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## Soviet Lithuania On Eve Of Liberation

By JUSTAS PALECKIS

The Red Army is fighting at the approaches of Lithuania. The road to Vilno, ancient Lithuanian capital is open. This fills the hearts of all Lithuanians with the greatest joy. The end of the dark night of Hitlerite bondage which lasted three long years is drawing near. The Germans came to Lithuania as executioners, enslavers and gravediggers. They regarded Lithuania like the Ukraine, Belorussia, Moldavia, Latvia and Estonia—as "Lebensraum" to "greater Germany", as territory to be populated by Germans. Death and slavery was the lot they prepared for our freedom-loving peoples. Making no attempt to conceal their infamous aims, the Hitlerites openly and cynically proceeded to annihilate and scatter the Lithuanian people. This is confirmed by the fact that one hundred thousand persons were killed in Vilno, thirty five thousand shot in Kaunas, twelve thousand in Ukmerge, eleven thousand in Krakas and tens of thousands were tortured and killed in other Lithuanian cities and villages, that hundreds of thousands of Lithuanians were shipped to slavery in Germany. The Lithuanian language is heard in plants and mills of Leipzig, in the ruins of Hamburg and Cologne, in mines of the Ruhr and in the rich estates of eastern Prussia. But it was heard less and less in the streets of Lithuanian cities where the Germans moved into the best buildings and neighborhoods. Evading dragnets of Hitlerite slave-owners, thousands of Lithuanian young men and girls hid in forests, barns and cellars. In their own country, Lithuanians were compelled to lead a stealthy existence while the insolvent invaders considered themselves masters "Supermen", destined to rule "Lithuanian cattle".

Lithuanian peasants became "caretakers" of their own land from which they could be driven any moment.

The most fertile land and best households were turned over to German colonists. According to German sources, thirty thousand German colonists were settled in Lithuania. The actual figure is considerably higher. Germans swarmed into Lithuania like locusts.

They consumed and lapped-up everything in sight. They stole whatever they could lay their hands on. They demolished or shipped to Germany equipment of the Inkaras Rubber Concern, one of the biggest in Lithuania, Lima Tetile Mills in Kaunas and equipment and laboratories of the Vilno University.

But the German invaders were unable to subdue the spirit of the Lithuanian people or break their resistance. During the first days of the occupation shots were already fired by partisan detachments led by Simčnas, Baronas and others. They knocked the insolent conceit out of the "conquerors", giving them constant reminders that the Lithuanian people were alive and fighting. The partisan movement grew and spread until it became a broad peoples movement. The Fascist press was obliged to admit that while in the beginning of 1943, the partisans operated in a hundred locations in Lithuania, they were operating in two hundred and twenty points by the end of the year. The biggest Lithuanian partisan detachments wrecked 56 German Military trains during the latter half of 1943 and in April and May, 1944 they destroyed over eighty military trains. In May 1944 Lithuanian partisans put over three thousand Hitlerites out of action. Feats of Vilno, Gruenwald, Margeris Za Podinu, the peoples avengers, Adam Mickiewicz, Zemaitis and other partisan detachments became known throughout Lithuania and far beyond its borders.

People of every social standing joined the partisan detachments. All of them were united by their hatred of the German occupationists, their desire to save the Lithuanian people from destruction and their conviction that only in Soviet Lithuania could people enjoy true freedom. The partisan struggle produced many heroes. From these one of the most outstanding was hero of the Soviet Union, Maria Melnikaitė, a simple girl from Zarasai who came to realize her worth and dignity as a human being only under Soviet power. She gave to her beloved Soviet motherland her dearest possession—her life.

She wiped out seven hitler-

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## D.A.V. Give Blood For Invasion



CHICAGO—Veterans disabled in World War I donate their blood again to aid injured comrades of World War II who stormed the invasion coast of France. Above, representatives of Disabled American Veterans chapters donate blood to the Red Cross. Ed Holub, who has already given his leg for his country, is stretched out on the table ready to give his blood. The action was the result of an appeal made by James L. Monahan of St. Paul, Minn., national commander of the Disabled American Veterans to all D.A.V. chapters throughout the nation to contribute to a unit to Red Cross blood banks to help the invasion.

## RANKS OF LITHUANIAN FIGHTERS GROW

By I. SHIMKUS

On the banks of the Volga there's a town which has played an important part in the struggle of the Lithuanians for the freedom and liberation of their country. Here the first Lithuanian unit was trained for battle against the German invaders; here reserves trained for unit action.

In the middle of June of this year the unit celebrated its second anniversary. Member of the government of Soviet Lithuania, Justas Paleckis and Kazys Preikša and representatives of the army attended the ceremony.

Roads leading to camp were hung with flags and posters. Hundreds of hardy young Lithuanians in army uniform paraded past the reviewing stands with songs and cries of "Valio" (Hurrah!) in honor of the governments of Soviet Lithuania and the Soviet Union. All are eager to meet the enemy and free their native country.

Kazys Preikša, speaking in the name of the government of Soviet Lithuania, said that the unit was rendering the country a great service in giving excellent training to soldiers and officers. Heroes of the Soviet Union, Victor Jacenavičius and Lt. Vaclovas Bernotėnas, received their training here.

Commander of the unit, Malisaukas, in his speech stated that more than half of the men of the unit distinguished them-

selves in battle and were awarded medals and orders. He spoke of officers who rendered particularly great service: Lieutenants Plevokas, Strasas, Pūras, Rudokas and others. The Moscow military command awarded prizes to officers in charge of training men; among them Rodziavičius, Badiulis, Strasas, Vabalas, Vaišnoras, Kockinas, Vinikaitis and Žemaitis.

After the parade and the awarding of prizes, a shooting competition was held followed by an amateur theatrical performance.

They staged "My Own Lithuania" depicting the struggle of the Lithuanian people against the German invaders, and their love and their friendship of all the people of the Soviet Union. The Lithuanians who distinguished themselves in the shooting competition were awarded prizes sent by their brothers, American - Lithuanians. The next day Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of Lithuania SSR, Paleckis, delivered a report on the struggle of the Lithuanians against the German invaders in the occupied regions.

### Ike Honors Soviet Hero

Gen. Eisenhower, Allied Supreme Commander, was the first to subscribe to a fund for a memorial to the late commander of the 1st Ukrainian Army, Gen. Nicolai Vatutin.

# HANS SCHMIDT'S CONFESSION

By FRIEDRICH WOLF

*Friedrich Wolf, a physician and a world famous dramatist, belongs to the group of German anti-Nazi writers in Moscow taking a very active part in the work of the Free Germany Committee of which he is one of the leading members.*

It was a very cold and clear night full of stars. The Red Army Rifle Division which I accompanied was marching westward, when an armored unit with motorized troops crossed our road. We had to wait in order to let the tanks and trucks pass.

The cold was so intense that it seemed to toll like a bell. I wore high felt boots and a sheepskin, and still I felt cold. A few German prisoners taken by our unit were stunned at the sight of our driver taking off his gloves and cleaning the motor. They themselves did not dare to keep their hands out of their pockets. I heard one of the prisoners exclaim: "These Russians must have real bear blood, indeed."

I went with the prisoners into one of the village huts. A few Red Army men were gathered around a groaning German artilleryman. I approached him and asked where he had been wounded. He rose. The back of his white snow coat was red with blood. "A shell splinter," he said, "I got it a few hours ago." I removed his coat, tunic, and shirt. At the left side of his back there was a hole, big as a man's fist. One could see the kidneys. The first aid bandage was no good any more.

The Red Army men first did not look very friendly at the German. Their division just captured two towns where the Nazis before fleeing locked civilian prisoners and wounded Red Army men into a small factory which was then blown up. These terrible facts were still fresh in the memory of the men. But now when the Red Army men saw the wound of the German soldier, the sight of the suffering man seemed to have chased away those memories. Immediately two of them gave me their first aid kits for the wounded man who, as a prisoner and disarmed man, was no longer an enemy.

It was no easy job to bandage the German in that crowded room. When I asked for a second bandage, I happened to look at the face of one of the German prisoners who had come into the hut with me. He stared at me. Evidently he just could not understand that the Red Army men were giving their own first aid kits to a wounded German.

The wounded man asked for

some water. I gave him a little water with vodka. He was extremely weak and suffering a good deal. I asked the Red Army men to let him lie down on a bench. They made room for him at once. Then the German asked me what I thought about his wound and if he had a chance to survive. But without waiting for my reply he told me, very excitedly, that his brother had been at Stalingrad, and that he was tortured by the question whether his brother was among the dead ones or among the prisoners.

I said that there was a possibility that his brother was among the many prisoners. I warned him to be quiet. But he did not listen. He wanted to speak as if he knew that there was not much time left to him for a confession . . . and he had to tell his story to somebody. He began with stammering words: he and his brother were from Berlin-Neukolln. They bought a small auto repair shop, four years ago. All their savings and those of their mother went into the business. His brother was his best friend. They had been so proud of their business; they sweated and worked and hoped. Then the brother was mobilized and had to go to the front. And now he himself was here, seriously wounded . . . and what had happened to his brother? His face was white, very small. "Oh, if I had only known that," he said.

I wanted to comfort him. "Well, you'll recover, Schmidt, and you'll see your little repair shop at Berlin, be sure."

He shook his head. "Oh, how they have lied to us. All lies. All rubbish. If I had only known that." Then he turned to the other German prisoners and asked them with a scornful voice: "Well, Kameraden, did the Russians shoot you? The Russians gave me their bandages . . . their bandages to me . . . If I had only known that."

**HINT . . .** Before using new tinware, rub it with fresh lard and heat in the oven for a few minutes. This procedure helps prevent rusting.



"I don't know what they see in him -- Have you seen the WEEDS in his Victory Garden?!!"

## Treatment Centers Get Penicillin Allotments

Allotments of penicillin for large scale early treatments of syphilis are now beginning to move into the 36 "rapid treatment" centers set up over the country, the Office of War Information said on the basis of reports from the United States Public Health Service of the Federal Security Agency.

First patients in the mass treatment plan are now being given doses of the newly developed drug which has proved so useful in treatment of wounds on the battlefield; but it is expected that some time will elapse before its precise effectiveness in the treatment of syphilis can be determined, the Public Health Service said.

Penicillin already has proved successful in the treatment of gonorrhea cases which have not responded to the sulfa drugs and, says the Public Health Service, should the new mass treatment prove "as effective as everyone hopes, we will be armed with a powerful new weapon in the national fight against syphilis".

DO YOUR BIT—BUY BONDS

## Lithuania Head Tells of Murders by Nazis

LONDON.—The Moscow radio quoted the chairman of the Supreme Council of the Lithuanian Soviet Republic, Justas Paleckis, as saying that the Germans had executed 35,000 persons in the town square of Kaunas and more than 100,000 in Vilna.

The broadcast said that in Vilna the Germans, in an effort to speed up the executions, built a special branch rail line to the scene to carry the victims to their deaths. The broadcast said thousands of the victims in Vilna were taken from Smolensk and Vitebsk.

The chairman was quoted as saying that exhausted and emaciated war prisoners were piled in stacks and set afire after kerosene was poured on them. He said that after the executions, only 50,000 of Vilna's 250,000 population remained alive.

ERIC JOHNSTON, president of United States Chamber of Commerce, in his address at Moscow: The Red Army doesn't need praise from me. The world knows what it has done. But on my trip to Leningrad, as elsewhere in the Soviet Union, I've been tremendously impressed with the contribution to coming victory that is being made by the women of Russia.

On the fighting front, on farms, on the roads almost everywhere, Russian women are doing more than their share to beat back the Nazi hordes. In the darkest days of Leningrad they worked in factories without water, light, or fuel, under constant bombardment and shellfire, and lived on rations of less than two slices of bread a day. The world owes them a great debt of gratitude. I salute the women of Russia.



# RUSSIANS IMPRESS N. Y. BOMBARDIER

Alexander H. Uhl, PM's Foreign Editor, recently interviewed 2nd Lt. Meyer Trachtenberg of New York at a Flying Fortress base in Italy. Seeing that he wore a silver star on his right lapel and a bright red enameled star with the insignia of the hammer and sickle on his left lapel, Mr. Uhl asked Lt. Trachtenberg if he had been in the shuttle raid to Russia. Lt. Trachtenberg admitted that he had. To Mr. Uhl's question "What do you think of the Russians and what do they think of us?," he replied: "I suppose that I'll be called a regular Bolshevik. But anyway, here goes. I think Russia is one of the finest countries I've ever been to, in more ways than one. Their cleanliness is one thing that struck me. Despite all the bombing and the war, they kept things in clean shape. The soldiers are proud of their uniforms and the civilians were always neat. The people there are exceptionally eager to learn, the officers and men alike. No sooner did we get there than our planes were taken in hand and they made two engine changes, though they had never worked on our particular motors before. They did our bomb-loading, too.

"What struck me was how well the civilians were educated. Many of them were able to speak German and a lot could speak English, which surprised me, because I didn't know how we were going to solve the language problem. And when they learn a language, they really learn it. They spend seven and eight hours a day at special schools.

"The men and women all do the same type of work. Women even manned the ack-ack batteries at the air field. We saw several women fighter pilots, one of whom had 16 planes to her credit. She was at a rest camp, but she kept busy in the kitchen, because everyone in Russia keeps going on some kind of war work.

"What struck me, too, was that the Russians are very proud. They would not take presents, unless for some special reason. Sometimes a kid would come over to us and ask for something, and nine times out of ten some older person would scold him. Of course, we gave them candy when we had it, but there was none of this begging.

"Another thing that interested me was the way they seemed happy. Everybody sang. I remember being picked up by a Russian truck convoy. Someone started singing and the first thing you know the whole truck was singing its head off. No

matter how hard the work or the fighting, they were always singing."

"How did you get along with them?" asked Uhl.

"Oh, they like Americans swell," he answered, "and they particularly admire American equipment. They love our jeeps. They say it can get them anywhere. And don't think they don't know American equipment when they 'see it.'"

"How about the stars?," asked Uhl pointing to the lapels of his field jacket.

"The silver star shows your rank," he replied. "This is for a major. A Russian colonel gave it to me. I guess he had just been promoted. And the red star with the hammer and sickle is the insignia worn on their caps. A Russian soldier gave it to me. They were both very proud of them."

## NYLON

WASHINGTON.—Some 750,000 yards of slightly defective nylon parachute cloth will be released to the public. Most of it will be used for blouses, underwear and other wearing apparel. The material is in fabric form and therefore cannot be used for hosiery. The War Production Board said all nylon yarn produced this year is expected to be needed to meet military requirements, and no nylon hosiery is in prospect.

**HINT . . .** The life of an oilcloth tablecloth can be prolonged by occasionally cleaning it well rubbing it with liquid wax. Polish well afterwards.

**UNITED NATIONS FACTS**

**ALLIED AIRMEN,**  
FORCED DOWN IN THE BURMESE JUNGLES OWE THEIR LIVES TO THE CHIN LEMPI. SMALL IN STATURE, THESE HILL PEOPLE SERVE WITH THE INDIAN ARMY PATROLS. THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE DENSE JUNGLES MAKES THEM INDISPENSABLE!

**LANDING BOATS**  
WHICH CARRIED MacARTHUR'S TROOPS FOR THEIR SUCCESSFUL AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULTS ON ARNHEM, CAPE GLOUCESTER AND OTHER SOUTH WEST PACIFIC OBJECTIVES WERE CONSTRUCTED IN AUSTRALIA.

**TWO POLISH DIVISIONS**  
FIGHT WITH THE ALLIES IN ITALY

# SOVIET LITHUANIA ON EVE OF LIBERATION

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ites then fell into the clutches of the enemy. Heroically she endured inhuman tortures to which she was subjected. Standing under the gallows, Maria Melnikaitė threw into the faces of her tormentors these words "I have struggled and am dying for Soviet Lithuania! But you, what did you come here for? What are you doing in our Lithuania, you German dogs?"

Besides the partisans all true patriots rallied to the struggle against the German invaders. The failure of the Hitlerites to recruit Lithuanians into the German Army and to create a Lithuanian S S Legion is uni-

versal proof of the resistance of the people. Attempts to carry out mobilization in Lithuania also met with failure. Characteristic of this growing resistance to the German occupationists in all sections of Lithuanian population is the revolt against "local detachments" organized by the Germans to combat the partisans and headed by the notorious executioner of the Lithuanian people, General Plechavičius. Despite all their machinations the Germans didn't succeed in inlisting the support of the Lithuanian people. Only a miserable handful of traitors headed by a veteran German agent, Kubiliunas linked their fate with the Hitlerites. The Lithuanian people turned their backs in contempt on these wretched creatures, many of whom have been annihilated by the peoples avengers.

The Lithuanian people watched with high hope and unshakable confidence the progress of the Red Army whose victories inspired them to further struggle. At the risk of their lives the Lithuanian patriots listened to broadcasts from Moscow and followed up the victorious campaign of the Red Army. They were fully confident that their hour of liberation was near. And this hour has come. The Red army is on the threshold of Soviet Lithuania. On this joyful hour the Lithuanian people realize with particular clarity that only as a member of the great fraternal family of the peoples of the Soviet Union, led by the great Stalin will Lithuania be able to achieve liberation from the Hitlerite yoke and forever settle its accounts with its age-old enemy—Germany.

**UNITED NATIONS FACTS**

**SHAKEDOWN CRUISE!**  
19 DAYS AFTER PUTTING TO SEA ON HER MAIDEN VOYAGE AS AN ESCORT VESSEL H.M.C.S. MALAGAS, FIRST CANADIAN BUILT TROUBLE SHAK A NAZI SUBMARINE BROUGHT BACK 39 OF ITS CREW AS PRISONERS!

**ACE OF ACES!**  
LIEUT. COL. A. ZIMMERMAN OF THE U.S. 57th AIRBORNE IS CREDITED WITH DOWNING 53 GERMAN PLANES. HE HAS BEEN TWICE AWARDED HERO OF THE SOVIET UNION!

**H.M.S. MALAGAS!**  
IS A MODERN AIR-BASE NEAR COVENTRY, BUILT BY SOUTH AFRICANS. IT IS OF STRATEGIC VALUE TO THE BRITISH FLEET GUARDING THE SOUTH ATLANTIC CONVOY ROUTES.

# LITHUANIAN-AMERICANS WE ARE PROUD OF



S/SGT. RUSS V. RADAVICE  
Chicago, Ill.

Russ has been serving with the Air Force for 10 years. As Flight engineer he has participated in many missions over No. Africa, Sicily, Corsica and Italy.

Russ tells of an interesting experience in connection with the volcanic eruption of Mt. Vesuvius. The Air Force was notified that many people in the vicinity of Mt. Vesuvius were trapped with no means of escape. Seizing any vehicle at hand, the Air Force rushed to the rescue and saved the people from horrible death.

According to Russ, quite a number of Chicago's Bridgeport and Town of Lake boys put up more than a good fight in Italy and elsewhere. In North Africa, Russ tells of nationality groups which are organized among the soldiers. The Lithuanian group had a large representation.

From 1936 to 1939, Russ served in the Air Force in the Philippines, China and Borneo. He, like many other of our boys who have encountered the natives in Borneo, claims that there are no black savages — only white ones.

He was married only six months when he was ordered over-seas. Now, that he has been informed that he will be stationed at Florida, he intends to take his wife, the former Laura Mauricas (a very quiet young lady) with him. Although they have been married two and one-half years they were only together for six months, so they intend to make up for it now. They do not know how long Russ will be stationed in Florida, but as long as he is there, Laura will be there with him. Atta girl; Laura. Here's loads of luck to the both of you.

Back the attack and out-manuever the Squander Bug. Buy Extra War Bonds

## CONVERSATION IN A FOXHOLE

By MARTHA FLETCHER

"St. Louis woo-man, with the dia-mond . . ."  
 "Aw, fer cripes sakes, let a guy sleep!"  
 "Who ever heard of sleep?"  
 "Not these birds with the eggs."  
 "Don't they ever let up?"  
 "Sure like fog in 'Frisco."  
 "Frisco. Now there's a place. Last time I was there . . ."  
 "Now who's talkin'?" Casanova, no less. The USO hostesses in every port are supposed to be on a wailing wall for him. If a girl walked in right now he'd passout from fright."  
 "What're you talkin' about? No girl could walk in here unless she was a tractor with stilts. What a hog-hole!"  
 "If I ever see a girl again I'm gonna plunk myself right there and build me a house around her."  
 "Me, I'll take steak."  
 "Me, I'd kinda like to have Joe around."  
 "Who the hell is Joe?"  
 "An O. K. guy. Played center. That guy was steady."  
 "More'n steady. Swift as a fox. You never could buffalo him. He'd always know what was coming and knew where to be."  
 "Somehow all of us knew when he was around. You knew what you were up against and knew what to do about it."  
 "Wonder where he is now?"  
 "Probably mess cookin'. It's a damn waste. That guy'd be murder up here."  
 "Heard his brother's in the 99th."  
 "Yea, if it weren't for them we'd be a darn sight more pock-marked around here."  
 "Those boys are sharp."  
 "I'd still kinda feel better if Joe were here."  
 "Why didn't he get in with you guys?"  
 "Some b'rd thought color of skin had somethin' to do with cooking."  
 "It's a lousy shame."  
 "Yea, it stinks."

(From "Spotlight")



Cpl. Ignatz (Iggy) Paulauskas  
Waukegan, Ill.

Ignatz, more familiar known as "Iggy" to all his friends, was enjoying his furlough with all his relatives and friends.

Before enlisting in the army on September 28, 1942, Iggy was the financial secretary of an LDS Branch.

He was stationed at Kelly Field, Texas for six months and was later transferred to Dodge City, Kansas. From here, he was again shifted. This time to Glen T. Martin Co. where the B-26 Marauder is made.

He is now an Aerial Engineer



SGT. EDWARD DIRKUS  
Chicago, Ill.

Edward is a member of the L. D. S. Sparks.

In a letter written from over-seas to his parents in May, Edward stated that he probably would not be writing for some time but that his family should not worry about him.

Later, they received a letter stating that he had received their letters, for which he thanked them, but said that his incoming mail would be restricted and that his parents should send only the most important letters.

This is what really makes it tough for the boys. If the mail were to come through regularly it wouldn't be so bad, but due to the huge quantity of mail which goes out to our boys and girls in the armed services, we can see that this is impossible. That is why it must be almost heart-breaking to notify one's loved ones not to write so often. The mail cannot come in often enough to suit them as it is.

We hope that in the not too distant future our boys shall not have to worry about any writing other than endorsing their pay checks.

### ALL-OUT EFFORT

This story is going the rounds in Washington. Three war contractors, after an evening whirl at dinner, cocktails, business and entertainment, were handed a bill for \$30.

"Let me take it," said the first contractor. "I'm in the 50% excess profits tax bracket. If I didn't pay the check the government would get half of it anyway, so the dinner really only costs me \$15."

"No," said the second. "Let me take it. I'm in the 85% bracket, so the dinner will only cost me \$4.50."

"Don't be funny!" said the third. "I've got a cost plus contract. I can charge this to expenses and make \$3 on it."

## US Has Several New Secret Weapons

Allied Supreme Headquarters, London — The Americans have several new secret weapons to use in their march to Berlin, Maj. Gen. Henry Benton Saylor, Chief Ordnance Officer for the European theater, disclosed recently.

Among them, he said, is a gun with a range so great that the usual low speed observation planes are useless as "eyes" for it and regular fighters will be used instead.

Some of the new weapons have been used successfully in Normandy, Saylor said, but others are being held in reserve and details of them have not been released.

HINT . . . The odor of paint can be diminished by placing a thin paper bag filled with charcoal in the painted room. See that windows and doors are tightly closed.

and has over 300 hours in the air to his credit. His work takes him to all corners of the United States.

Best wishes to you, Cpl. Iggy!  
Dr. A. L. Graicunas



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**CIVILIZED BARBARIANS**

Any ideas that we may have entertained as to the German's being more humane than the Japs were dispelled by an article which we have just read in the July 12th issue of the Chicago Daily News.

Pvt. Kenneth P. Knight, a wounded glider infantry scout, flown from the front to McClosky General Hospital reported that American chutists were being beheaded by the Germans and suspended feet first in the air.

This gruesome sight is to serve as a warning to other chutists. This is the work of those supermen who are arrogant and superior in the presence of women and children, or unarmed men, but who snivel and cower in the presence of real men.

These are the monsters with whom Senator Wheeler and Father Coughlin would have us make peace. How can we talk or even think of a negotiated peace with such barbarians?

How can we face our boys who come back if we show that we are still gullible enough to trust a Nazi—other than a dead one—after all the heart-rending stories heard from the lips of the peoples of the occupied countries who have sampled Aryan "generosity"?

Those "supermen" who are interned in American camps can afford to sneer at our democracy and belittle our way of life. They have nothing to fear from us. We do not treat our prisoners as our boys are treated by the Japs and the Germans. If we did, they might not be so openly defiant.

Why aren't these "supermen" so defiant when they are captured by the Russians or the Yugoslavs? Because they are afraid of their crimes and are fearful that the same fate awaits them as was meted out to their unfortunate victims.

There is nothing arrogant in their bearing then. Nothing of that scornful disdain for suffering. No, the shoe is on the other foot then. Each one is more anxious than the next to save his own hide—even at the expense of his former comrade.

This is the contemptuous type which our correspondents have been meeting in greater and greater numbers of late. These are the men who plundered, raped, looted, bayoneted children in the arms of their mothers—not because of lust—oh no, but because they "were forced to."

It is no wonder that the Russian's hate is so all-consuming that it will not allow him to slacken his pace in his drive to Berlin. Each mile, each foot that brings him closer to the lair of the wild beast is a cause for rejoicing.



**Point Of Order**

By ALAN MAX

The GOP is making a mistake in stressing the age of Administration leaders. After all, isn't the Republican candidate himself 111 years old? (Dewey's 42 years plus Hoover's 69.)

Dewey has successfully met the charge that he is not big enough for the presidency. He has done this by promoting the idea that the President should not carry out his constitutional duties as commander-in-chief, should not send messages to Congress or propose legislation, should not exercise his right of veto, should not consult with the heads of other governments and should not carry out his administrative duties, but should concentrate all his efforts on the job of wearing a mustache.

Residents of New York State have an opportunity to get Dewey out of Albany in November, but it is our patriotic duty to the rest of the nation to make a sacrifice and keep him there another couple of years.

Gov. Warren of California took one look at the convention and decided that he didn't want second place on a ticket that would place second.

This has given the GOP propagandists the job of explaining away Warren's 11th hour rejection of the vice-presidential nomination. Typical explanation is that Warren is unable to leave California for Washington because of an appointment with a dentist.

Just what is so glamorous about Clare Luce remains a mystery. Many would find her more attractive even if her head were bald but if her disinterest in the war were less bald.

Attention Dewey: No trains for Washington from that platform.

"Clean" little Finland may finally get that way—now that the Red Army is mopping up.



**As We See It**

Walt Whitman in his day thus urged democracy:

*"Thunder on, stride on democracy Strike with vengeful stroke".*

Democracy is now, indeed, striking its enemies on all fronts. These are happy days for democracy.

The land where our fathers died is happy as the Red Army (incorporating also the former Lithuanian army), entered Vilnius, the Capitol of the Soviet Lithuania.

Lithuania has its six "Lidices". Six villages have been destroyed and all their residents killed in revenge for partisan activities against the Nazis.

Hundreds of thousands of Lithuanians have been sent to Germany for hard labor.

And now Lithuania sees the dawn of liberation.

Indeed it is a happy day for the people of Lithuania.

But Mr. L. Shimutis is not so happy. As quoted by Hearst's paper, Mr. Shimutis attacked the Soviet Union for driving the Germans out of Lithuania as:

*"Revising the policy of Russian czaristic imperialism."*

Mr. Shimutis is afraid that the Red Army will drive out the Germans from Lithuania.

Of course, Shimutis surprises no one. Chicago Lithuanians have not forgotten that when Hitler's armies occupied Lithuania Mr. Shimutis shouted as loudly as he could that "Lithuania is free".

It is only natural to see him crying when the Red Army is driving Hitler's armies out of Lithuania.

Mr. Shimutis, of course, is not entirely consistent. It is a well known fact that he prefers old czarism to Sovietism. If the Soviets really would be reviving the old czarist policies, Mr. Shimutis would be a happy man, well satisfied and content. But he is not because he himself does not believe what he says about reviving the old policies.

For your information, Mr. Shimutis is the editor of the Chicago Lithuanian newspaper "Draugas". This newspaper is always attacking the Soviet Union. It has never missed an opportunity to reproduce Goebbel's propaganda against the Soviet Union.

Mr. Shimutis' associate, Rev. J. Prunskis, came here from Berlin where he was Secretary of a Lithuanian Nazi group, organized and controlled by a Nazi agent, Franz Ancevit.

We repeat, it is only natural that Mr. Shimutis should be unhappy now.

How to spot a fascist?

Mr. Frank Kingdon, in his book "That Man in the White House", among many features of a fascist gives the following:

*"By indiscriminate use of the charge of Communism, he tries to discredit every liberal and social measure and man by calling it and him communistic. This is a straight steal from Hitler who cried 'Bolshevik' at everybody who opposed him. It is a cynical application of the 'smear'. We can see how conscienceless it is when we realize that 'communism' is an epithet that has been hurled at everybody from Franklin Roosevelt to the editor of the New York Herald Tribune."*

One can always be sure that a man is a fascist when he attacks Catholics, Jews, Negroes, Communists and the Soviet Union.

VINCE RUDIS.

## Ban Challenged By Ga. Negroes

ATLANTA, GA. — The Citizens Democratic Club of Fulton County, a pro-administration, win-the-war organization of registered Negro voters, mapped a plan of action here recently challenging Georgia's reactionary white Democratic Party machine. The Negro Democrats on Independence Day were barred by the state Democratic executive committee from voting in the primary.

The meeting, held in the Ebenezer Baptist Church, revealed:

That affidavits will be sent to the Attorney General of the United States demanding prosecution of election officials who denied ballots to Negro registrants.

That the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, spearheading the fight, either will press for federal action on the basis of the affidavits or bring civil suit against the election officials, or both, simultaneously.

That the 11 branches of the Citizens Democratic Club throughout Georgia have pledged full cooperation in any action the parent body may take.

### Take Action

The gathering unanimously voted:

To meet with the other clubs in a statewide council and decide definitely upon the action to be taken.

To register additional thousands of Negro voters for the general elections in November.

To open citizenship schools for persons needing instruction in how to vote.

C. A. Scott, brilliant and militant young editor of the Atlanta Daily World, and A. T. Walden, attorney for the Atlanta NAACP, and both officers of the Citizens Democratic Club of Fulton County, told the large audience that appeal to race prejudice "is losing its effect." Most white people, Scott said, are paying no attention to it.

Walden cited numerous cases of secret support among white lawyers and judges around the courthouse where he spends much time.

I do not believe all Germans are bad; there must be some good ones. But at the moment I am not ready to give any of them the benefit of the doubt. —Dr. Van Masaryk, Minister Foreign Affairs Czechoslovakia

**HINT . . .** An envelope glued to the inside of your stationery box will serve as a good holder for postage stamps and unanswered letters — will also act as a reminder to answer the letters.



## Negro Spiritual Music

Many people who are interested only in jitterbug music have probably never heard of Dorothy Maynor.

Dorothy's hobby ever since she began singing has been the collection of spirituals. Her search for spirituals has led her to remote corners, where the folk songs of the people are relatively undisturbed by modern civilization.

One such place was the little island of St. Helena, just off the coast of South Carolina. Deserted by its white plantation owners after the War between the states, the island has had a completely Negro population and here Dorothy found the richest source for pure folk music.

The songs she heard on St. Helena were strange and fascinating. Some were old favor-

ites but many were dramatic spirituals, which Dorothy in all her searches, had never before heard. It was a moving experience. She sang with the people, walking up and down among them, attempting to catch some of their strange and unusual harmonies.

Recently, she had the gratifying experience of making a series of recordings of spirituals. These songs are contained in the Victor Album Negro Spirituals and include "I Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray, Were You There? Nobody Knows de Trouble I've Seen, and other favorites.

For those who have never heard an actual spiritual "sing" there are some beautiful recordings which include "Lord, I Can't Stay Away," by Roland Hayes; "Go Down Moses" by Marian Anderson and Paul Robeson's magnificent "Deep River."

## CIO Sends Its Boys GI Vote Details

A state-by-state report giving vital information on how to get the vote has been prepared by the CIO International Union of Mine, Mill and Melters Workers for its men and women in the armed services.

A tally which tells the GI boys and girls just what the rules are in their home town has been published by the union in a special supplement now being sent to unionists in uniform.

The supplement tells the soldier what he has to do to get a state ballot, the earliest date his application will be received, the earliest date he can hope to get the ballot, the date when his vote has to be in the mail if it's to count and the time allowed for the ballot to get back home. Also provided is a state-by-state report on what an unregistered serviceman can do to qualify to cast a vote.

Prepared in chart form, the report makes it easy for a soldier to figure out at a glance what he has to do. The chart reveals, incidentally, that there are several states where those who failed to register in the past can only qualify now by appearing in person before registration authorities in the state.

Among the states with this provision, which amounts to denial of the vote to first voters and those who somehow failed to register previously, are Alabama, Delaware and Louisiana.

### 40% FOOD TO ARMY

The Department of Agriculture says the armed forces this year will need 40 per cent of the processed food compared with 25 per cent last year.

## Yank Gets Mad—Bags Six Nazi Planes

LONDON — Probably the unluckiest thing that ever happened to a bunch of Luftwaffe pilots was the dirty trick played on them two days ago when a Messerschmitt pilot put a bullet hole into the wing of Fred Christensen's prized Thunderbolt.

He shot down six German trimotored transport planes, the greatest number ever bagged in a single day by an American airman over Europe.

Traveler: "What's the use of having a timetable for this railroad when the trains never run on time?"

Porter: "Cap'n, if'n we didn't hab no timetable, how could we tell was we runnin' late?"

**WIPE OUT THE ENEMY BY BUYING WAR BONDS**

### A LANDING PARTY YOU CAN JOIN



## FIGHTING SEAMAN SONG

By Irv Rosenthal

Brother of mine went down to sea,  
Shipped on an east-bound boat;  
Struck a sub on the icy wet—  
Brother's still afloat.

Still afloat, fired by blazing hate,  
Fighting for people's peace and right;  
Shells can't blow his lasting hope apart.  
Brother's still afloat.

He got hit his second run,  
Forty men were lost.  
Sore as hell, he fought the tide,  
Came in on a raft.

Had enough? Are you ready to quit?  
Quit? I'm shipping out!  
Our cargos'll sink those pirate-wolves,  
Brother's still afloat.

Still afloat, fired by blazing hate,  
Fighting for people's peace and right;  
Shells can't blow his lasting hope apart.  
Brother's still afloat.

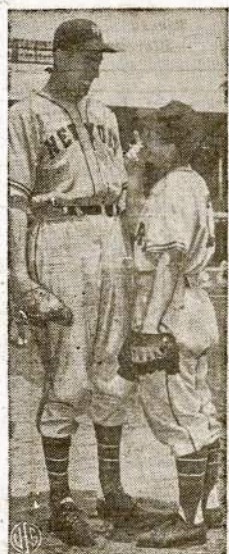
Torpedoed on his eighth run,  
He fell cursing loud.  
The water split when he slashed its face,  
Deep waves rolled where he drowned.

What's that you say? He's sailing yet?  
He's on every boat  
Where strong-willed seamen sweat and sing,  
Brother's still afloat.

Still afloat, fired by blazing hate,  
Fighting for people's peace and right;  
Shells can't blow his lasting hope apart.  
Brother's still afloat.

Rout the Goose-step with a Stampkrieg.  
Blast the "blonde" beast with a bond blitz.

GORDON KAY.



**TWO GIANTS**—They are both Giants—members of the New York Giants baseball team. But long, tall Johnny Gee, left, the tallest man in baseball, is more physically the type than his teammate, George Hausmann. Gee is a newcomer to the team.

## Summer Courses For Abraham Lincoln School

CHICAGO.—The first of the warborn American people's universities, Chicago's Abraham Lincoln School, has embarked on a large-scale summer program that points the way for even greater expansion of its already sizeable Midwestern influence.

The present summer program is typical of the Lincoln school's forward direction.

In Chicago, the summer program fills six weeks. Classes opened on July 10 and continue through Aug. 19. Twenty-three courses were made available to Chicago students on registration day, June 26. These range from strictly cultural courses to practical courses such as would be found in the curricula of any business school. Classes meet for six ninety-minute sessions, with some exceptions.

On Lake Mendota in the state capital-university seat city of Madison, Wisconsin, the Lincoln School is adding another

**SPORTS**  
OUT OF  
**ADAM'S HAT**

IN 1896  
**S. LOUES**

A FARMER WHO HAD NEVER RUN A RACE VOWED TO WIN FOR GREECE OR DIE—HE WON—LOUES CARRIED THE SYMBOLIC TORCH IN THE 1936 OLYMPICS IN BERLIN, THE LAST EVER HELD.

JOHNNY HAYES, LAST AMERICAN TO WIN THIS RACE—1908

THE MARATHON DISTANCE (26 MILES, 385 YDS) WAS RUN FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 490 B.C.—THEIPIDES RAN FROM THE BATTLEFIELD OF MARATHON TO ATHENS TO ANNOUNCE THE GREEK VICTORY OVER DARIUS—THEY DROPPED DEAD.

**JUAN CARLOS ZABALA**  
A 20-YR. OLD ARGENTINE SET THE OLYMPIC RECORD OF 2 HRS. 31 MIN. 35 SECS. FOR THE EVENT AT LOS ANGELES IN 1932.

## HERO KELLY IN GI VOTE PLEA

Sgt. Charles E. "Commando" Kelly, who won fame for his one-man onslaught against the Nazis in Italy, has joined 500 prominent New Yorkers in calling upon Gov. Dewey to make the Federal ballot available to the state's 900,000 servicemen and women.

This was announced yesterday by Moss Hart, chairman of a Citizens Non-Partisan Committee for the Servicemen's Vote, which will hold an emergency state-wide meeting Thursday at the Hotel Ten Eyck, Albany.

The New York City delegation will leave for Albany from Grand Central at 9:20 a. m. Other delegations from Buffalo, Syracuse, Rochester, Binghamton and other upstate cities will attend. Dewey has been asked to make an appointment with conference spokesmen.

Deadline for New York to accept the Federal ballot is Saturday. The conference will demand that the Governor act before then to request its use and convene a special legislative session to sanction it.

chapter to its distinguished list of successful experiment in progressive education.

In addition to a first-rate curricula, students enjoy swimming, fishing, badminton, tennis, hiking, baseball— 3.) all with private facilities. Nursery care is provided for children over two years of age, and special rates prevail in mass enrollments. Thirty dollars per week covers tuition, room, and board.

## CHICAGO GROUPS PRESS GI VOTE

CHICAGO — A widely representative group of organizations, meeting in the Hamilton Hotel, sent a demand to Gov. Dwight Green that he certify the Federal Servicemen's ballot for use in Illinois before July 15, and that he call a special session of the state legislature immediately to simplify soldier absentee voting machinery.

A sponsoring committee of the conference, which will call upon Gov. Green, is representative of:

Independent voters of Illinois, Chicago civic liberties committee, Lawyers Guild, AFL, CIO, NAACP, AYD, Rabbi Joseph J. Weinstein, George Fairchild, president, Building Service Employees Union; Mrs. William Bryant, Cook County election chairman, League of Women Voters; Mrs. Lucille Koenigsberg, vice-president, Career Group, National Council of Jewish Women, and Miss Theresa Ehrlich, Illinois chapter, National Federation of Constitutional Liberties.

The representatives of the 51 unions, 29 civic groups and 23 national organizations present adopted a program of action which included individual delegations from each organization to wait upon the governor, a campaign of telegrams, postcards and letters, and use of the postcard affidavit and application for the official election war ballot.

# Of, By And For Servicemen & Women

## Colds Reduced 50% By Sulfa Drugs

More than 50 per cent reduction in common colds among thousands of soldiers given sulfa drugs as a preventive measure was reported to the American Medical Association convention by Col. W. Paul Holbrook, chief of the Army Air Forces medical services division.

He said that small daily doses of sulfadiazine administered to thousands of men in different stages of training at widely separated posts with a high occurrence rate of respiratory diseases also had these beneficial effects:

1. Meningitis was completely eliminated.

2. Streptococcal diseases, including acute tonsillitis, were reduced 75 to 90 per cent.

The campaign against all of these diseases was undertaken in a drastic effort to cut the incidence of rheumatic fever, Col. Holbrook said. He explained that rheumatic fever almost invariably occurs only after a respiratory infection.

The cause and cure of rheumatic fever are still unknown, so an indirect attack on the disease was necessary, the colonel said.

He warned against self-administration of the drugs by civilians and said that the Army program will need more study before its usefulness to the civilian population can be determined.

## DANGER!

There is a crowd in Washington

As cunning as can be;  
And whatso'er they do, they claim

Is done for you and me.  
They whisper that the danger  
To every child and man  
Is not from Hitler—oh, dear,  
no!

But "only from Japan."  
They tell us that our Allies  
Are laughing up their sleeve  
While up their own they're laughing

Because some folks believe  
That what they preach is gospel—

But you'd better not forget  
Our greatest danger from within

Is Washington's Cliveden Set.  
BILL SILVERMAN

HINT . . . Before storing left-over paint, pour a little melted paraffin over the top to keep it in good condition for future use.

## V-Mail Flows Swiftly to Yanks in Normandy

V-mail is now flowing to and from the soldiers and sailors on the Normandy front almost as fast as it was to Allied troops in England before they breached the Atlantic Wall, the Office of War Information reported on the basis of facts obtained from the Army and Navy.

Both Army and Navy have now, waiting in England, all the equipment necessary to establish new processing stations on the continent as soon as it becomes feasible militarily. Right now the Army is shipping its letters from the troops in Normandy back to England in ships arriving with supplies.

The volume of V-mail, as well as regular mail, has fallen off chiefly, the Army and Navy say, because the men have been too busy fighting to write home. Often soldiers and sailors are under enemy fire constantly for days at a time and are unable to write regularly during such periods of strenuous action.

## HOW TO SEND MAIL TO PRISONERS

The Post Office Dept. has issued detailed instructions, available at all branches, governing the sending of mail from the USA to prisoners of war and civilian internees in enemy lands. All such mail is transported postage free if marked "Prisoner of war Mail" or "Civilian Internee Mail."

Gift parcels may be sent postage free if they conform to certain conditions, including that they be unsealed, not in excess of 11 pounds or measure more than 18 inches in length. A customs declaration tax is required for each parcel which must not contain:

Written or printed matter of any kind.  
Articles in glass containers.  
Articles in hermetically, vacuum, or soldered sealed tin.  
Articles in collapsible tin tubes such as shaving cream or tooth paste.

Under the regulations, each letter or parcel must be fully addressed and marked via New York, N. Y., where they will be examined by censors.

HINT . . . Brick tiling around a fireplace can be cleaned with vinegar. It may be necessary to go over it twice.

## G.I. TID-BITS

Lt. James P. Aylward, Jr. of Kansas City, and Lt. Frank R. Tierney of New York, sold \$2,000 worth of baseball tickets in an American charity game "somewhere in England" recently, which should qualify them as "high pressure" salesmen.

The Britishers appeared completely baffled over baseball's complexity and cheered at the wrong time on numerous occasions. They did, however, find their way to the ticket office to spend some \$2,000 for the charity contest which saw an Army Defense Command team defeat a visiting Navy nine, 13-12.

Nylon trousers that will keep that all important-crease but won't wrinkle slated for Mr. America in the postwar world. So are men's shirts that won't need starching or ironing.

At Presque Isle, Me., a white tomcat, Arky, mascot of the Air Transport Command base stuck his head into a transmitter board. Shocked three times by 2,700 volts he was knocked onto his back and his ears burned off. Arky is recovered and apparently hears as well as ever.

Joseph Zwingil of Elizabeth, N. J. dropped in to say "Hello" and "Good Bye." He is on his way back to the Aleutians. Joe said it felt so good to be home that he hated to go back.

He was granted a 21 day Emergency Furlough because his brother is seriously ill. He has served in the Air Force since July 2, 1943. Incidentally, Jos was home in time to celebrate his anniversary on July 10th. This was something that neither he nor his wife had even dared hope for.

Joseph received his training at Greensboro, N. Carolina and says it can't be beat.

Loneliness is something that all the boys in the islands experience.

To alleviate this, the army has built a theatre so that the boys can enjoy USO shows and movies for the first time.

## Something To Think About!

You gripe about the Taxes,  
You gripe about the Bonds,  
You gripe about the Red Cross  
And included Community  
Fund.

You gripe about the work you  
do  
You cannot understand  
Why you should give a pint of  
blood,  
Or count out ration stamps.

Don't you think the boys across  
the pond,  
And in the service here,  
Have a gripe or two, including  
you,  
For the things at which you  
sneer?

—Florence M. Card.



"HE INDULGED IN SOME CARELESS TALK WHILE IN PORT!"