRI TO FORM GOVT FOR ITALY

Takes Post Of Premier And Ministry Of Interior

The complete cabinet of Italy's new government is expected to be announced, tomorrow morning, as Senior Parri, northern antifascist leader, has accepted the task of forming a new administration after talks with Prince Umberto, lieutenant general of the realm.

A report from Jack Nixon, BBC correspondent in Rome, last night, said that is appears that one of the most important problems in the formation of the new government has already been solved as Parri has undertaken the duties of both Premier and Minister of the Interior.

State Police

The Ministry of Interior is always 'an important job in a European cabinet as the minister has control of the nation's state police. The Socialist

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PUSH 30 MILES BELOW SERAWAK

Australian troops continued to push deeper into the interior of Borneo, yesterday, following their capture of the entire Brunei peninsula and nearby Labuan which guards the entrance to Brunei Bay.

The 9th Division troops who landed, a week ago, have already seized all initial objectives and a communique from Gen of the Army MacArthur's Headquarters states that the Aussies

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MINOR TARGETS GET FIRST B-29 INCENDIARY ATTACKS

DRIVE 13 MILES DOWN CAGAYAN

Tank-Led Assault Puts Troops 35 Miles In Valley

US troops on northern Luzon, yesterday, drove 13 miles deeper into the Cagayan Valley to push beyond the Ipil airfield. The tank-led infantrymen operated under a heavy air cover, in the drive that puts them 38 miles down the Valley.

Other Luzon troops, west of the major offensive, repulsed an enemy counterattack and drove on up to five miles. In this sector 100 Japs were killed.

Filipino, guerillas were, reported, again yesterday, to be attacking the Japs in the upper regions of the Cagayan Valley.

Philippine-based bombers dropped 252 tons of explosives on enemy personnel in advance of the American's Cagayan battle line and supply areas were also hit behind the Jap lines. Other aircraft struck at Formosa and along the western coast of the Philippines where they reported sinking a freighter and four Jap patrol craft.

2 Cities On Honshu, 2 On Kyushu Are Burned In Raid

With all the major Jap cities already burned out, US superfortress bombers, yesterday, went after the secondary targets when a flight of more than 400 B-29's struck four Honshu and Kyushu cities with 3,000 tons of firebombs.

The target cities were important cogs in the Jap war machine, however, and are, this morning, reported to be a "mass of flames" following the attacks. The two Honshu cities to feel the flames from the superforts were Hamamatsu, 150 miles south of Tokyo on the Tolomi Sea, and Yakkaichi, across the bay from Nagoya. Hamamatsu is a major railroad center and the superforts concentrated on its large rail yards. Yakkaichi is Japan's textile capital where most of its industry has been converted to war needs.

On Kyushu, the superforts hit Omuta, inside the Ama-

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RETURN OF LEOPOLD MAY BRING STRIKE

A joint statement, yesterday, by the Socialist and Communist parties of Belgium, said that if King Leopold returns as he has announced, the country is in grave danger of a general strike. The joint statement placed the responsibility for such a strike on Leopold's decision to return to his country and "exercise his royal perogatives".

Prime Minister Achille van Acker, who resigned from office with his entire government at the announcement of the King's intention of returning, said, yesterday, "I have not yet given up hope that Leopold will change his mind". If the King does reverse his position, van

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Gain In Burma

The Jap defenses along the Toungoo-Majchi escape route were routed, yesterday, by Gurkha troops in Burma and a path was opened for British tanks which quickly made advances up to 10 miles along the road toward Siam.

Other British troops attacked a Jap hill position, 21 miles east of Prome in the foothills of Pegu Yomas and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy.

Hedy Slept There But Got Tired Of Fascists: Mandel Was There But Fascists Tired Of Him

by Sgt Bill Jordy

Hedy Lamarr slept here.

Now Anti-Tank Men of the 260th are bedded in the castle near Waxenberg to which she and her first husband, Fritz Mandel, Austria's wealthy munitions manufacturer, used to come on hunting trips. The "hunting" was not only for the deer, but also for business.

The castle's owner was Prince Ruediger von und zu Starhemberg, descended from a line of princes going back to the 10th century, and leader of Austria's notorious Home Guard. This so-called Heimwehr was an armed band which first introduced Nazi terroristic methods to Austria, and paved the way for Hitler's Anschluss in 1938. Of course, the millionaire Prince was an excellent customer for the multi-millionaire armaments industrialist.

Before transactions went very far, however, the glamorous Austrian movie actress, who was then known as Hedy Kiesler, had tired of this fascist company, and fled to Hollywood, leaving behind her the fabulous story of how Fritz Mandel spent millions to keep a nude Hedy from reaching your local theater.

"Ecstacy"

The picture, of course, was "Ecstacy". In the Czechoslovakian version, Hedy, enamored with love in the springume, had ridden a horse, with naked abandon.

Fritz Mandel married the actress just prior to the release of this intimate scene, and feeling a little self-concious about having so much of his wife on display to so many, he invested millions in buying up the offending celluloid.

However, he had millions to spend. Prince von Starhemberg contributed his share. The Prince went to Munich to study after fighting in World War I as a cavalry officer. While there, a young demogogue named Adolf Hitler taught him more than his professors, and he participated in the notorious Nazi Beer Hall Putsch of 1923, which preluded the Germany's era of gangster murders which was to come in 1933, when Hitler became chancellor of the Reich.

To Mussolini

The Prince's mother friends, alarmed at his hoodlum and decided to send him to -- of all people! -- Mussolini for further education to erase the bad influence of the Nazis. At this time the Italian dictator at the peak of his power, desired a free Austria as a buffer state between Germany and Italy. So, when von Starhemberg returned to his native country, it was an anti-Nazi, but also as an ardent fascist, who participated in numerous clashes with the Social Democrats, one of Austrias' two prin-

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OPERA RETURNS TO LINZ THIS EVENING

Opera returns to Linz tonight when the famed Landes Opera Company will give its premier performance of both light and serious operatic favorites in its home theater in Linz at 1930.

Seven voices and a forty-five piece orchestra will feature the best-known arias from Bizet's "Carmen", Mozart's "Don Giovanni", Verdi's "Rigoletto", and Puccini's "La Boheme". To balance these selections from dramatic opera, the program will also include the overture to Offenbach's "Orpheus in Hades", as well as music by Austria's Johann Strauss and Franz Lehar.

The Landes Opera Company

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Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

No games played.

	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.
Det	27	18	.600	Chi	24	24	.500
NY	27	19	.587	Wsh	21	23	.477
Bos	24	23	.510	Clv	20	25	.444
StL	23	23	.500	Phl	17	28	.373

NATIONAL LEAGUE

No games played.

	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.
Pit	30	20	.600	StL	26	23	.531
Brk	29	20	.591	Bos	24	24	.500
NY	29	21	.580	Cin	22	26	.458
Chi	25	22	.532	Phl	12	41	.209

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80,000 JAPS KILLED IN OKINAWA BATTLE

More than 80,000 Japs were killed in the battle for Okinawa, according to a report issued, yesterday, by Adm of the Fleet Nimitz. The American casualties were not listed but the report stated that they were less than "one fourth".

In the Okinawa mopping up battles the Japs continued, yesterday, to comit suicide although a US 10th Army communique listed an "unusual number of prisoners being taken".

A statement from Adm King to Lt Gen Buckner, Commanding General of the 10th Army, was made public, yesterday, and praised the 10th Army for its "magnificent" performance which, the Admiral said, "has cut off practically all Japanese positions to the southward" and made the enemy positions to the southward "untenable".

CHINESE BEAT OFF JAP COUNTERATTACK

The Chinese high command announced, yesterday, that Chinese forces have repulsed Jap counterattacks against the strategically important center of Chienkiang, 55 miles southwest of Luichow in Kwangsi province.

Enemy attacks 40 miles south of Fliuchow were also beaten off the announcement said.

Eisennower

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aired at 1830 DBST, and rode through cheering throngs of Washington governmental employes to the Capitol Building. Present to hear the Supreme Commander speak were the members of the Cabinet and the Justices of the Supreme Court. President Truman was the first to greet the General.

Gen Eisenhower opened his address by telling the Congress that he was a representative of the men still in Europe and that the celebration for him he knew to be a salute to them. "And I will tell them about it", he said.

Roosevelt Tribute

After paying tribute to the courage and agressiveness of the American soldier who he said has "never been equaled in the history of war", he paid tribute to the late President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill as the two men who set the "pattern" of the war calling them men to whom we will "always be obligated".

He then told of the sacrifices made by the British so that American troops could operate from the British Isles and stated that all Americans "will always have a warm spot in their hearts for the gallant British people". He praised the courage of the French and hailed the "great Red Army" and told the Congress that all liberated nations made their contributions to victory".

After the landings in France, the General said, the might of the German war Allies made "puny in contrast".

Still Suffering

Speaking of European economy, the General said that during the European war almost all transport and supplies were used for the army and the people had to bear suffering and want. The situation has improved now, he added, but with the great demands of the war in the Pacific, the people of the liberated nations shall still be forced to do without.

Gen Eisenhower told the Congress that the American soldier the people at home and appreciates their eforts, not only their great production effort, but their cheerful letters and Red Cross contributions that made "so great a difference in the midst of battle". The General added "the battlefront and the homefront, together, found victory".

All soldiers," the General concluded, "renew their pledge to their Commander-in-Chief President Truman to make any sacrifice including life itself until we know victory is certain."

3,260 More Dead

Of the 18,000 US armed forces personnel captured by the Japs in the Philippines during the first months of the war, another 3,260 have been reported dead, according to the OWI.

The report says that it is believed that the majority of those still unaccounted for are in prison camps in Japan, China and Formosa.

NEW MEMBER JOINS POLISH CONFERENCE

The Moscow meeting of the various Polish governmental factions is progressing smoothly, according to a release, last night, which said that the Polish labor leader Kolodzei, a member of the trade union movement had been invited to join the talks to replace the socialist Julian Zakowski who declined an invitation.

Kolodzei will join Statislaw Malojaczyk, former premier of the London Polish Government, and socialist leader Stanczyk as representatives of Poles from outside the country.

TREASON TRIAL FOR HAW HAW IN JULY

It took London Judge Sir Bertram Watson just eight minutes, yesterday, to hold over William Joyce, the traitor Haw Haw, to another court session, next week, on the charge of high treason.

At next week's session, it is expected that Haw Haw will be held for the July Criminal Court. Joyce has asked for three witnesses on his behalf and the government may bring them from the Continent. The accused also asked the Crown to supply counsel.

Opera Returns

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is the only operatic ensemble in the Upper Austria Province, and as such, it made frequent tours to the towns throughout this section. Many of its singers have stepped from Landes boards to join the world renowned Vienna State Opera.

Return Of Leopold

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Acker said he would resume office.

Although the communist and socialist parties have said there would be a strike on Leopold's return and although they have announced that they would serve him under no conditions, neither party has yet to publish a formal charge against the King who surrendered himself and his nation to the Germans in the early days of the war.

BEER GARDEN

Sv Co, 260th has opened a beer garden in the rear of its CP.

GIVE NEW NAMES TO ENNS STREETS

Following Linz's lead, Enns' streets became de-Nazified, yesterday, as 500 townspeople gathered in the public square to watch an overalled workman exchange "Adolf-Hitler-Platz" for "Hauptplatz".

Two other streets were also rechristened, when a street named after the Nazi Party song, "Horst-Wessel-Strasse", became 'Americanisher Strasse" According to Temporary Burgomaester Ignatz Kloinwieder, a pre-Anshluss local leader who spoke at the ceremony, the new name was chosen to "commemorate the Americans' ousting of the Nazis from power . . . and thus enabling Austria to rebuild our economy on the basis of justice for the benefit of all".

A third renaming completed the nominal de-Nazification. "Holzweber", so-called because a man by this name is supposed to have been the Nazi gangster who shot Austria's Premier Dollfuss before Hitler's Panzers crossed the border, reverted to its pre-Anshluss label of "Pfarrgasse", or "Priest's Way".

Wish Granted

Gen of the Army Eisenhower, who told reporters before leaving for the States, that he wanted to see a big league ballgame, will get his wish, today, when he visits the Polo Grounds in New York as a guest of Mayor LaGuardia.

Hedy Slept

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ciple democratic political parties before German domination.

Heimwehr

Shortly thereafter, the Prince set up his own gang of fascist hoodlums, which he called the Starhemberg Jaegers. They drilled on a parade ground located at the Waxenberg castle. As the Prince lavishly dropped his fortune into Mandel's merchandise, the Jaegers spread over Austria, and were rechristened the Heimwehr.

A wave of terror spread over Austria as the von Starhemberg's native variety of fascism competed with Hitler's brand in attacks on the Social Democrats

The gangsterism opened in Linz on February 12, 1934, when a local Heimwehr organization attacked Social Democratic headquarters located in the Hotel Schiff, Civil war raged in the city for a week. The battle was resolved by the abolition of the Social Democratic Party.

The Heimwehr was victorious at first. But Hitler had more money than the Prince. In any case, the transition from "Heil Heimwehr" to "Heil Hitler" was easy.

The Prince of course, was forced to flee with Mandel when the Nazis established the Hitler-brand of fascism on Austria. They moved to Argentina, where two weeks ago Mandel was arrested. No mention was made of the Prince.

The Social Democratic leader who opposed Starhemberg in Linz, Richard Bernaschek, died three weeks before his liberation, a starved, old man -- at Mauthausen.

Want ice cream?

Well, get your mess officer to contact the Division Quartermaster Office. Get your mess sergeant to supply the ingredients. And there's your ice cream.

Special Service Shows

Today's Special Service traveling show schedule will send the Cortez Vaudeville team to the 365th Medics while the Brantner troupe will perform for the men of the 259th, Div Hq and Special troops at the Landes Theater in Linz at 1930.

A third feature will send the Straub Concert Artists to the 261st where they will entertain the men of the 3rd Bn at St. Florian at 1930.

One movie is scheduled for tonight when the film "Doughgirls" is shown to the men of the 407th FA.

LINZ CITIZENS SEE NAZI CRIME PHOTOS

Linz citizenry are finally learning something about the atrocities which they supported, with the posting of photographs of Buchenwald, Ohrdruf, Belsen and their own horror installation at Mauthausen by the Information Services Branch.

The display, located in a shop window one block from the Hauptplatz on the Enns highway, attracts a continuous crowd of largely silent Austrians, who can read that "Austria Is Free - Austria Is Free of Such Horrors".

261 LEND LIBRARY TO BECOME MOBILE

The 261st's lending library will soon take to wheels and visit outlaying outfits, of the Regt, according to librarian Pfc Jim Trese, former Toledo Public Library employee who heads the Division's first library.

The present library is set up on the second floor of Hq Bldg where it is open seven days a week from 1400 to 1800 and 1900 to 2100. When the library starts touring the Regt it will be on a twice-a-week schedule.

Parri To Form

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and Communist parties had first opposed Parri as premier and had stated that they wanted one of their two parties to control the vital interior job. Parri, however, has been able to form his government with the support of these two parties and still retain to himself the two most vital jobs.

The Dixon announcement, last night, said that it is known in Rome that the two vice-premiers of the Parri staff will be Senior Nimi of the Socialist party and Senior Borsion of the Liberal party. The other ministers will be drawn, for the most part, Nixon says, from the six anti-fascist parties that played so important a part in the liberation of northern Italy. Parri was one of the major leaders of the partisan revolution that overthrew the Germans.

Forts Bomb

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kusa Strait on the southwestern edge of the island and Kumamoto, just southest of the initial Kyushu objective. Omuta, a coal center, and Kumamoto, a ship building city, were both reported as, at least, half burned out following the raid.

Major Gen Le May, chief of the 21st Bomber Command, announced that it is believed that the four cities are also construction centers for the new lightly-built Jap suicide planes.

3 PLEAD GUILTY AT SOVIET POLE TRIAL

The trial of the 16 members of the London Polish Government who were arrested in Moscow by the Soviet Union for acts of sabotage against the Red Army, started, yesterday, in the Russian capital. Three of the accused pleaded guilty, Russian radio said.

Along with the sabotage charge, the 16 Poles are accused of operating an illegal radio station behind the Red Army lines.

Gen Upulenski, one of the 16 accused, has asked the Soviets to allow the testimony of Polish officers who he claims are now in Russian prisons. The Russians do not admit having any Polish officers in custody.

261st BOND TOTAL IS 15,854 DOLLARS

With its bond drive half over, the 261st Regt has bought 15,854.50 dollars worth of bonds, according to a report in the **Fox Hole News**, unit publication. The figure represents the actual cash turned over to the Regt Bond Officer, not the maturity value.

Leading the Regt in bond sales is Co "I" with a total of 2,798.75 dollars followed by Sv Co's 2,464.75 total and Co "M" with 2,347.50.

Push 30 Miles

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are now within 30 miles of the oil center town of Sarawek.

Meantime, on the other side of the island, the British, yesterday, reported that RAF planes hit the rich southeast Borneo port of Balikpapan for the third straight day.

SCHEDULE CHANGE

The 261st SSO announces that a 1st Battalion boxing meet, originally scheduled for the Enns Athletic Field tonight, has been pushed ahead to tomorrow night.

The Wednesday matches will be the first of a series of intra-battalion bouts from which a regimental team will eventually be selected.

260 SV, SIG WIN

The past week-end was no picnic for the 65th QM softball team as they dropped two games losing a 5 to 2 decision to the 565th Signal Co and absorbing a 2 to 0 loss at the hands of the 260th Sv Co.

In the Signal victory, Pfc Sam Nader continued his winning ways chalking up a 5-hit win and gaining 9 strike-outs. Signal scored twice in the 4th and 5th and once in the 7th on 8 hits.

The 260th club got its two runs in the initial frame and was never headed as Tec 5 Tom Wetnight pitched air-tight ball. Both clubs gained four hits.

NOTE

A message from Hitler to Churchill is reported by BBC to be one of the three letters carried by von Ribbentrop at the time of his capture in Hamburg. The message, according to von Ribbentrop, was written just before Hitler died.

Its contents are not known.

AVERT STRIKE

The Office of Defense Transportation has taken over 1,700 trucking firms in Chicago to avert a second strike by Windy City drivers. A strike of 27-days just ended, last week.