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## YANKS FIGHT FURIOUSLY ON OKINAWA "CHOCOLATE DROP" HILL BLOOD-RED

GUAM—American soldiers and Marines pressed their attack this week against Shuri, central anchor of the cracking Okinawa lines, as leathernecks to the west were halted in the northern outskirts of Naha by Japanese resistance as fierce as that encountered on Iwo. Conical-Hill, strategic height near Shuri City in the central sector of southern Okinawa was captured.

On May 16, Marines smashed repeatedly at Japan's heavily fortified southern Okinawa "Little Siegfried line."

There will be many Americans who will never want to see a chocolate candy drop without wincing. Almost in the center of the southern front stands a hill known as Chocolate Drop so called because of its color. Now the color has changed to blood red. The fight for this hill went on for six days. One unit suffered 40 percent casualties. Japs and Americans were so close that they tossed hand grenades back and forth like baseballs.

If anyone doubts the seriousness of the Pacific war, the casualty lists of this week should point it out to them.

### Street Fighting In Foochow

A Chinese communique reported street fighting underway in the east coast port of Foochow. Reinforced Chinese troops drove into the city last week in what appeared to be the opening of campaign to clear a coastal area for American landings.

### Nagoya Shattered By B-29 Superforts

More than one-fourth of Nagoya, Japan's third largest city, was believed in ruins following a record B-29 Superfortress assault making the opening of the all-out aerial campaign to devastate enemy war industries and soften up Japan for invasion.

Pilots of the more than 500 Superforts which unleashed fire bombs on Nagoya at the rate of 40 tons a minute for almost 90 minutes last Monday, said they probably destroyed twice the area burned out in the thickly populated arsenal city by two previous heavy attacks on March 12 and 19.

### 40 Million Casualties of European War

The end of the European warfare, greatest, bloodiest and costliest war in human history—it has claimed at least 40,000,000 casualties on both sides in killed, wounded and captured—came after five years, eight months and six days of strife that overspread the globe.

### Nazi Girls' Rape Charges Fail

Word of the American Army's penalty for rape obviously filtered into Germany because of the recent Nazi girls charges against some of our soldiers. High army officials are uncertain whether it was an organized campaign of subtle sex sabotage or merely a sort of individual feminine guerrilla campaign. Anyway, it didn't work.

Out of three such complaints to one division, medical investigation revealed that two of the girls were virginal and civilians testified that the third was a known prostitute.

All three finally admitted they had been prompted by the departing Germans to try the rape racket as a means of harassing American troops.

### Germans' Production to Help Allies First

Hamburg, Germany — It was officially disclosed several days ago that all the trade, industries, man power, and food resources in Germany are being mobilized by the military government authorities under a coordinated supreme headquarters allied expeditionary force plan to feed and equip the occupying armies.

Only when allied needs have been completely met and imports from the allied powers have been cut to a minimum will the Germans obtain their own products for themselves.

### We Are Facing Greater Danger

By Col. OVETA CULP HOBBY

WE ARE facing greater danger American troops in this, our fourth year of war, are facing days of greater danger and hours of greater agony than at any time since the conflict began. They face these days and these hours with such valor that our fullest effort here at



Hobby

home seem trifling by comparison.

Yet the men know that we have a part to play too. If we can give to the winning of the war extra strength, extra courage, and extra contributions we are adding to that great and wonderful reservoir of courage which represents us on every battlefield.

We can do this in one very tangible way through buying War Bonds. Every Bond we buy helps put a gun in the hand of our fighting men. But it really does much more than that. It reaffirms our faith in the ideals for which they fight.

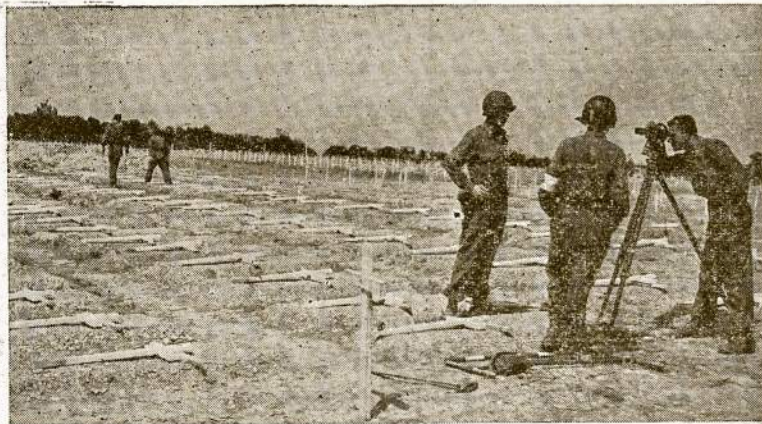
The Seventh War Loan Drive for this reason should be one of prayer and faith and rededication. It should be our answer to all the tired and lonely men who fight and wonder, as they rest from fighting, what home is really like now. If a successful drive is this answer, it will nourish our fund of honor, as well as our fund for the tools of war.

### Wartime Accidents

WASHINGTON — The increasing number of preventable accidents in wartime actually delays victory by costing us millions of man hours in wartime industrial and food production, killing and incapacitating skilled workers and farmers, destroying irreplaceable material and equipment, using up scarce material and labor in repairs, and requiring the services of already overburdened hospitals, doctors, and nurses. Help cut down wartime accidents by being more careful—in traffic, at home, at work, on the farm.

More water-borne cargoes clear through the Port of Chicago each year than through the Panama Canal.

### First American Cemetery in Europe Being Laid Out



IN NORMANDY.—Here lie America's honored dead in Europe, in the first cemetery to be constructed there for the dead of this war. Engineers survey for new graves in preparation for copying Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia, near the Nation's Capital. No American soldier will be interred on German soil, the Army has announced. Instead, they will rest in the beautiful Normandy countryside where tender care will be accorded their graves in the years to come. —Army Signal Corps Photo.

## War Bonds Tomorrow

Tomorrow will be a great day for Americans. Not the tomorrow that begins at midnight tonight, but the tomorrow to which we all look forward when our boys will be home from the Pacific. When every threat to our way of life has been erased, when our enemies have been forcibly taught and fully understand that the American free and democratic people are never again to be goaded to war. That tomorrow will take time and blood and money, but ultimately it will be ours and it will be a great day for each of us who are working and saving and planning for it.

Never before in our history have American workers accumulated such a solid fund of savings. Never before has such a large percentage of our national wealth been distributed so widely among our population. This augurs well for our post war domestic economy. It is a healthy condition for our individual workers.

The main drive began last Monday, May 14. With increased quotas, the task before us is not easy, but we will meet them and beat them because we have never yet let a War Bond Drive down. We cannot fail in this drive.

The Vilnis readers made a splendid beginning at the Share-holders Conference where over \$11,000 worth of Bonds were sold. All of the people present pledged to support the 7th War Loan Drive to the utmost. When we reach our goal, we will have \$7 billion more tucked away by individual Americans to see us through any post war eventuality. \$7 billion more for that golden tomorrow.

## Unless We Help

The sheer magnitude of the devastation war has brought to the people in Europe makes it hard for us here in America to feel with our hearts what our minds know must be true—that unless we help, millions of them will starve.

These people are truly your neighbors, they are on our side in the great battle to win for our children the right to peace, a happy childhood, free from want and fear. They need our help.

They need food and they need clothing.

Our own food situation, compared with that of our allies—is good. In spite of war-time demands American civilians are eating more than they did before the war.

"Stop sending food out of the country. We must feed Americans. Let other nations feed themselves." This is the cry of some Congressman who hope to sow distrust among our allies and weaken our united fight against the Japs.

Helping to feed and clothe the people in war-torn countries is more than the obligation of decent human beings to their fellow men. It is part of our own stake in a prosperous and secure future. For without a helping hand liberated Europe can not get on its feet and help build the peace and provide the markets on which our own future prosperity as a nation depends.

It is time Americans spoke up—for friendship and human decency. Let's let the world know, and make sure that our Congressmen now, that we are willing to share with our unfortunate brothers and sisters who are fighting with us, that we will gladly take a new hitch in our belts so that others may live.

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## A Letter from the Mayor

To The People of Chicago:

In this critical hour of our nation's destiny, I call upon all citizens to demonstrate Chicago's patriotic unity by joining in a mass demonstration and day of public prayer in behalf of President Harry S. Truman and the American people.

This mass demonstration will be held Sunday, May 27th at 7:30 P. M. in the Chicago Stadium, in response to President Truman's own appeal for national unity in defense of those ideals proclaimed by Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and in accordance with the Resolution unanimously adopted by the Chicago City Council on April 23, 1945.

I am confident that, with the same enthusiasm with which the people of Chicago have responded to every patriotic call, you will rally to the support of the man in whose hands Providence has placed the office of President of the United States and the command of our armed forces.

Let us make May 27th a living and unmistakable symbol of Chicago's unity and loyalty!

Edward J. Kelly,

Mayor

## House Passes Bill Raising Pay of Postal Employees

WASHINGTON, D. C.—With only one dissenting vote the house passed and sent to the Senate last Wednesday, legislation raising the pay of postal employes. The bill increases the base pay of most postal employes \$400 annually and provides several other benefits.

### To the People of this Community

"To whom it may concern. This is the way Staff Sgt. Bob Potter addressed a letter to home folks in Gettysburg, South Dakota.



"My brother lies near the ruins of St. Lo, the town that he helped to liberate. He didn't go alone; some of his buddies kept him company. He went quickly, as one will with a belly-full of lead and steel. Some of them lingered a bit, then died mercifully. Heroes, all of them, unsung by most, but in our minds their images remain as if written in acid. We can't forget. Make sure you don't."

To Sgt. Bob Potter: We are rewriting your foreword. It should read: "To Every American."

We are engaged now in one of the most vital war jobs of all, the buying of more War Bonds. We know the pain which is in your heart. Nothing we can do will restore life to your brother and his buddies but we can prove to you and them we are worthy of their sacrifices. Buying extra War Bonds, the most we have ever bought in a war loan, is small tribute to heroes but at least it shows we too keep in our mind their images "as if written in acid."

THE EDITOR

## AS WE SEE IT

The horrible pictures of Maidanek, Buchenwald and other nazi camps make you think that the Nazis are mad. And it is a madness not of an individual—the whole nation must be mad. It is hard to believe that any normal people would have been able to bear it. It is so horrible. The terror is beyond description.

It pains you to read that some of our army officials were so respectful to Herman Goering, one of the Nazi leaders most responsible for the terror camps.

It is equally painful to think of the British Army officials who demanded that their soldiers salute German officers.

Either these army officials are fifty years behind our times, or sympathizing with the Germans.

Gen. Eisenhower's rebuke of those "kind-hearted" army men will be applauded by all the democratic peoples.

American 3rd Army has captured Ernst W. Kaltenbrunner, General of Nazi Police and chief murderer, who using poisonous gases was said to have claimed at least 4,000,000 lives of innocent people. He is considered one of the top Nazi criminals.

He has terrorized and murdered Poles, Czechs, Jews, Russians, French and Lithuanians. But his days are over. He will soon follow Benito Mussolini.

Nazi General Hans Guderian, one on whom the Russian would like to get their hands, told his soldiers to shake hands with Americans "just like after a football match."

How stupid! His intelligence surely was badly exaggerated.

After killing tens of millions of Allied soldiers, after poisoning over 4,000,000 innocent civilians, he feels that it was "a football match".

That only proves how badly was exaggerated the intelligence of the Nazi Generals.

We are sure he will change his mind about this "match" seeing of his colleagues hanging, that is, if he survives them.

A group of emigre Germans in Switzerland have issued an appeal to the Allies "to keep Reich intact", that is not to dismember Germany.

They call themselves "democratic leaders".

We wonder, where these "democratic leaders" were when Germany was dismembering Poland, Czechoslovakia, France and when Hitler's armies were murdering millions of Russians, Americans, and Britishers?

It is rather late to become democratic and extremely ethical and moral.

The next thing we may expect from them is that the Allies have pity on Goering or Himmler.

Paul Goebbels, Nazi Propaganda Minister, is dead. His body is lying near the microphone through which he so often shrieked that Nazis will destroy democracies. His family is by his side. They have committed suicide.

Another Nazi official poisoned his family and hanged himself leaving the following note: "This is what National Socialism caused".

It has caused more than that. It has caused the killing of some 20,000,000 soldiers and millions of civilians. It gassed 4,000,000 innocent people. It has brutalized tens of millions.

And when it is all over there will be many Nazi officials and generals dead.

VINCE RUDIS.

# TRACING OUR FAMILY TREE

By LAUKUVISKIS

## The New Era.

If you are for Status Quo and if everything new and unusual arouses your suspicions, don't get downhearted and start blaming yourself—you are not alone. Human progress for centuries has met with strong opposition at every forward step. When the Lithuanians decided to join the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics in 1940 that's why the former ruling class shouted to high heaven:

*"You can't do that to us!"*

To better understand what happened in the land of our origin we will use a common yardstick: the Constitution of the Lithuanian Socialist Soviet Republic.

Just as in the United States we have the Constitution, and as each of the 48 States has its own Constitution—in conformity with the Federal Constitution—so has the USSR. The Constitution of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics is the basic law of all the 16 republics that make up the USSR. Each of the 16 republics has its own constitution for protection of the rights of its citizens.

Since we are interested in human rights, let's make some comparisons. Article I in our Bill of Rights guarantees the citizens of the United States the following rights:

*"Congress shall make no laws respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and petition the government for a redress of grievances."*

Here in short we have the Four Freedoms—Freedom of Religion, Freedom of Speech, Freedom of the Press and Freedom of Assembly—guaranteed us by the Constitution of the United States. Now let's look at the human rights that are guaranteed to our cousins under their newly adopted law of the land.

In my last article I quoted a Lithuanian counterpart of the first freedom in our Bill of Rights—Freedom of Religion. In addition to that our cousins are enjoying four other freedoms as follows:

- a) Freedom of speech;
- b) Freedom of the press;
- c) Freedom of assembly, including the holding of mass meetings;
- d) Freedom of street processions and demonstrations."

Let's continue the Article 97 of the Constitution of LSSR which follows the four freedoms enumerated above:

*"These civil rights are en-*

*sured by placing at the disposal of the working people and their organizations, printing presses, stocks of paper, public buildings, the streets, communications facilities and other material requisites for the exercise of these rights."*

Now, I hope, you won't wonder why some of our well-to-do cousins hollered "you can't do that to us" when they saw that in writing.

And that isn't all. Just listen to this:

Article 90 of the Constitution of LSSR gives another guarantee:

*"Citizens of the Lithuanian Socialist Soviet Republic have the right to work, that is, are guaranteed the right to employment and payment for their work in accordance with its quantity and quality." Then it goes on and tells the citizens how that is going to be accomplished.*

Next we take Article 91 which says:

*"Citizens of LSSR have the right to rest and leisure."*

Yes, even common citizens have the right "to rest and leisure!"

Article 92 guarantees the citizens of LSSR to the—

*"right to maintenance in old age and also in case of sickness or loss of capacity to work."*

The writer having received his "education" at his revered Mothers spinning wheel I particularly like Article 93 in the Constitution under which many of my relatives live today. Therefore I am going to quote it entirely:

*"Citizens of LSSR have the right to education.*

*"This right is ensured by universal, compulsory elementary education; by education, including higher education, being free of charge; by the system of state stipends for the overwhelming majority of students in the universities and colleges; by instruction in schools being conducted in THEIR NATIVE LANGUAGE and by organization in the factories, state farms, machine and tractor stations and collective farms of free vocational, technical and agronomic training for the working people."*

What a difference since the time when yours truly sat at his mothers buzzing spinning wheel and recited his ABC's! Some call this change "Communism" and "bolshevik terror." Not being old-fashioned enough, I call it a big step forward. Good luck to you, our cousins and nephews, in your new undertaking!

# Highlights of Vilnis Conference and Concert

At the Vilnis Share-Holders Conference last Sunday, May 13, I met many delegates from out of town, and listened to the many interesting reports and discussions.

B. Salaveičikas was elected chairman, and the very charming young lady from Gary, Ind., June Evansick, was vice-chairman. She is very much at home in front of a mike and making a speech holds no terrors for her. Ona Krakaitiene from Detroit, Mich., was secretary. F. Abek, A. Yuris, and Alice Jonik took care of the resolutions.

From the report of the Business Manager, I learned that Vilnis has more readers now than they ever had before. Their quota of a thousand readers since the last conference has been almost fulfilled.

Our V. E. S. editor gave a short report stressing the fact that there are no correspondences coming in from Cleveland, Rockford, or Kenosha. She promised to try to remedy the situation. Later on, during the discussions, June Evansick gave some pointers on how to make the V. E. S. more interesting.

Julia Skeberdis gave a very good report on the Woman's Page of which she is editor. All the reports were accepted.

Much credit was given to the people who worked most for the success of the Vilnis Readers Drive. They were: U. Andrule, and E. Lapeniene from Chicago; Mr. Smitrevičiene and Janulienė from Detroit.

I also had the pleasure of speaking to a lot of our out of town friends and readers. Among them, was Charles Juodaitis of Detroit who stopped here enroute to his home town after spending about a month in California. From reading the column of the Dynamic Detroit Aido Chorus, I gather that the Detroiters will be mighty glad to have their former Chorus president with them again. He told me the next day that he enjoyed hearing our choruses sing at the concert and thought that they were pretty good. I wonder how we compare with the Dynamic Detroiters? I also learned much later that he extended a special invitation to three of our Chicago young ladies to attend one of the Vilnis Picnics in Detroit.

Three young men were elected on the Board of Directors: M. Batutis, T. Zebraitiene, and V. Yuden. The others were A. Maziliauskas, J. Juodaitis, J. Misevicius, C. Aiksas, J. Baltusis and F. Kirka.

F. Abek who just recently returned from a tour of Northwestern Canada and who was present at the press conferences at San Francisco gave us a brief and interesting sketch of his tour.

Over \$11,000 in Bonds were sold at the Meeting and \$2,185.93 were received as greetings to the Vilnis.

In the evening, the Roseland Chorus opened the Concert

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"Just one more step, Daddy—then you can see the surprise I want you to get me for my birthday."

# FASCIST VAMPIRES DRAINED THE BLOOD OF CHILDREN

by  
A. Verbitsky

The Germans themselves called this monstrous enterprise a "blood factory." Every day cases filled with bottles and ampullas were shipped from here to German hospitals. And what they contained was the blood of little children.

This merciless blood-letting of little children went on in a concentration camp at Salaspils, near Riga, which we had occasion to visit recently. The camp proved to be a miniature edition of Maidanek. It was a death camp for war prisoners and for peaceable civilians from around the Dneper, from the Donbas, from Holland and from the Ukraine.

Nestled in among the trees in a dense park stood a children's home. In this home live the little girls and boys who survived the horrors of the Nazi concentration camp at Salaspils.

Altogether there were 400 of them. I was amazed at the quiet that reigned here, as though the house were wrapped in slumber. But we did not find the children asleep. They were sitting or lying in their beds in grim silence, evidently still oppressed by what they had so recently lived through.

"Where do you come from?" we asked a blue-eyed youngster who seemed about nine years of age.

We learned the little boy's story. Gruesome as it is, it is typical of the little boys and girls confined in the home.

Vitya Kravchenko — that is the boy's name—lived with his parents in Sevastopol. He had four brothers and one sister. When the Germans seized Sevastopol they shot Vitya's father, a former sailor who was one of the city's defenders. His

mother and 16-year-old brother Kolya were deported to Germany. The younger children, with hundreds of others, were packed off to the camp at Salaspils.

At the camp there were special juvenile barracks. And although the bunks were built in four rows, up to the very ceiling, still there was not enough room and the children lay huddled together on the floor. They were subject to the same regulations as grown-ups. In one of the barracks Vitya Kravchenko lived with his three brothers, Alyosha, Lenya and Mitya, and his sister Valya. Mitya the youngest, was only a year and eight months old.

"Mitya cried all the time because he was hungry," says Vitya. "We fed him with cabbage leaves, but he soon fell ill and died. Valya was bled to death."

The Hitlerites abducted hundreds of children, forcibly tearing them away from their parents, in order to set up the blood factory near Riga. The factory was run on a real business basis: the administration of the camp had concluded an agreement with their fascist Red

Cross whereby it promised to deliver a supply of fresh blood of the little children to the Nazi hospitals daily. And the fascist vampires were extremely proud of this factory with its daily blood output running to 200 liters.

We spoke to little victims from Leningrad and Odessa, from Poltava and Lvov. We saw two little girls from Paris. From what these children told us, we were able to reconstruct a picture of the horrors in the Salaspils camp.

Every morning the fascist doctor, a veritable child-slayer in a white smock, with two German soldiers as his assistants, would pay a visit to the juvenile barracks. As soon as he arrived a large table was moved to the center of the barracks and one of the soldiers got the blood-letting instruments.

The very sight of these preparations sent the children into hysterics. But their pitiful cries did not make the least impression on the doctor. While he fussed about with the instruments, the soldiers, with lists in hand, went rummaging in the bunks for their victims. Accord-

ing to the rules, blood was to be drained from each child once a week. The children had special tags around their necks. These were compared with the lists by the soldiers, and amid heart-rending cries the children were dragged in turn to the operating table.

Being undernourished and sickly, only in rare cases did the children survive the fifth or sixth operation. In each barracks a daily death toll of from ten to 15 children was reported.

In August, 1942, a large group of Ukrainian children, mostly sons and daughters of Soviet soldiers and sailors, were brought to the camp. Among them were the six children of the Lemeshev family, the eldest being 14, the youngest three. The children looked extremely healthy, which pleased the fascists, and they decided to draw blood from them every three days. Two months later the six children died, suffering terrible agonies.

It is hard to say how many children were done to death by the fascist vampires in the juvenile barracks at Salaspils. And the few who survived and are now harbored in the home near Riga have not yet recovered from the frightful nightmare they lived through.

## A B C's OF VICTORY GARDENING

Each family will prefer certain vegetables and care less for others. On farms where space is plentiful a wide assortment of vegetables is usually planted. In small urban victory gardens several choices must be made. In general the limited garden space should be planted as follows:

1. To those crops that cannot be purchased in the best condition because they lose quality quickly after harvesting.
2. To those crops that grow rapidly, thus making succession planting possible.
3. To those crops that have high food value.
4. To those crops that occupy a minimum of space.
5. To those crops that are easy to store or to process.

Radishes, leaf lettuce, green onions from sets, spinach, turnips, early cabbages, Swiss chard, carrots, beets, parsley, snap beans, and tomatoes should be planted in most gardens.

The vine crops with the possible exception of a few hills of slicing cucumbers have no place in the small victory garden. Sweet corn is a questionable crop because it requires so much space and throws shade over lower growing crops, but because of its popularity it is usually planted.

The amateur gardener should not try to grow such difficult crops as celery, cauliflower, eggplant, or Brussels sprouts. Peas, late potatoes, and the vine crops are frequently failures because of weather conditions or of diseases and insects which are difficult or impossible to control.

## Highlights of Vilnis Conference & Concert

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with an impressive V for Victory formation of their members in the singing of "Taps" to the memory of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The audience stood at attention for one minute in a silent tribute to President Roosevelt. Credit for this goes to Dorothy Yuden.

The famous Russian Singer, S. Kozakevich, sang a few appropriate numbers which were widely applauded by the audience. Our very popular duet of Connie Abek and Agnes Kenston also pleased us very much. A concert just wouldn't be a concert without their beautifully blended voices.

Sylvia Pran seems to be an up and coming soloist from the Roseland Chorus. Sylvia and Nancy Roman combined their artistic talents in a duet. I hope we will be hearing them more often.

The L. K. M. under the able leadership and direction of the popular Joe Kenston always does a fine job of singing the songs we love to hear.

All in all, it was a successful Conference which was climaxed by a wonderful concert.

### ANY BONDS TODAY?

By Jack Benny

Illustrated by Hilda Terry



"Mr. Boggle wants a glass of milk, tomato and lettuce sandwich and a War Bond without mayonnaise."



## Lady Poet Honors Matt Sholomskas and his Buddies on Train En-route to Chicago-Presents Poem

Last Tuesday, I met Matt Sholomskas, former English Section Editor, while he stopped in Chicago for a few hours between trains. He was on his way to West Virginia for further orders after having spent some time in a Naval Hospital on the West Coast. Matt asked me to say "hello" to all his friends in Chicago and regretted the fact that he was unable to stay longer as he would have liked to.



MATT SHOLOMSKAS

He was traveling with three companions all of them in the Navy. All the boys had seen extensive action in the Pacific. They seemed to be very glad to be among civilians again and were tickled pink at seeing white girls.

They told me of the motherly lady they met on the train coming in from Los Angeles who wrote a poem for them right then and there. I read the poem and liked it so much, I wanted to publish it in the V.E.S. Matt copied it for me on a piece of scrap paper. It was signed by the initials M. W. B. only. Here it is:

—B. Kent.

## ON FURLOUGH



CPL. LOUIS W. BARNA

Connie Misevick was certainly one surprised young lady when her fiance, Cpl. Louis W. Barna, surprised her by coming home on a two week furlough. Cpl. Barna was encourte to Alamagordo, New Mexico, where he is transferred to the B-29, for

### Maker of Dreams

O, Maker of dreams, won't you make me dream  
Of a blue eyed sailor boy,  
As he sailed away on an ocean of blue,  
He was my pride and my joy.

Bring him home, dear dream-man to sunny skies  
That he left when he sailed away,  
To the heart of the dreamer who loves him so,  
To a fairer and brighter day.

The dreamer is sad for the fears he has known,  
But her prayer is that soon they will be  
Buried deep in the far dim and distant past,  
As deep as the depths of the sea.

And she's asking her dream-man to make her a dream  
And she prays that this dream will come true,  
That all of his days may be filled with joy  
This gay laughing sailor boy blue.

M. W. G.

## Marquette Pk. Youth Cited at Mariannas Base



Pfc. Edward G. Ziny, whose parents live at 6606 S. Albany Ave., Chicago, was one of the

several more months training as a tail gunner. Judging from the size of those ships, he says he'll need a road map to get around in them.

Cpl. Barna drove out to Cudahy, Wisc. with the Roseland Aido Chorus and wants the chorists to know that he had a very nice time and enjoyed their company. That goes for the Wisconsin people too.

Before his voluntary induction, Cpl. Barna was a member of the Civil Air Patrol, and aviation teacher at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Navy Pier, Chicago.

# CONGRATULATIONS!



Cpl. and Mrs. ALBERT SWEYRUSH

Our congratulations are a little late but the reason for that is that we were waiting for this beautiful picture to be made. This handsome couple is none other than Cpl. and Mrs. Albert Sweyrush who were married April 12 in Chicago.

Mrs. Sweyrush is the former Ann Savukas who works in the Vilnis office and is prominent in the youth circles here.

Cpl. Sweyrush who had previously spent 32 months overseas, is now stationed at Camp Gordon, Ga., and the radiant bride is telling everyone that he has 85 points and she expects him home any day now.

113 men at Marianna bases who received citations for the part they played in the historic Superfort low level incendiary attacks on Japan. These men were commended by Maj. Gen. Curtis E. Le May, commanding the 21st Bomber Command.

They are specialists with the ground echelons who are supporting the almost daily Superfort assaults against the Japanese mainland.

"Your determination, skill and courage have delivered a stunning blow to the empire of the Rising Sun," Gen. Le May said. "Combat crews and the hard-working maintenance and staff people are to be heartily commended for their accomplishment in these historic operations.

Throughout the eight days covering the sustained bombing attacks these men and other members of the ground staff worked night and day, virtually without rest, to keep the Army bombers in the air and striking at the enemy.

In a letter to his parents, Pfc. Ed Ziny, enclosed a ten dollar bill as a greeting to the Vilnis Shareholders Conference which was held last Sunday.

## Pvt. Skulman Receives War Bond for Drawing



Pvt. Walter Skulman, the son of Mrs. Ethel Zald was home recently on a 10 day furlough. The 10 days passed all too soon for Walter.

It was learned that the Army presented him with a War Bond for his artistic efforts in drawing a picture of how a G. I. looks when he is punished for unfulfillment of duties.

Pvt. Skulman left for Texas May 15.

## DYNAMIC DETROIT AIDO CHORUS

### NOTES OF A DETROIT CHORISTER

Ho Hum—Sure was a busy day for all hands, Mother's Day May 13th.

To start off we had gathered together for our Radio Presentation on Station WJBK at 9:30 A. M. as per usual. Our presentation we do think went off very nicely and we even had a recording made for future reference.

Those who listened in were very pleased, we hear, of what we had to offer in the way of music.

Congrats to those lovers of the air waves, a very matched duet if ever I did hear one; and here's hoping we hear more of them in the future.

Well now after said program, we were invited one and all to a Seventh Anniversary surprise party for Ruby and Mike J. (A swellegant couple me thinks.)

Refreshments were galore—thanks to Mrs. Vegel and Mrs. Jeske. A most successful affair and highly praised by all those present.

While at the Jeske's residence, the chorus held its final meeting of the season, winding up with some good ideas of the coming season.

If I'm not mistaken, and I don't think I am, we choristers will be having a picnic at Beechnut Grove on June 10, so those who will be on the prowl for a good time had better be there.

Music, dancing and refreshments will be plentiful, so how can you go wrong?

Now again, back to the days activities once more. After the meeting, which by the way wound up the anniversary party, we separated to meet later at Porter Hall to celebrate Mother's Day. (Aren't we the busy little beavers though?)

Now we are at the Porter

Hall. Ruby started the whole affair off with a speech dedicated to all mothers and say, Ruby, did you know that the speech you gave had quite a few people in tears? Nice going, gal, keep it up—you ought to be in the Morale Division.

The Girls Sorority did quite a nice job of singing, congrats girls. Same goes for the girls quartete.

Thanks to Miss Carol Gugas and Master Peter Rye for their musical tributes to the affair, very nicely rendered.

By the way, here's wishing everlasting success to a well formed trio that do a very nice bit of singing, so good that the people refused to let them go, even after four numbers.

For those who may be interested, the trios names are as follows: Walter Gugas, Mike Jeske and Frank Price.

Listen in May 27 on Station WJBK, 9:30 A. M. and you'll be hearing these lads.

During the program the mothers who have sons and daughters in the service were presented with some pretty ribbons with the word "Mother" on it.

After the program there was an abundance of good food and drinks. Talking about food should have tried some of those delicious potato pancakes, mm! Should have seen Frankie P.! He wore a pretty blue apron and was busy grating raw potatoes. Cute, don't you think?

The music was very nice to dance to and all in all the whole affair was quite a success.

After a night of gayety some one was brave enough to yell that it was time to go home, so off we go and so to bed. Ho hum.

Be seeing you,  
NALI NALI



MARIA A. QUEZON, 26-year-old daughter of the late President of the Philippines, Manuel Quezon, has completed her Red Cross Volunteer Nurses' Aide training and is now serving as a volunteer in a Los Angeles hospital. She is shown pointing out her native islands to a member of the Volunteer Special Services Corps of the chapter. She hopes to return to the Philippines some day and start a Nurses' Aide Corps there. With the same thought in mind, 21-year-old Zenaida Quezon, Maria's younger sister, is taking her Aide training now.

## Maybe You Know... by COAKLEY

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## HE CALLS HIMSELF AN AMERICAN

By V. URBIKAS

Last Thursday after Tony and I went downtown we took in a couple of good shows. We enjoyed "Practically Yours" with Claudette Colbert and Fred MacMurray. We also liked the "Enchanted Cottage" with Dorothy McGuire and Robert Young and Herbert Marshall. I'd consider this a four star picture, but I'm not going to give a review of it at this time.

The point I'm getting to is that after the show we went to have a chocolate malted but the waitress informed us that she had no ice cream, so I had my malted with sherbet and Tony ordered a Green River. An elderly man sitting next to Tony started to talk about the shortage of ice cream. I missed out on their conversation in the beginning, but I was in it before long.

This man praised the Americans in Europe . . . the Yanks won the war . . . nobody helped . . . the Yanks did it all by themselves. "The no good Russians", he says, "are trying to take everything." "Who's this Stalin?—Just another guy who's trying to rule the worlds"—So he says.

. . . Who's this Molotov? . . . The Idea of Russia getting three votes and us only getting one! . . . A big country like ours!" He kept repeating, I'd tell them a thing or two!"

The United States is a place where you can do, think, and say what you please. Tony and I are two young people who were brought up to think clearly. We were not taught that the Russians are Communists and that we should hate them.

I told this gent that if we had worked as hard and suffered as much as the Russians did, we really would have something to gripe about. Actually, what hardships have we encountered except rationing? Did we have the Germans to fight near our capital or even on our soil?

"Half of the people in the U. S. A. couldn't have helped fight off the enemy because they are too busy with the Black Market and complaining about the shortage of everything. Meat isn't the only thing you can live on—try really starving for a while," I said.

This man went on about how Russia is going to start another war with us. When we gave him a good reply to that he said, "You must be old country children, your parents must have been foreigners."

Yes, our parents came from Lithuania and we are proud of it. He said, "my parents fought in the Revolutionary War" meaning that he's a true American just because of that. I remarked, "Man, you're still fighting the Revolutionary War, why don't you wake up to what is going on around you today?"

We ended our conversation with him calling us Communists. We're not Communists . . . just plain Americans who can see further than our noses.

It's people like this man we met who are really the cause of wars; who condemn our Allies; who create mistrust and dissension among nations. Even though his ancestors fought in the Revolutionary War he is not a good American even though he thinks he is.

## Bing Crosby and Bob Hope to Clash at Golf Match for Vets Benefit

Bing Crosby and Chick Evans vs. Bob Hope and Jimmy Hines.

That would be a fair country golf match to watch on any course at any time, but the announcement made this week that it will be played on May 26 at Chicago's Tam o' Shanter Country Club. Its purpose, like all other tournaments and exhibition matches in the future, will be to swell the rehabilitation fund of the Professional Golfers' Association of America for hospitalized service men. This latter project is the most ambitious ever undertaken by the National P. G. A. and its 29 member sections throughout the country.

The 18 hole duet sending Crosby, the Groaner, and Evans, Chicago's No. 1 amateur against the irrepressible Hope and Hines, national P. G. A. tournament chairman, will begin at 2 o'clock the afternoon of the 26th. All tickets will cost \$1.20. Tam O' Shanter is located at Caldwell and Howard Ave. in Chicago.

## WPB Lifts Ban On Golf Clubs

WASHINGTON.—The War Production Board lifted its ban on the manufacture of golf clubs for civilians, but said it probably would not mean an immediate flow of clubs.

Until July 1 materials for increased civilian production must come from idle and excess inventories.

After that date manufacturers may obtain materials if delivery can be made without interference with war production.

## Jessie Vesely Gets Bowling Honors

The friends of Jessie Shaiko Vesely will be glad to learn that she is doing so well in bowling in San Francisco. She stormed in with a 266 game which built a 598 series and gave her high honors in the women's handicapped league.

Jessie has been working in the Government Department of the American Railway Express in San Francisco for the past two years.

In a letter to her mother she wrote, "Friday, the 13th was my lucky day at bowling. It was also our last night of the season and we had our sweepstakes. I won first prize for highest games and everybody was shaking my hand."

## ODT Curtails Post Season Sport Games

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A 15 point travel curtailment program for college and high school athletics, including the elimination of postseason events, was announced this week by the ODT.

While the program calls for the elimination of post-season events, ODT officials pointed out that the bowl football games are not played until January 1, and that the transportation situation might ease sufficiently by that time to permit these game to be played.

## SPORTS—in Brief

Mickey Walker, former welterweight and middleweight champion of Elizabeth, N. J., returned Sunday from a six-month 45,000 mile USO tour covering Trinidad, South America, Egypt, Iran, Puerto Rico, Arabia and the Ascension Islands.

A million dollar sports arena of Georgia marble and cream brick, with a 7,500 seating capacity, is to be built in Atlanta as soon as materials are released by the government.

It will be equipped with giant freezing units that can turn the floor into large sheets of ice for professional hockey games.

Midget Auto Racing will resume in Chicago at Raceway Park, 130th and Ashland Ave., next Sunday night according to Art Folz, president of the Chicago Auto Racing Assn.

Due to the fact that the most prominent drivers are working in war plants or essential industries the race meets will be held on Sunday nights.

College athletics see no immediate cessation of hostilities in Europe.

College football will have to rely more than ever on 17 year olds this fall.

Professional athletics are listed as not essential to war activities in an administrative order of army's central Pacific base command and participation of military personnel in such events is prohibited.

The order, if adopted in commands in the U. S., would mean the end of soldiers boxing in civilian professional programs.

## Set Back Openers For Girls' Softball

The rains of the past two weeks have resulted in postponement of the National Girls' Softball League season openers until May 25, when the lid will be tilted at Rockola, Parichy and Bidwill stadiums.

Hilburn Stadium, home of the Rauland Radar Queens, defending champions, will have its National League opener on May 28 with the Queens playing Charlie Bidwill's Bluebirds.

Weather has prevented teams from getting into condition with outside workouts so the additional week for preparation is going to be a decided advantage.



**BASEBALL LOSS**—Walker Cooper, star catcher of St. Louis Cardinals, tries on a sailor cap after being inducted into U. S. Navy. He will get boot training at the Great Lakes Training Station, where he may join the team of former major and minor leaguers being coached by Bob Feller, ex-pitcher of the Cleveland Indians.

**ANY BONDS TODAY?** By Gracie Allen and George Burns  
Illustrated by Ed Reed

"Hey, Small Change! Don't forget stamps help win the war, too."

# OPEN HOUSE

So I'm sitting here for two hours and for the life of me I can't think of an opening sentence and so I says the heck with it and I'll just start anywhere and let them think I don't know any better . . . I don't.

Went with the folks to the Alice Stephen's Singer's Concert last Sunday and felt right at home for there were familiar faces in every direction. The mothers looked lovely with their corsages and it did your heart good to gaze upon them while the radiant joy within them flowed out to you. It was a happy Mother's Day for many of them.

'Twas a fine presentation of splendid singing and how happy we are that several of our L.D.S. girls belong to this fine group . . . in case you're already preparing your list, I'll help you: Mary Shimkus, Estelle Bogden, Aldona Pavelonis, and Evelyn Stankus. Frannie Yurgil, a former member, assisted by ushering.

Well, well and so our Ann Peters made her debut by appearing at the concert. Keep up the good work, Ann, so that we can see you more often. Your dear friends, Mr. and Mrs. George Kidik, also accompanied you . . . maybe I'll meet them again.

Mrs. Tryonis came in all the way from Michigan to see her daughter, Estelle Bogden, sing on the stage and then spent the rest of the evening with her other daughter, Bernice Karas. Bernice added another year to her collection of birthday anniversaries.

That striking personality, embracing bouquets of flowers, was none other than Mrs. Stephens herself. What dashing colors and what justice you'd do to technicolor . . . hmmm.

Grabbed a bite to eat and the next stop was the Lithuanian Auditorium where the program was already in full swing so I quietly sat down in the balcony awaiting the time when the chorus would sing.

I see where we are acquiring a new duet in the near future. Nancy Roman and Sylvia Pran have started something because the audience called for more, so you'd better start rehearsing ladies.

Sgt. Albert Vestart spared a few moments of his short furlough. There's something nice about seeing your old friends again.

Bonds, bonds and more bonds and yi . . . what amounts . . . well that's fine for we needn't say more to impress you with the importance of purchasing bonds and anyway it's just like that feller said . . . if you don't buy a bond in the 7th War Loan . . . the other six won't count. P. S. . . Frannie Yurgil bought a bond for her mother for Mother's Day . . . wasn't that nice?

Vollie Yuska does meet the most interesting lieutenants out Wisconsin way and say what's this about you signing your letters . . . "your loving wife" . . . now come on gal . . . is you is, or is you ain't?

So I finally got in the front line and if you ask me it was about time they pushed the girls back . . . so just as I was getting settled with my new outlook of the audience . . . Billy Gordon gleefully exclaims "Daddy" . . . just more proof of why the men should stand in front. Why just think of it . . . those poor children probably would have never seen their papas otherwise.

Tex Zebraitis emceed for the evening and very good he was at that. I say there . . . are you sure you haven't been practicing on the sidelines?

And, if you please, the young lady in that snazzy outfit was none other than our Sorority Sister, Phyllis Rasins. Pretty sharp and very chic.

Mr. Sprindis was down again from Kenosha and informs us that they're going great guns with the L.D.S. Drive out there. This reminds me that I heard of great plans in the making for Bridgeport. Aldona Pavelonis of the Sparks and Mr. Samulis of the 53rd Branch had their own private Frisco conference so now with my eyes wide open and my ears flapping I'm standing by with all the mikes ready to follow them up. Are you with me . . . or do you belong to the Moñarchs and Redwings? Again P. S. It's been said that Kay Danis and Violet Stone are planning to scratch their names off of the inactive list and show us what stored up energy can perform.

Two of our bowling Jassies have gone South for a couple of weeks so that the Grandparents would have the opportunity to spoil the darlings for awhile. Alice Paulus took her Michele, who incidentally had two candles on her birthday cake last Sunday, and Ann Paskier took her Georgie Jr. Janitor.

# ROSELAND AIDO CHORUS WEEKLY

After a very busy week-end the Aido Chorus is ready to put on a huge affair on Friday evening but before going any further I will tell you all about the event of last Sunday which the Chorus took part in. It turned out with a very big bang and that Victory scene (thanks to our marvelous teacher) was the talk of the whole evening. It turned out wonderful, and that is even putting it mildly. But I think the ones who were there could tell you a little more about that because you see I was on the stage and unable to see how it looked.

Now a little about the Friday evening affair. As many of you know, our most beloved teacher Mrs. Dorothy Yuden is taking a leave of absence from the Chorus and we are having a little farewell gathering for her. I am sure that is the very least we can do for her after all she's done for us. Am many of you know Dorothy was a splendid teacher and I can truthfully say that we are going to miss her beyond the range of words. But from the very bottom of our hearts, Dorothy, we want to say that we wish you all the luck, health and happiness in the world and may you regain your health and be back with us very soon.

Boosters, friends and every Chorus member is invited to be there on Friday evening at 8:30 P. M. sharp. (Chorus members have to be there at 8:00 P. M.) So don't forget, our welcome mat is out to all of you once more.

M. E. C.

## Chorus Tid-Bits

We are still recuperating from the wonderful time we had in Cudahy, Wisconsin. You people of Wisc. certainly are grand, and the way you treat us sure makes us want to come right back and perform for you again, and again.

The Roselanders went out in a caravan of eight automobiles and (surprise!) no one even had so much as a flat tire! (That can be taken two ways!) We were given a wonderfully delicious meal and there were drinks a-plenty.

Adolph, who were those two gorgeous blondes you kept to yourself all evening?

Lil and Frank were seen dancing ever so gracefully to the strands of a super twelve piece orchestra, no foolin' they did have a grand orchestra. We were really amazed at the way they do things in Cudahy!

Can't hold these Roselanders down, after filling a program with over fourteen songs they still had voices left to sing all evening at the bar between wetting their tonsils.

Connie M. was seen with her one and only, Cpl. Barna, who was home on furlough and drove out with the chorus.

What happened to Millie C., Helen M. and the girl friend? We couldn't find you! Ah ha I see sailors in the picture!!

Thanks go to Mr. Misevich for bringing down his public address system, it sure comes in handy.

Last Sunday the Aido Chorus participated in the Roosevelt Memorial Concert at the Lith. Auditorium. Heard that we made a grand showing with our singing, especially "Taps" and our V for Victory formation.

Crash! Bang! what happened to the tenors, they disappeared! Oh that's alright, they just fell through the floor! Those are the words heard backstage as the stairs slipped from under them!

Johnny P. and Connie M. were heard discussing the merits of the choruses. (Gee! They agreed!!)

Teach, Dot Yuden, sure had her hands full trying to form a "V". Every time she'd turned around someone had moved. The answer to why teachers get grey! She finally succeeded though.

Who's got a cigarette? Cigarette, what's that? That's what happened to Joe Nedvar every time he approached anyone. Better luck next time, Joe. (Where'd you get that Camel?)

That's all for now . . . Soooo . . . Wondering why the curtain stuck I wander off into the night. . .

DUCKFEET.

## Unknown



JUST A LITTLE unknown, but his heart is in the right place. Holding his little War Stamp book, this unidentified youth offers some change epologically as much as to say, "I'm just a little boy, but can I buy a War Stamp, too?" Course you can, sunny. Somewhere, sometime, this little War Stamp book, this unidentified boy is filling will be of real service to him because of his act of today. Will you benefit from War Bonds, too?