

# Who's News This Week

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**NEW YORK.**—On the day General Eisenhower's invasion barges bump against the channel-washed walls of Hitler's fortress, the invaders' air support will be commanded by Air Marshal T. L. Leigh-Mallory. His initial job will be to raise a cover of planes through which Nazi bombers and fighters cannot thrust at Allied infantry and tanks down under.

On his record Leigh-Mallory is as good as he had better be and the business of raising an aerial umbrella is not new to him. He raised a fine one over Dieppe. Some of the fruits of that hair-raising raid were sour but the air marshal's parol was beyond criticism. Besides smoke-screens laid and the gun positions knocked out, his bombers and Blenheims and Bostons, his Hurricanes and Spitfires fought so furiously that Nazi plane losses were set at 191, against a British 98. And 30 pilots of the 98 were saved.

Entering the last World war as a private after coming down from Cambridge, Leigh-Mallory finished as a flying officer with the D. S. O. He had planned on law, but remained in the army and the start of this war found him commanding the British Twelfth fighter group. He also organized and directed the Polish air force in England, and for his achievements has been made a Commander of the Bath.

Of all Britain's commanders none looks more British than the air marshal. He has the wide jaw, the trim, thick mustache, the strong nose, the closely buttoned mouth glorified in cartoons. He is 51 years old.

**THIS** is just a luncheon pick-up; probably there isn't a true word in it.

Sir Stafford Cripps was traveling with a Great Man. After dinner the Great Man

**Maybe Mr. Cripps Isn't as Austere As Yarn Suggests** hauled out a couple of his terrific cigars.

"Smoke!" he urged. "I never smoke," said Cripps.

The Great Man turned himself into a chimney, poured a stiff brandy, poised the bottle over a second glass and raised eyebrows in a convivial invitation. "I never drink," said Cripps.

The Great Man had several stiff ones. Ten o'clock came. At the first chime Cripps checked his wrist watch. It was ten, right enough, "G'night!" he said briskly. "I always go to bed at ten."

Britain's minister of aircraft production probably isn't as severe as all that. But he can be grim; as now when he warns rosy optimists that 1944 will be the Allies' toughest year. He took on aircraft production late in 1942 and some said he had been demoted. It did seem a come-down from the post of lord privy seal, and certainly less rewarding than his earlier ambassadorships to China and Russia.

Fifty-five, Sir Stafford is an aristocrat, a baron's son, but he runs with left-wingers. He is M.P. for Laborite Bristol and works to ally distrust of Communism.

**GERMANY'S** Iron Cross comes in three grades; the Nazi special police come in three grades, too. And it couldn't be just a coincidence that Wilhelm

**Executes Hitler's Orders to Letter And to the Death** Schepmann wears the lowest grade of the one

and commands the lowest grade of the other. Hitler's own Elite Guard, the swaggering SS and the Gestapo, Himmler's pets, both rank above Schepmann's troopers.

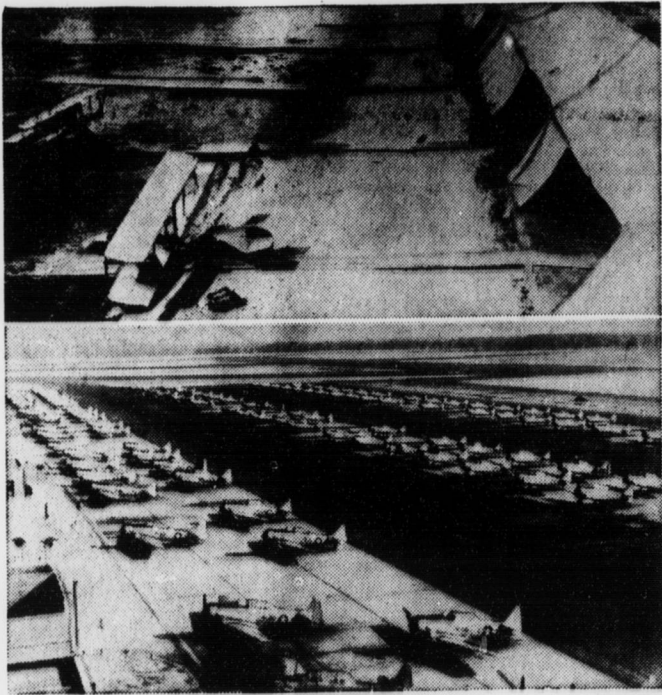
Since Schepmann took over after tough Victor Lutz died in that automobile accident last May, his task has grown enormously. There are 12,000,000 rebellious alien workers in the Reich now, and if these are to be kept at work along with the bombed natives, the SA must turn the trick.

Fifty now, Schepmann was born in the troubled Ruhr. In the first World war he v on his Iron Cross in the infantry and survived three wounds and at the end was a lieutenant.

With peace he spent much time in the headquarters of the budding Nazi group at Dortmund and finally Hitler made him a full time SA leader.

When the Nazis at length came to power in '33 Hitler ordered Schepmann to wipe out opposition in Dortmund. There was a lot of opposition. Communists were numerous. These all vanished, however, after Schepmann's militia caught up with the leaders; and Dortmund became known as the town where political suspects most frequently were shot while trying to escape, or committed suicide by leaping from their prison windows. For his good works Schepmann was awarded the empty honor of membership in the Prussian Diet and in the Reichstag, too

## 30 Years of U. S. Aviation Progress



Top: Naval air station at Pensacola, Fla., in 1914. Tents were fair weather hangars. In bad weather planes were rolled into a brick structure not shown. Bottom: Typical view of the naval air training center today where 15,000 naval aviators are trained yearly. The planes are trainers.

## MacArthur Poses With His Indian Warriors



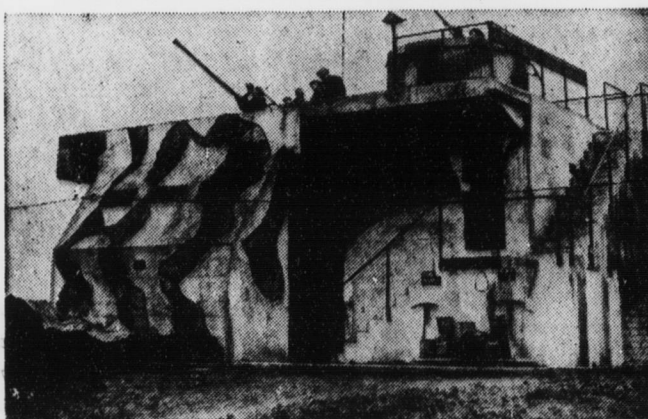
Gen. Douglas MacArthur, commander in chief of the Allied forces in the Southwest Pacific area, poses with representatives of American Indian tribes in our army. Left to right: Sergt. Virgil F. Howell, Pawnee tribe, Pawnee, Okla.; Sergt. Arvin J. Vilcan, Chitimacha tribe, Charenton, La.; General MacArthur; Sergt. Byron L. Tsignine, Navajo tribe, Defiance, Ariz.; and Sergt. Larry L. Dekin, Navajo tribe, Copper Mine, Ariz.

## Where Some of Those Huge Raids Start



U. S. Flying Fortresses are now using over 11 recently equipped air bases near Foggia, Italy, to drop tons of bombs on Nazi-controlled territory. These bases will make possible a campaign extending over the 600 mile range indicated by the light area on the map. Bombers can take off and return to these bases usually without facing serious enemy opposition.

## Flak Towers Take High Raider Toll



This is one of the most successful defense devices developed during Britain's long struggle for survival against Nazi bombers. It is a flak tower of the anti-aircraft command. Such towers proved very effective last summer during the sneak attacks against seaside towns. Last year flak towers accounted for 93 downed enemy planes and 59 "probables."

## Banker on Newsstand



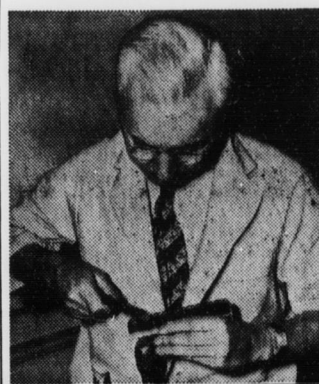
Guy Emerson, vice president of a New York bank, sells papers at a newsstand while the owner took time off to purchase a war bond. His act typifies the unity with which big and small business men are buying bonds and getting war tools to men at the fronts.

## Dry Crusaders



Mrs. Ida Wise Smith, national president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, chats with Congressman Joseph R. Bryson who is sponsoring a bill to outlaw beverages containing more than one-half of 1 per cent alcohol by volume.

## Out of the Rough



Months of study preceded one deft stroke of Adrian Grasselly, who split the famous \$200,000 Liberator diamond, the largest ever found in Venezuela. The 155 carat stone is shown in closeup at bottom.

## Wins Highest Award



Lieut. David C. Waybur of Piedmont, Calif., who was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for heroism in Sicily. This is the highest American military award.



They tell you that long before he was elevated to the position he now occupies, Jim Byrnes was always successful in getting FDR to read his memos to the White House. Because his notes were never longer than four lines. Byrnes learned his lesson the first time—when he submitted a windy report to the President.

"Did you read it?" he inquired. "Read it?" said FDR, "I couldn't even lift it!"

Lieut. Comd'r Jack Dempsey was reminiscing. He told about Mike Trent, a long-time admirer who was in his group when he was training for his fight with Comd'r Gene Tunney. Mike was sent over to scout the Tunney training camp to bring Dempsey information of value—on Tunney's style and hitting power.

Mike returned breathless. "It's a set-up," he reported. "I see him readin' a book!"

The Stork Club's host, S. Billingsley, is also renowned for sending gifts to customers and others. The gifts usually are rainbow-hued cravats. One recipient replied: "Many, many thanks for your thoughtfulness. It's the first time, and what a relief, that the Stork ever brought me ties!"—Eddie Cantor.

In Scribner's rare book dept., says the Sat. Review of Literature, a well-groomed customer asked Nick Wredin: "How is this volume bound?"

"Genuine calf," he said. "How was that again?" "Calf—genuine calf!"

"What did you say?" Nick threw back his head, closed his eyes and roared: "Moo!"

The Sunday N. Y. Times radio section reports the reaction of listeners to WJZ's new transmitter of 50,000 watts. . . . One New Hampshire listener is quoted: "It's been our pet gripe (in our neck of the woods) that WJZ had such excellent programs, yet was the only major station that simply could not be heard with any degree of ease. Why, Sunday evening we could even hear Winchell's tonsils quiver."

**New York Novelette:** This is one of those stories that sweep the town now and then, and everybody always knows the woman it is supposed to have happened to. But when you ask them to name names they say they mustn't. Because they cannot. . . . Anyhow, a woman was talking to a friend on the phone, explaining she couldn't meet her because of a cold, etc. . . . A strange third voice broke in and said: "Madam, I am a doctor. I suggest you try this prescription for your throat." Whereupon he offered it. . . . She asked his name. . . . He replied: "You will never know that!" And got off the line. . . . So a few nights later at a party she was amazed to hear a man at the table relate the incident. . . . He was the doctor! . . . The woman said nothing. . . . She got his phone number from the hostess. . . . Next day she called him saying she was the lady with the cold. She thanked him for the prescription. . . . "Who are you?" he asked. . . . "You'll never know," she cooed, hanging up.

**Will Mahoney,** star American vaudeville headliner (in Australia and England many years), has become a British subject. . . . J. Durante's pals call him "Sweet-nose" . . . A leading male hairdresser threw a Christmas paddy for his swishy friends. They had a Pink tree! . . . Alan Gale's thumbnail description of Vice-Pres. Wallace: "He takes his job seriously instead of himself" . . . Reader's Digest credits the "One of our cities is missing" gag (made famous by the wire services) to a contributor. It credits "Thumbnose Sketch" to "Watch your hat, coat and girl friend" and "Feud administrator" to everybody except this column, where they were born.

**Quotation Marksmanship:** A. A. Milne: There was a full length novel in her sigh. . . . M. Buchanan: The ash-can of her past. . . . H. Smith: No one should be conceited. Talented people do not need it, the untalented do not deserve it. . . . H. F. Estabrook: Some people's voices are hard to extinguish over the phone. . . . Joan Eden: If success doesn't give you a big head, it gives you big headaches. . . . H. Balson: Nice people always have trouble finding people to be nice to them. . . . H. Horner: She didn't catch a husband, she trapped one. . . . Rose Macaulay: A book to kill time for those who like it better dead. . . . Ambrose Bierce: Positive is being mistaken at the top of one's voice.

**Sammy Renick,** the jockey, was gagging about George Raft's shadow, "Killer" Gray, who has never even killed a fly. The "Killer" attended a swanky Jockey Club affair in Hollywood once, where Mrs. C. V. Whitney was at the same table. He conversed in typical Brooklynese.

Someone at the table asked the "Killer" why he didn't cash in on his publicity and go into the movies like his pal Raft. "I don't wanna be like Raft," he said, "I only wanna live like him!"



## GIVE YOUR CHILD QUINTUPLETS CATCH COLD

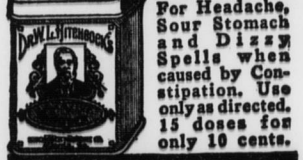
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## SNAPPY FACTS ABOUT RUBBER

A Wisconsin truck driver recently received a tribute from the Office of the Rubber Director because he risked his life to save the tires on the trailer of a tractor-trailer unit he was driving. The trailer caught fire, but the driver jacked it up and removed the tires while it was ablaze. The far-reaching influence of the rubber situation will be appreciated when it is known that close to 40% of the motor vehicles ever made in this country were still in service in December, 1941. More than half of them were owned by families with incomes of less than \$30 a week.

