

KING OF JAZZ DEFENDS TITLE

By ROB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD, March 4.—(AP)—In a nice paternal way, Paul Whiteman disagrees with Artie Shaw's statement that jazz as an art form is a "Dying Duck."

"Now don't get me in trouble with Artie," said the King of Jazz, settling his massive bulk in a restaurant booth. "But I think he's a little pessimistic."

The clarinet-toting stormy Petrel of the music world has called contemporary band leaders "incompetents who have found a market for mediocrity in the wartime appetite for popular music."

"Well, I wouldn't call Harry James, Jimmy Dorsey and Tommy Dorsey incompetents," said Whiteman, naming a few contemporaries. "Even if the quality has fallen off somewhat during the war, he added, great hope for the future is offered by accomplished Army and Navy orchestras."

"I know that whatever I may have achieved in music is due to the experience I got in the Navy," he declared. Whiteman organized Navy bands at Mare Island during the last war. "Musicians in this war have been doing marvelous work, and they will raise the standard of popular music when they get out of the Army and Navy."

The rotund Maestro, now music director for the Blue Network, said jazz will advance as an art only when band leaders present something more advanced than the 32-bar song.

"I used to lose \$10,000 every time I presented a concert of American music in New York. But I figured it was worth it when we fostered such works as the Rhapsody in Blue and the Grand Canyon Suite."

Here's a note to jam session addicts: Whiteman says jam sessions and swing concerts will do more to kill than to promote jazz as an art.

"It is a pure punishment to make an audience listen to a saxophone man play 25 bad choruses before he plays one good one."

Red General Declares Nazis Have Sent All Line Troops To East

MOSCOW, March 4.—(AP)—Only "insignificant reserves" are available to the German High Command in the west and the Nazis must count on the Rhine for their defensive effort against General Eisenhower, Col. A. Kononenko, military analyst of Izvestia, declared today.

"The Hitlerites have shifted their main forces to the east. Insignificant reserves in the west make it impossible to wage a stubborn defense on the west bank of the Rhine, and obviously the enemy will depend upon this water line to protect its position," Col. Kononenko wrote.

Rickenbacker Predicts Russian Attack On Japs

ASHEVILLE, March 4.—(AP)—Capt. Eddie V. Rickenbacker said last night that Russia would join the fight against Japan "once the situation in Europe is in hand."

The World War I ace, and president of Eastern Airlines, said in an interview that the struggle with Japan would last "two or three years" and that the end of the primary fighting would be followed by a decade of guerrilla fighting in the Far East.

The war in Europe, Rickenbacker said, would end some time between June and September and "I lean to the latter months."

Russia's entry against Japan, he said, "will shorten that struggle by years, saving us more millions of casualties."

Rickenbacker left this afternoon for Charlotte to catch a plane to New York. He visited his son, William, a student at Asheville school for boys, over the weekend.

Pre-School Clinic Set At Washington-Catlett

The Washington Catlett pre-school clinic for students entering the school for their first year next fall will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the school building.

All parents concerned are urged to bring their children.

BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

Navy Mothers Schedule Meeting At Legion Home

The Cape Fear Navy Mothers Club will hold its monthly meeting at 3:30 p. m. at the American Legion home at Third and Dock streets, according to Mrs. Harold Serrel, publicity chairman.

All members are asked to be present as urgent business will be discussed. Mrs. Serrel said, and each is requested to bring a new deck of playing cards which will be given to the Red Cross to be put in duffel bags for Navy personnel leaving the States.

At 3 p. m. an executive meeting will be held, and all officers are asked to be present.

WAGE DEADLOCK MAY BE BROKEN

WASHINGTON, March 4.—(AP)—A break in the deadlock between the War Labor Board and Economic Stabilizer Fred M. Vinson over granting of "fringe" wage adjustments is expected momentarily.

The prospective settlement was disclosed today by a source in the know, but how soon it actually would come, Chairman William H. Davis of the WLB declined to predict.

Vinson said "the whole question still is under consideration," and that he did not care to comment further now on the reported solution.

The War Labor Board has submitted to Vinson an outline of standards for "limits" for the most frequently granted of these "fringe" demands.

They include items, not directly touching on basic wage rates, such as shift differentials, vacations, intra-plant rate inequities, furnishing of work clothes and tools, and even "portal to portal" pay for traveling on company premises to the place of work, as in the case of coal miners.

The Little Steel formula holding general wage increases to 15 per cent above the levels of January, 1941, operates as much the same sort of brake on base pay rises.

Davis said the "fringe" standards which the board had presented to Vinson were based on "past practice."

This recommendation was made by the board when the Economic Stabilizer had demanded that no further adjustments be announced by the board until it had first determined from the OPA that no price increase would be required for affected products.

VANDENBERG WINS POINT ON PARLEY

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were expected to support a pre-conceived American plan. The Bretton Woods monetary meeting last year has been cited as such a case.

Vandenberg has made it a cardinal principle of his stand on international security matters that the United Nations organization which is expected to be formed at San Francisco shall have the right to review prior political agreements in subsequent years, in the light of their effect on the peace of the world.

In other words, he has told friends that while he expects a separate peace conference to settle such matters as boundary questions, he feels that the league should be empowered to recommend and enforce changes if those agreements threaten to breach the peace in later years.

President Roosevelt made it plain in his talk to Congress last week that the western boundary of Poland, for instance, will be fixed at the peace table. It apparently will not be a subject for immediate discussion by the international organization, once it comes into being.

Vandenberg's views on this and other international questions apparently have been recorded carefully at the State Department, where much hope for Senate minority support of forthcoming treaties is placed in the Michigan Senator's leadership.

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Before the war, the seal fur industry on the Pribilof Islands of Alaska maintained an annual production worth two to three million dollars.

Henry VIII's fifth wife, Katharine Howard, introduced pins from France into England.

Table of market prices for various meats including Beef, Lamb, Pork, Veal, Bacon, and Mutton. Includes columns for item names and prices.

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Japs Fight Well As Individuals, Stupidly In Groups, Writer Says

By RICHARD BERGHOLZ

U. S. SIXTH ARMY HEADQUARTERS, LUZON, P. I., March 4.—(AP)—The Japanese on Luzon island have fought well as individuals, stupidly as an organized force. That stupidity gave hard-fighting Yanks the additional edge which culminated in the conquest of Manila and the central Luzon plain.

But, as an American general pointed out, this covers only the initial phases. There still are thousands of Japanese, many strongly entrenched, on Luzon. Many bitter battles must be fought.

The general, whose identity cannot be revealed, reviewed the campaign from the landing on Lingayen Gulf January 9 to the capture of Manila and the assault on the enemy's Shimbun line east of the city.

Failure of Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, the Japanese commander, to plan and fight an intelligent defense and the enemy's misuse of his weapons has cost the Nipponese heavily.

From the beginning, Yamashita had three alternatives," the general said. "He could rush forces into Lingayen and fight it out on the beaches and in the swamps; he could take a little more time and set up strong defenses along the Agno river, or he could resort to delaying action and fall back to the hills.

"Because our boys are better fighters and our material is superior, Yamashita couldn't have stopped us cold no matter which choice he made. But the Jap general failed to make a stand either on the beach, where any successful scale landing is touch and go business, or in the Agno where the terrain gave him the first easy opportunity to dig in and slug it out."

Instead, Yamashita fell back to the hills. The Yanks found it easy going through the plains toward Manila at first, but tough in the hills.

Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger, U. S. Sixth Army commander, also had difficult decisions to make. Krueger and his staff realized they couldn't reach or take Manila with the Lingayen landing force.

Until a sufficient force could be built up, Krueger had to decide how far he could advance without leaving his flanks too vulnerable to attack. He had to guess if or where the Japanese would attack if given a chance.

The Americans knew the Nipponese were holding their second armored group on the left flank of the drive toward Manila. Until its effectiveness could be destroyed, any strong extension toward Manila was menaced.

At this point, Yamashita made a serious blunder. Instead of keeping his armored group intact, he broke this force into groups for use as defensive artillery.

"This misuse of the armored group was an unforgivable military error," said the general. "And although it was hard going to dig them out it might have been many times harder in the long run."

Thus the bitter battles for such places as San Manuel, where more than 50 Japanese tanks were destroyed, and Umangan and Lubao were actually the turning points in the Manila drive because they freed, to a large extent, the American driving force from the threat of a flank attack.

On the right flank the Japanese made their first strong organized resistance in the Bamban hills south of Harlac, but here again

the enemy failed to make the most of favorable terrain.

By the end of January the way was cleared.

The fighting inside Manila was hard fought to finish. Jungle-trained troops had to learn new tricks.

"There is no doubt that the Japs fought as well in Manila as anywhere we met them," the general said. "There were a lot of Imperial Marines and although there may have been some odds and ends among the Manila troops they fought ably as individuals."

Military men feel that Manila could have been conquered considerably faster if air power had been used. But no air strike is accurate in an area congested with civilians and the high command decided to reduce the Japanese defenses with artillery.

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Advertisement for 'Speedy Relief for Coughs!' featuring KREY cough medicine. Includes the text 'ASK FOR KREY' and 'Contains Ingredients Physicians Prescribe'.

Advertisement for 'CHINESE DRIVING TOWARD SUICHWAN' with a map and text describing military movements in China.

Advertisement for Philadelphia Blended Whisky, featuring a bottle illustration and text: 'A combination of straight whiskies with grain neutral spirits'.