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AMERICAN FLIERS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT SOVIET UNION

By Raymond Arthur Davies

MOSCOW (ONA) — American fighting men are discovering Russia, and their verdict is pretty generally an enthusiastic "Okay."

Take the case of 2nd Lt. Max Block, 20-year-old navigator of a flying fortress, who three weeks ago was still in New Gardens, L. I., bidding his folks goodbye.

When Lt. Block was a student at City College, he told me, he was a leader of a student group that fought supporters of the Soviet Union "tooth and nail."

"But now," he said, "I realize how wrong and misinformed about Russia I had been. And I appreciate the opportunity to be here not as a visitor but as a fighter against a common enemy and in a common cause."

I talked with Lt. Block and his buddies during a visit to one of the bases built by Russians "somewhere in the Soviet Union" for our shuttle-bombing "Heavies" and their Mustang fighter escorts.

Lt. Block's plane, the "911," is a typical cross-section of America. I was introduced to the "Team" a few moments after the flyers had been briefed following the first leg of their successful flight over Hungary and Rumania, in which they had bombed and destroyed the Marshalling Yards and Locomotive Shops in the city of Debrecen, Hungary, an important point on the main route of German supplies to the eastern front.

The pilot is 2nd Lt. Tom (Ty) Miller, 22, of Denver, Colorado, and a veteran of 20 missions. In civilian life he was a forester. Co-pilot is 2nd Lt. Max Barker, also 22, of Jaroso, Col., a veteran of 17 missions and a farmer in civilian life.

Sgt. L. K. Chaffin, the tail gunner, at 23 is a veteran of 19 missions and comes from East Lynn, W. Va. Staff Sgt. Jesse Wade of Morgantown, W. Va., is the engineer. He is 21, a veteran of 23 missions and used to be a farmer. Waist gunner Sgt. Ray Cichowski, 28, of Quakertown, Pa., used to make airplanes and is a member of the Automobile Workers Union. Staff Sgt. Indalecio Mercado, 21, of Colton, Cal., is a veteran of 20 missions. A

radio operator, he used to be a farmer. The ball turret gunner is Sgt. Robert Faulkner, 22, who used to drive a truck in Webster City, Ia. He is a veteran of 25 missions. The other waist gunner is Sgt. Charles Chase, 24, of Kalamazoo, Mich., who used to work in a Ford Bomber Plant.

One of the boys at the base I visited, Lt. Seymour Auerbach, of 1453 St. Marks Ave., Brooklyn, told me of meeting another American boy with the same name. The other fellow, Sgt. Walter Auerbach, of North Bergen, N. J., turned out to be a first cousin, whom he had never met before, although they lived across the river from each other for many years. "And where do you suppose we met? Right here in Russia!" Lt. Auerbach said.

Soviet officers at the bases marvel at the variety of names among the Americans. One that had them stopped for a time was Lt. Hiawatha Mohawk, of Harrisburg, Miss., a veteran of 40 flights and a direct descendant of the Mohawk Indians.

Senate O. K.'s Compromise on G. I. Rights Bill

WASHINGTON.—The Senate by voice vote a few days ago approved a conference report on the "G. I. Bill of Rights" setting up financial benefits for veterans of the present war.

The measure now goes to the House for final congressional action, expected within a few days.

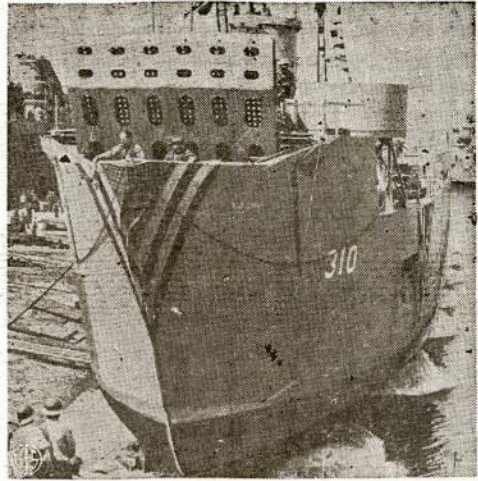
The bill provides:

1. Unemployment compensation for a maximum of 52 weeks at the rate of \$20 a week during the first two years after discharge.

2. Government guarantee of 50 per cent (up to \$2,000) on loans for the purchase of homes, farms or small businesses.

3. Educational aid for as much as four years at the rate of \$500 a year for tuition, plus \$50 a month for a single veteran and \$75 a month for a married veteran.

4. A veterans' replacement service board to help veterans obtain civilian employment.



FIRST OF ITS KIND—First picture of LSM (landing ship medium) is released by U. S. Navy. Ship is the latest of 11 basic designs for this type of amphibious craft and is first of its kind built. It is shown being launched at the Pullman-Standard Car shipyards, at unidentified point.

Program To Combat Race Hate Indorsed

Approval of the American Jewish Congress' militant program to combat anti-Semitism was voiced in the closing sessions of the two-day conference of the Chicago division of the congress at the Hotel Sherman.

A resolution urging special emphasis on the prosecution of the program through governmental, legislative and political action was adopted unanimously, as was indorsement of the congress' proposal of free ports for refugees as temporary havens.

Speakers at seminar were Dr. Arieh Tartakower, former Polish economist; Michael Mann, secretary of the Chicago Industrial Union Council (CIO); Anton Johannsen, vice-president of the Chicago Federation of Labor, and Leo Lerner, Chicago publisher and civic leader.

PLANE ROCKETES AID PACIFIC FLIGHT

WASHINGTON — Rocket projectiles are being fired effectively from five types of fighter planes and are being employed in the China-Burma-India and Pacific theaters, the War Department announced.

Army fighter planes using the new weapon, which fires the rockets from beneath the wings, are the P-40 Warhawk, P-47 Thunderbolt, P-38 Lightning, P-38 Airacobra and P-51 Mustang.

Successful results against bivouac areas, rail and highway bridges and ammunition dumps are noted by the Army.

Previously, the Navy had disclosed it was using rocket-firing planes in anti-submarine warfare.

Traitors Who Dished It Out Now Taking It

PARIS, France.—The French of this town, wild with the joy of freedom after four years of pent-up hatred for the Germans, welcome the opportunity to punish the collaborationists.

The chief collaborationist of Bayeux, gray-haired and squat and head of the "Anti-Bolshevik League," has just been showed through the main street by an hilarious and demonstrative crowd. Blood was running down the side of his head. His shirt was half torn off, his right leg was scratched and a wreath of roses crowned his head in an ironical takeoff of a ceremonial.

His eyes were filled with fright, and he stared wildly as he tried to dodge blows aimed at him. A young French guerrilla armed with an Allied rifle tried to keep the people back, but they kept surging forward.

A while ago the crowd grabbed one of the collaborationist policemen, and he was being beaten by the screaming townspeople.

This was different from Tunisia and Italy, for hatred of the Germans overshadows all else.

For the moment the people's main thought is to grab the enemies who have repressed them since 1940.

Even Aussies Are Wise To Chicago Tribune

MELBOURNE, Australia. — Customs Minister R. V. Keane announced that application of the Chicago Tribune for permission to publish a tabloid edition of that newspaper here for U. S. troops has been refused.

No reason for the refusal was given.

ARE THERE REASONS FOR GRIPING?

By LAUKUVISKIS

Some Things That I Don't Like

Some say that to gripe and complain is as American as corn on the cob. This may or may not be true. Sometime I even doubt that I know the meaning of the word "American".

According to the Chicago Tribune, if you do not curse Roosevelt every morning before breakfast you are a poor American.

Of course, every griper thinks he has reasons for griping. The biggest group of them stands out like a sore thumb with their snapping at the Government and "bureaucrats." Being in the minority group does not mean that a fellow has no reason for griping. But leaving the Hon. Government for the moment let me turn my gun on the gripers. To quote Edgar Bergen's meal ticket: "I'll mow them down, so help me!"

Not long ago a train with some Nazi prisoners and American soldiers pulled into a station in one of our "famous for its hospitality" Southern cities. All passengers alighted and went into the railroad restaurant. The German prisoners sat at the tables, but the American soldiers were told to go to the back of the restaurant to be served. You see, they happened to be Negroes.

Then, just this morning I heard over the radio that a strike had been called in one of the most important plants in war industry. White workers had struck because the management put some Negro workers in their department.

Well, I just don't like that. Ours is supposed to be a democratic form of government, yet we practice the very things we are fighting against.

The Fifth War Loan Drive

Only 5 days ago the drive to raise 16 billion dollars started in full swing. And I wouldn't be surprised that your neighbor already has been at your house to agitate and propagandize you into buying more Bonds.

Now, your neighbor does not look any more intelligent than you (at least I'm sure you think so yourself). Why was it necessary for him or her to spend their valuable time in getting you to buy more Bonds?

And that's not all. From now until July 8th we will hear on the radio, see in the theatres and on street corners regular medicine shows. A group of civic-minded citizens held a contest not long ago. They chose a young girl with the most beautiful legs. She is now touring the country in behalf of the War Bond Drive.

I don't want you to get me wrong. I am not allergic to pretty lower limbs. But what I can't understand is: why in the hell must we have all kinds of stimulants to make us "shell out" a little mazzooma that we really do not need at present?

No, I can't understand it and ipso facto do not like it.

The Hon. Black Market

I like to go to the lake front on a hot Sunday afternoon. To get to the water one must cross the main thoroughfare—in this case Lake Shore Drive. To do so you would never think there was a shortage of gasoline. Thousands of automobiles going in both directions. I just wonder how they can manage on two gallons a week.

That brings to mind my meat dealer. He is a highly honored citizen in our neighborhood. The following happened when pork was still rationed. I loudly expressed my desire for a certain cut of pork that he had in the show case. But looking at my No. 4 book I said I would smother my taste for pork and buy a pound of kidneys instead.

Hearing my sigh the honorable dealer got soft hearted and told me I could have the pork without the points: "Of course," says he, "I will have to charge you 10 cents a pound more for it!"

I had kidneys for supper that evening.

An Indictment from "Over There"

Soon after the incident with my Hon. butcher, I received a letter from a very close friend—an American boy now in Italy with our Air Force. Let me quote a short paragraph from that letter:

"In addition to what we get from GI, most anything can be purchased thru the black market. In this, my conscience bothers me no more than does that of the civilians around you, most of whom do not consider a day satisfactory unless the government is defrauded or at least sneered at."

Now I want this young boy to come back as soon as possible. You may know several boys that you would wish the same. But listen, my children (to quote the famous lines) will we have a helluva time explaining our actions when the boys come marching home!

And still I hear nothing but griping: taxes too high, not enough gasoline, no steak, too many eggs, weather changing too suddenly from hot to cold; no place to spend our surplus cash and still the government wants us to loan our money, etc., etc.



FOG-MAKERS—Above is smokepot unit of American 5th Army on the lower Garigliano River on the Italian front. Generators produce heavy pea-soup mist—as thick as London can offer. Soup hides entire river valley sector from enemy observation as Allied troops and equipment move over bridges to front lines.

KKK "MANTLE CLUBS" SINK ROOTS IN DETROIT WAR PLANTS

By JOHN MELDON

DETROIT.—A few days ago, a Negro was found badly beaten and unconscious outside the employment offices of the Timken Axle plant here. When two white men brought him to and got him to a drugstore, they asked him who did it. "The Mantle Club," the Negro muttered, and refused to talk further about the incident.

You will be hearing more about the Mantle Clubs. In Detroit, these clubs are hand-picked groups of sluggers organized by the allegedly defunct Ku Klux Klan. The clubs have sunk deep poisonous roots in virtually every big war plant in this area and they have begun to spread throughout the country. If U. S. Attorney General Francis Biddle is interested, and he certainly should be, he will find that this revised version of the hated Klan has built up a big organization in one of the key war plants of the east—at Lynn, Massachusetts, in the huge General Electric plant.

CHANGE OF NAME

Here in Detroit, the Klan has never given up the ghost although it "officially" disbanded early in 1943. It simply changed its name to several offshoot organizations, such as the United Sons of America and the United Sons of Michigan, as well as the Mantle Clubs.

The Mantle Clubs are a modern stream-lined replica of their founding fathers, the Kluxers, but they still retain the old ritual and the passwords to meetings. All members are oath-bound. The term "mantle" was adopted in homage to the old Klan practice of wearing hoods and cloaks. However, Mantle Club members

have abandoned the hood and cloak.

Chief strength of the clubs here are in the Timken, Packard and Hudson plants. Their chief activities are confined for the moment to vicious anti-Negro and anti-Semitic propaganda in the plants and in their neighborhoods.

The Eastern Clubs, especially up in New England, have reached the point of discussing the Mantle Clubs' ultimate aim, that of eventually "taking over the government peacefully." Anti-unionism is drilled into the members.

The Mantle Clubs are the Klan in a new dress. There can be no question as to the purpose and aims of these outfits which have selected some of the most important war plants in the nation to take root; they are pro-fascist and potentially powerful weapons which will be used by reactionary employers who intend to detour America from the path of the Hoover, to the path of the Hoover days of class conflict and union smashing.

16-YEAR-OLDS OFF TO BE SEAMEN

Eleven 16-year-old Chicago boys are en route to Catalina Island, Calif., to learn how to do man-sized jobs in the U. S. Maritime Service. They comprise the first shipment of 16-year-olds from the regional office of the Maritime Service since the lowering of the age limit last week.

L. R. T. Sexton said that the new recruits, all of whom had to have parental consent, will enter training as deck and engine seaman, radio operators, pursers, hospital corpsmen, cooks and bakers with courses ranging from three to seven months.

TEN HOURS OF WORK A DAY, JACK KRAY FINDS TIME FOR ART

Cleveland worker-artist offers his canvas — *The Spirit of Stalingrad* — for Russian War Relief poster.
By BETTY RILEY
CLEVELAND

"The Spirit of Stalingrad," a powerful oil painting by Jack Kray, a Cleveland artist, may be selected as the subject for Russian War Relief. The painting was exhibited by the local Russian War Relief Committee at the recent Sportsman's Show here.

Jack Kray is a likeable young man who works as a turret-lathe operator at Wellman Products here ten hours a day. He is a steward in the Mechanics Educational Society of America but is very dissatisfied with the program of that union. He says that an organizer for the union told him that union chieftain Matt Smith "wouldn't buy a war bond on a bet."

Jack's enthusiasm for his painting is shared by his wife Paula. Daughter Sue, almost two now, served as model for the child in the picture, but usually helps daddy by hiding the paint brushes and tearing the sketches.

Both of the Krays are active in Civilian Defense work, she editing the "Cedar-Centralite," a monthly mimeographed newspaper which promotes victory gardening, child care centers, civilian defense work and other war activities. Mr. Kray painted a mural for the community hall in the Cedar-Central housing project which depicts the various phases of civilian defense work.

Abel G. Warshawsky, world famous portrait painter, whose paintings are in the Louvre, was so impressed by the original sketch that he suggested that it be used directly for a poster instead of an oil painting being made from the sketch.

Kray is art editor of the Cuyahoga County Council for Civilian Defense. His next painting will be a large canvas of Tito's guerillas.

"The Spirit of Stalingrad" is a large painting — eight feet by five feet. It was painted in honor of his brother, Corporal Mac Kray who is overseas.

The model for the Red Army soldier in the picture is a U. S. soldier, born here of Russian parents. The woman is his mother, who fled from the pogroms against the Jews in Czarist Russia, having seen her father beheaded, her sister chopped to pieces, and her first child flung to his death on the rocks. She hid in a cave deep with icy water till she could

escape, then made her way to the United States.

Kray is also a sculptor and has a mask of Lincoln — stern and powerful — hanging in his hallway, masks of Punch and Judy in little Sue's room, and a small figure of a work-worn man resting after his labor, on the livingroom radio.

The artist is full of plans for painting and more painting. The great happenings in the world inspire him, and he wishes he could spend every minute on murals in workers' halls, civic gathering places, and serve as a real "artist of the people."

Chaplain Finds No Anti-Semitism in Army Camps

A message to warm the hearts of Jewish mothers all over America was brought to the meeting of the 6th Service Command Jewish Welfare Board at the Standard Club, 320 Plymouth Ct., Chicago, Ill., when Maj. Aryeh Lev, assistant chief of chaplains, U. S. Army, declared that nowhere in his recent 40,000-mile tour of Army camps had he found any anti-Semitism.

"And the closer the boys get to the front the closer they become," he declared. All religions are united when they know they face death together."

A few reported instances of anti-Semitism were investigated, he stated, and were found to be either individual cases which were quickly corrected by the Army or cases of persecution complexes of the complainants.

DEMAND RIGID PRICE CONTROL

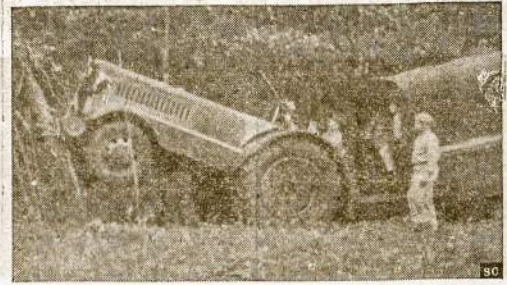
The present Price Control Act ends June 30. Some Congressmen seek to cripple it by attaching restrictive amendments.

These amendments mean higher prices and inflation.

It is your duty as a good citizen to write your Congressman. You must urge him to continue the Price Control Act in its present form. Urge him to vote against amendments that would make price control effective. Urge him particularly to oppose the Smith Committee amendments.

The continuation of price control depends upon how strong you make your voice heard in Congress. If you sit back and do nothing, you have no one to blame but yourself if you can't afford that new dress or new hat that you have been wanting for so long.

"Jeep" Climbs Tree That Blocks Its Path



MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—Capable of pulling a 155 mm howitzer at 42 miles an hour over almost any kind of terrain, the original "Jeep" shown above, is one of the amazing accomplishments of the present war. It performs under conditions previously believed impossible and it is one of the tools that is helping the United Nations' forces to push back the Nazis and Japs on war fronts throughout the world. In a recent test the "Jeep" climbed 70 inches up the side of a 28-inch white oak tree before the tree gave way in a test at Camp Ripley near here. As shown above, after the "Jeep" knocked the tree down it rode rough shod over it. The "Jeep" originated at Camp Ripley in northern Minnesota, and is manufactured by the Minneapolis-Moline Power Implement company.

THE VILNIS PICNIC

The Vilnis Picnic, although not attended by as large a crowd as had been anticipated (which affair is these days?) was, nevertheless, a success in more ways than one.

The picnic was truly a democratic one because we even had a few American-Chinese soldiers present. Something that has never happened before. America is the "melting pot" of the world and the Vilnis embraces the spirit of true Americanism.

These Chinese soldiers were friends of another Chinese soldier who is married to a Lithuanian girl. For those who would scoff at such a marriage, I might remind you that the custom is not too far removed when a Lithuanian mother felt that her daughter had married out of her "class" if she married someone other than a Lithuanian. Many of the old-fashioned Lithuanian mothers still insist that their daughters shall not marry out of their nationality.

Anyway, these soldiers were hesitant about attending the Vilnis picnic because they felt that they would be on "exhibit" as they had been at all previous affairs. However, the mother whose son-in-law is Chinese persuaded them to come, telling them that the Vilnis Picnic would not be like the others which they had attended.

They assured Mr. Andrusis at the conclusion of the picnic that they had never enjoyed themselves so thoroughly before and that they had never witnessed a more congenial atmosphere. Of course, if they had been a little more familiar with our picnics they would have known that if our picnics were otherwise, we could not boast of having people come from Waukegan, Kenosha, Detroit and even points more distant.

For some of the opposite sex

who stayed away, fearing that there would be no dancing partners, we would add that there were no less than 20 men in uniform. That is a very good showing in any language—and especially during war time. To all our servicemen who attended the picnic we would like to say that we appreciated your coming very much because we know how little time there is to crowd in everything that one wishes to do in ten altogether too short days. We enjoyed your presence immensely and hope that in the not too distant future we shall have the honor of having all our boys home for the Vilnis Picnics. Loads of luck to you, fellahs!

Among our youth we did glimpse: Aldona Pavelones, Fran Yurgil (enjoying herself as only Frannie can), Ann and Johnny Peters, Tony and Bea Guyer, Nancy and Jack Gordon, Anna Savukas and Stella Bedokes (who ALWAYS seem to get in on the work! Don't worry, girls, you shall be rewarded some day—we hope), our Frank "Sully" Solomon, who although being in the Navy seems to get out to more Chicago doings than we Chicagoans, Ed Praninskas (whose picture you will find on the Servicemen's page, gals) and Edward Klimas, of Philadelphia. Of course, there were many others but we can't get everyone in. Suffice it to say that everyone who came, ate, drank, sang, danced and went home merry.

Be seeing you all at the next picnic!

BUY EXTRA WAR BONDS Today!

LITHUANIAN-AMERICANS WE ARE PROUD OF



Master Sgt. Charles E. Vezel
(Vėzelis)

Charles is in Chicago on a 20 day furlough.

He is stationed in McLellan Field, Calif., where he inspects airplanes.

Previously, 27 months were spent in the Aleutian Islands.

In his description of McLellan Field, Charles states that the days are hot, but the nights are nice and cool.

His father is Dr. C. Z. Vezelis, whose office is located at 4645 So. Ashland Ave.



ALBINAS J. JURKONIS

Albinas J. Jurkonis, 21, son of Paul Jurkonis, 994 North Fifth Street, Springfield, Ill., was recently appointed a naval aviation cadet and was transferred to the naval air training center at Pensacola, Fla., for intermediate flight training. Upon completion of the course, Cadet Jurkonis will be commissioned an ensign in the naval reserve or second lieutenant in the marine corps reserve.

The farmer was trying unsuccessfully to get two mules into a certain section of his field when the parson came by.

"You're just the man I want to see," exclaimed the farmer, "I want to know how Noah ever got these things into the Ark?"



QUINCY F. ADAMS
Grand Rapids, Mich.

Although only 19, Quincy has seen plenty of action against the Nazis. He has participated in many bombing missions and has helped pave the way for the invasion.

Good luck to you, Quincy, and keep 'em flying!

Sgt. Raymond Vitkus Reported Missing in Action

We are very sorry to learn that James Vitkus, of 6616 So. California Ave., has been notified by the War Department that his son, Sgt. Raymond Vitkus, is missing in action.

We deeply sympathize with Mr. Vitkus and hope that he shall soon learn of his son's whereabouts. It may be that Raymond has fallen prisoner to the Japanese, as he was in the Pacific area.

Perhaps by contacting the American Red Cross, Mr. Vitkus may be able to learn more about his son.

Lt. Leonard Klikūnas Completes 50 Missions

Lt. Leonard Klikūnas, a Chicagoan has 50 bombing missions to his credit, which have taken him over Greece, Bulgaria, Rumania, Austria, Italy and France.

On his fiftieth mission, his crew blasted Bucharest, Rumania.

Lt. Klikūnas is a navigator of a bombing fortress and has been in Uncle Sam's services since January 5, 1943.

His wife, Gertrude Klikūnas resides at 7337 So. Rockwell St., Chicago.

An irate politician came in to see the editor.

"Did your libelous sheet say I was a liar and a scoundrel?"

"It didn't," replied the editor quietly.

"Well, some paper in this town did!"

"Must have been our contemporary down the street. We never print stale news."



Pl.-Sgt. Edward Praninskas

Edward is home on a furlough, after having been in Alaska and the Solomons. These Marines DO get around! He was stricken with Malaria while in the Pacific area and has still not completely recovered from its effects.

After his visit to the Windy City, Edward will return to California.

Here's to a complete and speedy recovery Ed!

Senate To Get Bill On Service Merger

MARGATE, N. J. — Senator

Hill (Dem., Ala.) disclosed here that he would introduce a bill in the Senate asking the merger of the Army and Navy in a single department, effective after the war.

Hill said his plan provided for an undersecretary of the armed forces, who would serve under the President, and establishment of separate posts of undersecretary of Air, Navy and War, with two assistant secretaries for each branch.

HOW ABOUT THAT "WHITE SUPERIORITY," CONGRESSMAN DIES?

The University of Chicago awarded 116 scholarships, ranging from one to four years' tuition and granted on the basis of aptitude tests given last month to more than 500 Chicagoans and to 187 students in 123 cities throughout the nation.

A 13-year old Negro boy, a 17-year old inventor and a 17-year old "industrialist" (founder and co-production manager of Globetronics, a Junior Achievement Company receiving subcontracts in electrical work from war plants) were among 116 high school students, 50 of whom are from the Chicago area, who won scholarships valued at \$100,000.00.

David Davenport Moore, the youngest of the winners, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Moore of 11112 South Ashland Avenue. He received a four-year scholarship valued at \$1,200.00.



Bill Rasins

Here's that popular "ladies' man", although he would be the last to admit it.

Bill and Phyllis (his sister) helped liven many an affair with their gay and sparkling banter. I am sure that all the girls miss Bill, although in all fairness, Bill was just as popular with the men folks as with the fairer sex. That's a real compliment, Bill!

Lots of luck to you!



Jonas Mika'auskas (Mitchell)
Staff Sergeant
Brooklyn, N. Y.

John is the son of Peter and Mary Mikalauskas. For 15 months his "home address" has been "Somewhere in the Pacific".

He is now stationed in Tonopah, Nev., and plans to stop over in Chicago enroute to Brooklyn. Atta Boy, John!

Calendar of Events

If you don't know where to go or what to do, always consult the VES Calendar of Events.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18TH.

MINER'S OUTING.

Dan Smith's Grove,
8228 Kean Ave.,
Willow Springs, Ill.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25TH. LDS BRIGHTON PARK YOUTH AND ADULT PICNIC.

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Eyes On China

In opening the Fifth War Loan drive, the President called attention to the fundamental relation between the fighting in Europe and the battles still to be fought against Japan. Indirectly replying to the treacherous "defeat-Japan-first" agitation, Mr. Roosevelt noted that the early defeat of Germany means the isolation of Japan, which will be forced to choose between surrender or suicide "much more rapidly than has been thought possible."

Unquestionably, the President is right in reaffirming the basic unity of the war and the correctness of our basic world strategy. But when we turn from the beachheads in France to the crisis in central China, we must conclude that serious political issues still interfere with the hope of hastening the war to victory in Asia.

In Europe these political issues are solved in principle, and are fast being solved in practice. Hitler's anti-Communist bogey is being defeated in our understanding with the Soviet Union, in our dealings with most of the peoples of Europe. In Asia, however, the principle of giving help to those who are really fighting the enemy is not yet realized. The anti-Communist mania among the Kuomintang leaders in China is still far from being destroyed.

As a result, China is in very serious trouble. The Japanese threaten Changsha, and they threaten to entrench themselves all the way from the northwest down to Canton, in the southeast. Although American and Chinese soldiers have done magnificently in northern Burma to re-open supply routes to China, we face the danger that the Japanese will deprive us of the use of central China as a base for large-scale operations against the bulk of the Japanese army. The defeats in central China tend to nullify the gains in northern Burma.

The blockade of the Chinese Communists is fundamentally responsible for this situation. The blockade operates in two ways: it keeps 60,000,000 of our best allies in the northwest in constant danger of a stab-in-the-back, and it demoralizes those million Kuomintang troops who are kept ready for such a stab-in-the-back. For two years, we have hammered away at this truth, and at last other American circles are beginning to realize its importance. The New York Times on Saturday again called for unity in China, and warned against civil war. In his column recently, Walter Lippmann treats the subject very basically, and we agree with the main aspects of his approach.

"A settlement of the Chinese civil war," he says, "is urgently necessary in order to lay the foundations for the decisive phase of the war against Japan." We join in his hope that Vice-President Wallace will make this plain, in the name of our government, to the Chungking leaders. Until anti-Communism is completely rejected in China, our ally will face the constant danger of serious defeats, and thereby imperil the whole grand plan of defeating Japan.

(DAILY WORKER)

Caffein Causes Ulcers

Excessive amounts of caffeine in coffee, soft drinks or tea sometimes cause stomach ulcers in susceptible persons, three Northwestern University doctors told the American Medical Association recently at the Stevens Hotel.

Drs. J. A. Roth, A. C. Ivy and A. J. Atkinson said they first tried their experiments on cats, and then on humans. On cats they proved that caffeine, given by intramuscular injection, caused ulcers in 40 to 50 per cent of the animals. The caffeine rendered stomach linings more susceptible to erosion.

The evidence, presented at the A. M. A. annual scientific exhibit, revealed that no human was used as a guinea pig to produce an ulcer, but the reactions of normal people and stomach ulcer patients when given the amount of caffeine in two and a half cups of coffee seemed to confirm the animal findings.

HELP IN DIAGNOSIS

That much caffeine usually caused a big rise in stomach acid. In normal persons the rise was transient; among those with ulcers the rise was prolonged. In fact, it was so prolonged that the physicians said a heavy drink of caffeine may help to diagnose ulcers.

Among 50 normal persons tested there were five who showed acid reactions resembling those of ulcer patients. Four of the five later developed stomach troubles and one got an "early type" ulcer.

Russia To Let Jap Ship Pick Up Yank Parcels

Washington — The Soviet government has agreed to permit a Japanese ship to enter a specified Russian port near Vladivostok to pick up relief supplies for American prisoners in the Orient.

In making this announcement the State Department said stocks of supplies sent to Russia last year have been awaiting transportation and it is hoped that they will be distributed in the near future.

Moscow also offered to forward the supplies to the Japanese overland, presumably through Manchuria, and named another port near Vladivostok where the Japanese can pick up future shipments which will be sent to the United States through Russia.

The Japanese government has been informed of Russia's offer through the Swiss government, the State Department said, and word now is awaited from Tokyo that arrangements have been completed.

As We See It

If you have not read this poem do so now, and if you have read it, it will bear rereading. It was written by an American soldier in Italy and was signed—*Pvt. J.*

The Chicago Daily Times printed it in its editorial. Here it is:

My gunner died in my arms today;
I feel his warm blood yet;
Your neighbor's dying boy gave out
A scream I can't forget.
On my right a tank was hit,
A flash and then a fire;
The stench of burning flesh
Still rises from the pyre.
What did you do today, my friend,
To help us with the task?
Did you work harder and longer for less?
Or is that too much to ask?
What right have I to ask you this?
You probably will say.
Maybe now you'll understand;
You see, I died today.

What did we do yesterday? Are we doing enough today? Let us repeat these questions to ourselves. Let us do more than we did yesterday and the day before yesterday.

Private J. did more than his share. He wants to know how much we are doing.

One thing that each and everyone of us can do is to buy a war bond. Do it today! Do it now!

Our soldiers—our armed forces are doing well. Our factories are doing well. Our Command is doing well. It is impossible for the armed forces as well as for the industry to do its best unless the government, too, is doing well.

It is therefore depressing, if not shameful, to read this piece of demagoguery:

"And Mr. President, may your petitioners—the press and the people of this once independent United States—humbly pray that a little information regarding their own American affairs be vouchsafed to your humble petitioners from their own capital city of Washington—if it is still their own? And that they be not compelled to receive all their information regarding the action of their government—if it is still their own government—from the British capital of London and by the grace of God and the British Parliament."

I suppose I don't have to tell you that this is a quotation from the Hearst paper. It is a part of the editorial attacking our government.

If there were even a particle of truth in this editorial, it would not have been printed—for truth is foreign to Hearst. It is not a criticism but an impermissible attack and is especially dangerous during the war.

In any country with less freedom of press, such an attack would be labeled as sedition.

It is hard to take it for anything else for it creates an impression that our government has handed the United States to Great Britain.

And yet all the facts prove conclusively that our country is not only as independent, but even more so than ever before.

It is the leading power in the world.

The Army And Navy Register, in its editorial, states: "The time is approaching for peace proposals from Germany, but in order to crush barbarism we must demand unconditional surrender," also, "Every means for making war must be taken away from Germany and Japan."

Our Army and Navy not only want to win the war but also to maintain the peace. Our armed forces are fighting . . . and thinking.

Former isolationist Senator D. Worth Clark has been defeated in the Idaho primaries "by a cowboy." Some more Roosevelt-haters will be scared out of their wits. *VINCE RUDIS.*



OFFER EX-SOLDIERS ADVICE ON FREE JOB TRAINING

Returned War Vets Can Find Various Educational Opportunities

From the battlefield to the schoolroom and training class to a job — that's the order of march today of thousands of returning veterans of the present war who are finding a wide variety of training and educational opportunities waiting to help them re-adjust themselves to civilian life.

At the War Manpower commission's employment service office, 463 W. 63rd St., Chicago, Ill., where the entire staff is being mobilized to help place veterans in the right jobs, Sidney L. Coleman, veterans' employment representative, is ready with special counseling and information about training courses available for veterans who want to go back to school or to learn a trade.

Trade and Industrial Courses.

Training and educational courses offered free to veterans and available in Chicago include trade and industrial education.

Under the provisions of two national vocational education acts, training is available in the public vocational schools for a variety of skills, leading to occupations in such fields as automotive trades, aviation trades, drafting, electrical trades, machine trades, building trades, sheet metal, welding, foundry work and others.

Earn as They Learn.

Under the apprenticeship training program, an apprentice is given thorough training on the job and in the classroom and earns as he learns. This training, provided by the employer, is conducted under standards of the apprentice-training service and adopted by both management and labor. Apprentice training can equip the veteran for a career in more than a hundred skilled trades, including machinist, automotive mechanic, radio technician, electrician, aircraft model maker, shipwright, pattern maker, molder, draftsman, painter and decorator.

As an apprentice, the veteran's wages increase as he advances from one operation to another, and when he completes his apprenticeship, he receives the wages of all-around skilled workers. Vocational courses in agriculture and courses under the food production war training program are also offered.

Veterans with satisfactory educational backgrounds may enroll in engineering, science and management war training

courses conducted by college and universities. No fees or tuition is required, although trainees must pay for books and supply their living expenses. Both full-time and part-time courses are given.

Where Courses Are Available

Courses are available at the Central Y. M. C. A. college, DePaul University, Illinois Institute of Technology, Loyola University, Northwestern University and the University of Chicago in Chicago, at Bradley Polytechnic Institute in Peoria, the University of Illinois in Urbana and Wheaton college in Wheaton.

Veterans may also benefit from training within industry courses in plants where supervisors and foremen train new workers for the best performance in their jobs. These courses also help veterans attain their maximum earning power and enable them to qualify for upgrading.

MEXICO MEDICAL UNIT TO JOIN TITO FORCES

MEXICO CITY — Mexican doctors and nurses will go to Yugoslavia shortly with surgically-equipped ambulances bought for Tito's army by popular subscription. A dozen trained nurses have already volunteered for this mission, according to an announcement by the Mexican Committee of Aid to the Liberating Army and Guerrillas of Yugoslavia.

How Disabled Vets Are Aided

If a Chicago veteran returns with a disability connected with or aggravated by his service, Mr. Coleman will aid him in applying for training through the veterans' administration. If his application is approved, he will attend a recognized trade school, college or university at government expense and the government will pay him \$80 a month, including his pension.

If he has a disability not connected with his service, he may still take state vocational training, which provides tuition and books, but no maintenance allowance, except in unusual cases.

FORMER PITCHER KILLED IN ACTION

Joseph Schneider, 7703 Morgan st., manager of the Chicago Pirates baseball team, recently received the silver star and Purple Heart medals that had been awarded to his son, Pvt. Joseph, Jr., 21 years old, who was killed in action in Italy January 3.

A former southpaw pitcher on the Chicago Pirates, Joe had engaged in three major battles and a number of skirmishes. He was inducted into the army in August, 1942, and went overseas the following April, being stationed at first in N. Africa.

Joe was the originator of the ball team now known as the Chicago Pirates, which was then called the Triangle team and played in the Illinois State Amateur league. He had played baseball most of his life and once pitched in a game which won St. Leo grammar school the championship from St. Rita. He studied airplane engines at Tilden Tech high school and lacked only six months of completing his training at Curtiss Wright Aeronautical college.

These are TRUTHS:



1. THE EUROPEAN INVASION IS THE CRISIS OF THIS, THE WORLD'S MOST TERRIBLE WAR; THE COURSE OF THE WHOLE WAR HANGS IN THE BALANCE — NOW!

2. AS FUEL IS TO FIRE, SO THE 5TH WAR LOAN IS TO THIS INVASION!



3. SIX BILLION DOLLARS OF THIS LOAN MUST COME FROM US — THE SISTERS AND BROTHERS, MOTHERS AND FATHERS, WIVES AND SWEETHEARTS OF THE FIGHTERS — FROM INDIVIDUAL AMERICANS — NOW!

Buy double the Bonds you bought last time. Each of us must — if the most vitally important financial effort of this entire War is to succeed!



Back the Attack! — BUY MORE THAN BEFORE

Vocal Recital



Valeria (Bernot) Urbikas

Alexander Nakutin, renowned master of voice, will present a group of students in a Vocal Recital, *Sunday afternoon, June 18, 1944—3 o'clock sharp, at Kimball Hall—Wabash Avenue at Jackson Boulevard.*

Mr. Nakutin presents both professionals and beginners in this recital. Press comment about one of his students (who by the way is well known among the Lithuanian concert goers):—

"Helen Bartush, who sang with John Charles Thomas, displayed a voice of great beauty and perfect control."

Edward Barry
Chicago Tribune

STUDIO NOTES

William Johnson won a gold watch on the Morris B. Sachs program, and also on Rubin's. Other Rubin winners were:—Estelle Asams, and Agnes Calaffe.

Kelsey Pharr signed a seven year contract and appeared in eight R. K. O. picture as a singing star.

Jerry Lester appears regularly on the Bing Crosby and Frank Sinatra programs.

Students of Mr. Nakutin hold positions all over the country, in Opera, Radio, Musical comedy, Church work, and Teaching.

Mr. Nakutin's forty years of consecutive teaching have been rewarded by the splendid showing made by his pupils... This Sunday you will have a splendid opportunity to enjoy a concert of fine singers. Among those participating are: William Johnson, Leonard Mirvis, Milton Ross, Robert Ashe, Sudia Jones Tousana, Valeria Bernot, Estella Walker, Lola Rand, and many others.

REMEMBER: *That's this Sunday, June 18, at 3 p.m. Kimball hall, 2nd Floor. Admission \$1.20... Hope to see you, there.*
Valeria Bernot Urbickas

Agent: "Sir, I have something here that will make you popular, make your life happier and bring you a host of friends."

Prospect: "Fine. I'll take a quart."

WATCH OUT FOR "ESCALATOR" RIDERS IN YOUR NEXT LEASE

New York City landlords are trying to sneak through a rider in new leases which says tenants will agree to pay any increased rental okayed by the Office of Price Administration. Looking forward to getting the 10 per cent rent increase now being asked by rally interests here, the landlords are fixing their leases to permit collection of higher rents before termination of leases.

Organized tenants are fearful that landlords will use the "sanction" of such increases by those tenants who signed leases with riders to press the national OPA for rent boosts.

TENANTS DON'T SIGN

OPA officials said that tenants are not required to sign this type of lease.

Another tactic of realty interests in their campaign to wreck rent control is an "escalator" clause stipulating should

OPA rent rules be set aside in the courts, a lease can be terminated within 30 days. Landlords would then be free to charge the limit.

William J. Demorest, general chairman of the Metropolitan Fair Rent Committee, landlords' group, claims that more than 90 percent of all new leases have these riders.

Regional OPA administrator Daniel P. Woolley sharply assailed the practice, saying landlords seem to think "they can obtain an increase in rentals by indirection through the somewhat transparent gag of sticking a rider on a lease."

"Now I want to point out," he said, "that this escalator clause is not, strictly speaking, illegal, nor would it be illegal for a grocer to charge the ceiling price of say, 20 cents for a can of beans, and then stick a written clause on the can say-

ing that without OPA, the can would cost 30 cents."

WARNS LANDLORDS

But he warned that if a landlord refuses to let a tenant a lease without the rider, the tenant can remain on a month to month basis and "will be absolutely secure for the entire period of rent control, as long as he pays his rent."

Only two types of tenants were advised by OPA to sign leases with riders. They are: tenants who signed new leases in March 1943 which boosted their rents and then had reductions handed them when price control went into effect the following November; and tenants who can't get an apartment unless they sign leases with attached riders.

The "escalator" clause in leases first made its appearance in Pittsburgh three months ago but landlords were forced to withdraw it upon OPA order.

No such order has been made in New York but OPA radio speakers here are telling tenants not to sign riders.

His patriotism is written in

BLOOD.



Yours is written on every Bond you buy

in the 5TH WAR LOAN!

THE stepping stones to victory are red with blood of American heroes. Tarawa... Salerno... Cassino. Their patriotism is written in blood.

Your patriotism is written on every Bond you buy in this vital 5th War Loan. Your name on a War Bond means you're behind our invasion troops.

Help hasten the day of Victory by investing in extra War

Bonds now. Invest in more than you've ever purchased before. Invest \$100, \$200, \$300, \$400. Those who can, must invest thousands of dollars.

For this is the biggest job we've ever had to do. We can't fail our fighting men as they plunge into the biggest and bloodiest struggle of all.

WELCOME THE VICTORY VOLUNTEERS when they call to tell you about War Bonds



Of, By And For Servicemen & Women

It's a New One On Ed. Klimas!

We were honored to have Eddie Klimas, of Philadelphia, stop in at the Vilnis.

We were very much amused when Ed Klimas hastily informed us that, although he was not originally from a small town, he was nevertheless amazed when he and his friend were accosted in the Loop by a couple of females who offered to "treat" for the evening.

With mock solemnity we exclaimed: "Well, Eddie, you certainly didn't refuse, did you? Imagine having a couple of the opposite sex offering to treat the servicemen!"

Ed said that he and his friend declined with thanks because, as he explained, he wasn't wearing his wedding band for nothing. Atta boy, Eddie! We know your Missus will never have to worry about you. More women would probably like to feel that their husbands were like Eddie.

USSR Aids War Vets

Among the most ardent workers for victory are the disabled veterans of the patriotic war, reports the Information Bulletin of the Soviet Embassy.

"Their hatred of the fascists, whom they have known in action, is so profound that they work with even greater energy than before their disability," comments the bulletin.

Without ranking to stand in their way of retraining and re-education, Soviet veterans are getting the best their country can offer. The bulletin explains:

"Many of course are no longer able to continue at their old trades and must be trained in new skills. Through Soviet social maintenance agencies, 90 per cent of the partially disabled vets have been placed in new jobs and despite physical disability of labor. Thousands of veterans are doing administrative work. In the Voronezh Region, 600 hold posts as chairmen of collective farms or village Soviets.

"Special laws have been passed to make their working conditions easier, and great attention is paid to improving their material well-being. The Council of People's Commissioners has made the directors of social maintenance organizations personally responsible for providing disabled veterans with proper work. Preference must be given them in factories and offices.

Excerpts of a Letter To Mr. and Mrs. Mazeika

Dear John and Sophie:

How is everything with you these days?

Bertha is here with me now and we have a nice apartment in a housing project. Bertha is working at the Goodyear plant near Phoenix working on airplane wings.

I'm lucky that I am able to spend my off-duty hours at home and get Sundays off. I'm beginning to feel like a civilian and it's a nice feeling.

Was thinking what a swell day it would be for a picnic. Wouldn't it be nice to be going to one in Chicago with all the gang there! Perhaps, some day that might be arranged. It would certainly be a nice idea.

Besides, some day in the future we will have to get together and make plans for our activities. There are going to be many things and work to plan for the organizations will have to carry on the work for improving our conditions. I believe we will have many new problems facing us and it is good to know that someone is carrying on the work until we get back.

I enjoy reading the Vilnis. It helps me to keep in touch with your activities. A few recent issues have had some very interesting articles.

I notice you do not have many articles from the Cleveland youth. I'm sure they are doing a good job and carrying on many kinds of activities but fail to write to the Vilnis and let us know.

As ever,
Bertha and Johnny Klimas
CLEVELAND, OHIO

One-Woman Drive Register 1,200 Voters

ATLANTA, GA.: — Mrs. Annie Maude Creel in less than two months has induced 1,200 people to pay their poll tax and register. Only five women aided her.

When her registrants appeared to pay their poll tax, they all stated: "Mrs. Creel urged us to come."

The 1200 new voters include more than 100 from United Packinghouse Workers (CIO) and members of locals of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America (CIO).

Mrs. Creel represents Amalgamated on the local CIO Political Action Committee.

You'll be hearing more of this committee as time goes on.

G.I. TID-BITS

The Army is dropping the label "psychoneurotic" from the records of selectees rejected for nervous and mental reasons. It found the "PN" tag a handicap in veterans getting jobs. Rejections for mental reasons continue but the reasons now given is "not suited for military service." The manpower of rejectees and discharged is 4,000,000 to date. Of these 3,800,000 were mental and nervous — the old psychoneurotic label. Of the discharged, 40 percent were for mental and nervous reasons.

Claims of disabled veterans of World War II are being adjusted in 48 hours, says the Veterans Administration. . . . At Camp Lee the Army Service Forces have developed a shower setup on wheels, compact enough to be carried by plane and powerful enough to pump and heat water for 500 men an hour. It can be used wherever there is a suitable supply of water, and one unit is operating within five miles behind the line in Italy. A similar gadget was used by the Americans in Spain.

WASHINGTON — Soldiers around town are one up on Gen. George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff. A magazine recently published a picture of Gen. Marshall saluting — with his palm out.

Soldiers caught saluting in this manner might get company punishment, but most yardbirds in the Washington area were inclined to go easy on the General. "If he does it," they reasoned, "it's okay—for him."

Wanted — A paint that can be applied to airplanes which will not increase their weight. Believe it or not, they are now going to scrape O. D. paint off all planes flown for the Army by commercial air lines in the U. S., the Air Transport Command revealed.

Removal of the paint will reduce the weight of each plane about 75 pounds and increase its speed five to eight miles per hour.

WASHINGTON — The United States in the past three years has put an armada of 175,000 war planes in the air, 33,000 of them going to Allied nations for "the extra striking power" needed to weaken Germany and Japan, President Roosevelt disclosed recently.

WAC Barbara B. Harrison, 44, gave her 16th pint of blood to the American Red Cross today and set a record at the Blood Donor Center, 5 North Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

But she was slightly miffed at the hullabaloo made over her, because she figures she really has given only 12 pints.

You see, she was injured in service in the North African theater of war and received four pints of plasma on the spot and in an Army hospital.

If she hadn't received the plasma, she might not have been in Chicago today to take first place among blood donors.

Wac Harrison is the widow of a Navy lieutenant. Her home is at Marseilles, Ill.

Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force — American troops taking part in the invasion of Europe had 200 francs each to spend. During what spare time they had the American soldiers played poker and other games "so that we can get the hang of the value of the franc."



STARTLING — Guaranteed to be an eye-turner is this two-piece tailored play outfit of contrasting black and white, featured recently at a luncheon fashion show at New York's Waldorf-Astoria.