

Aviation News—

# 'MAJOR' AIR FIGHT AHEAD--DOOLITTLE

10,000 Nazi Planes May Cloud Sky When It Comes, Says  
Liaison Officer at Allison's; City Still in Running  
For \$10,000,000 Engine Lab.

By SAM TYNDALL

Maj. "Jimmy" Doolittle, the Army Air Corps liaison officer at the Allison plant, says there has not yet been a "major" aerial engagement in World War II—but he thinks one is coming.

Even the Nazi bombing of Rotterdam was not of the proportion that he considers "major." He believes that if the Nazis loose an aerial blitzkrieg on the British Isles, the air, for the first time, actually will be filled with "clouds of planes."

In a "major" air engagement, Maj. Doolittle said there would be perhaps one-third of the attacking nation's air force in combat at one time—this might mean over 10,000 of Goering's armada. Fears for Morale

The U. S. Army Air Corps thinks of a major engagement in terms of dividing up all planes in three classes: First line, first reserves and second reserves. The first line planes would be used actively in the engagement. This might mean nearly all of them would be in the air at one time—it might mean half in the air and half preparing to take off, refueling or returning. The others would be held as replacement and reserves.

If the Nazis send aloft waves of even one-third of their fighters and bombers, Maj. Doolittle thinks that England's morale might crack—he is sure the air attack will be worse than any of us imagine.

## Hromada on Coast

Joseph Hromada, chief of the CAA station at the Municipal Airport, is in California for three weeks watching the performance of a test installation of the new ultra-high frequency radio range station.

The ultra-high frequency range, developed at the testing depot here, is believed to be the answer to the pilot's plea to "cut down the static." The high frequencies not only are static proof but can be installed with considerably less equipment than the present range stations which furnish the "beam" on the airways today.

After tests on the experimental installation in California, it is believed the ultra-high frequency range will be placed in service for testing between Chicago and New York. The pilots on that airway will be able to test the range for its static proof qualities, but the present range will remain in service.

## Models in Spotlight

One week from tomorrow, pilots of incoming airlines at the Municipal Airport probably will hear in the earphones: "Large crowd of spectators at the southwest corner of the field."

This will be a warning from the radio control tower that there are upwards of 16,000 people watching little gas model airplanes do their stuff. It will be the Mid-State Gas Model Contest, sponsored by the Indiana Gas Model Association.

The Sunday visitors on that day will switch their gazes from the ever-fascinating arriving and departing airplanes to the gas model planes to loop, dive and crash—all by themselves. One, it is understood, will be flown by radio.

## Reports on 'Lab'

Myron Green, Chamber of Commerce industrial commissioner, reported on his return from Washington this week that a subcommittee of the National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics probably will make a fast trip to Indianapolis and other cities before final decision on location for the \$10,000,000 aircraft engine research laboratory.

Indianapolis is still high in the running. The race has boiled down to about three or four cities although 57 want to get the defense project.

Cleveland is reported "pushing hard" for the lab. If the subcommittee inspects Municipal Airport facilities here and those of other cities, it is expected the decision won't be reached for another two or three weeks.

## War Role Discussed

The part commercial aviation will play in time of war was discussed by Maj. Reed Landis, vice president of American Airlines, at an "off-the-record" conference of the Indiana Civilian Aviation Committee at the Hotel Washington last night.

Maj. Landis said: "Preparedness is the greatest insurance policy in the world against war."

"A war probably could be won with an air force alone, plus a reasonable amount of ground equipment to hold territory captured by air power."

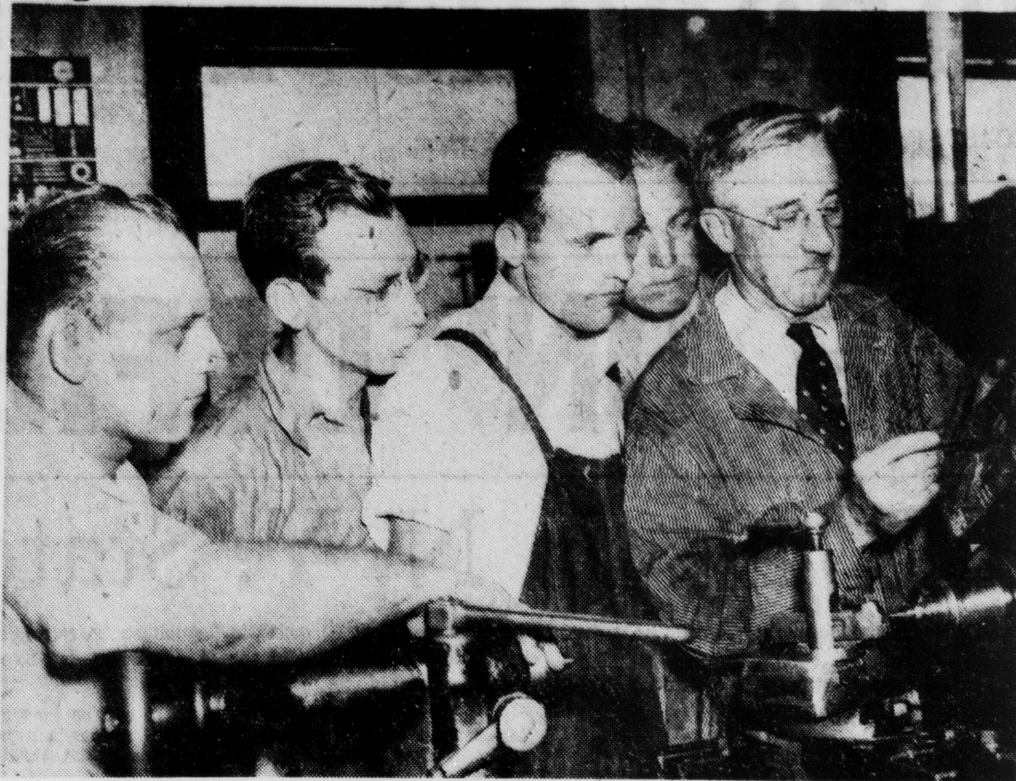
C. K. Gregg of Indianapolis, committee secretary, was chairman. Others who attended were Herman Teslor, representing the Indiana Chamber of Commerce; W. B. Stephenson, vice president of the Indiana Manufacturers' Association; Frank Mills, ninth district chairman; Elvan Tarkington, Col. H. Weir Cook, I. J. Dienhart and Wallace O. Lee.

## SETTLEMENT ENDS GROTTO CRASH SUIT

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., July 20 (U. P.).—A settlement out of court has prevented trial on a damage suit for \$10,000 against the receiver of the Union Traction Co. as the result of the Sahara Grotto wreck near Indianapolis in 1929.

It was reported that the settlement was \$2000 to go to the estate of Margaret W. Dallas, one of 16 killed when a truckload of Sahara Grotto members en route to a picnic.

# Eager to Aid Defense of U. S. . . . In Search of Wings . . .



These men hope now for jobs, eager to impress upon an employer the knowledge they received in the six-week course in industrial training in Indianapolis high schools. The courses are part of the national defense program to provide skilled workers. At Manual Training High School, these men were among those to be given certificates. Left to right—Ollie Limp, 5132 Hovey St.; Joseph Prater, 3532 N. Illinois St.; Melvin Eyster, 642 Division St.; H. A. Tolin, 2038 N. LaSalle St. and the instructor, A. C. Hishman.

## Italian Trucks Blasted in Mercy Dash to Doomed Fort

British Keep Up Deadly Fire to Prevent Aid Reaching Men  
In Ruins, Writer Says.

By JAN YINDRICH

FACING FT. CAPUZZO (On the Libyan Frontier), July 20.—I watched while Italian trucks attempted to relieve the garrison in the wreckage of white-battlemented Ft. Capuzzo in the Libyan Desert.

It had been seven days since the Italians had received food, water, ammunition or other supplies, and but one truck, out of 100 that sought to run the volleys of British fire, got through.

There are about 100 men in the Italian garrison. Not a soul is visible. I was told that the fort had been so thoroughly wrecked that most of the garrison were defending themselves from the ruins of trenches outside it.

I lay on my stomach for two hours in an observation post, under a blazing sun, watching 20 trucks try to break through. They had been held motionless for hours by British fire from artillery and roving tanks.

100 Trucks Turned Back  
One hundred in all, I was told, had tried vainly at dawn to break through the British artillery, tank and machine gun fire to take fresh troops, water, ammunition and supplies to the fort.

British guns opened up on the trucks at 4 p. m. Other guns dropped an occasional shell on the battered fort. I saw one motorized covered wagon make a dash for the fort. The driver stepped on the gas and sped along the well-made Italian road. Shells dropped behind and behind the truck, swerving madly, went on. It disappeared and presumably got through.

Another truck made a dash to the north, away from the fort, apparently trying to get back to Bardia, the supply base.

The fire got too hot and the truck turned back toward the fort. It ran into a shell. A cloud of dust rose. When it cleared the truck was a tangle of wreckage.

During the entire two hours the Italians tried to dodge one way or another to get out of range. None did.

Soldier Directs Fire  
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As the guns thundered in the rear and the shells crashed in front of me, I watched the fort through binoculars. Most of the main building and most of the surrounding wall had been destroyed. The central tower had been battered but remained standing.

There had been a great concrete plinth nearby from which Benito Mussolini once had made a speech. I was told that a British soldier (engineer) had blown it up two nights before because it was being used as an observation post. The same man the night before had blown a huge hole in the Ft. Capuzzo-Bardia supply road by exploding 150 captured Italian shells, so as to impede trucks.

When I left British tanks were awaiting orders to dash in and try to clean up the Italian trucks.

URGES PHILIPPINES TO THINK FOR SELF  
MANILA, P. I., July 20 (U. P.).—President Manuel Quezon said today that the Philippine Islands must "do our own thinking and learn lessons from contemporary history or bust."

He expressed surprise that Francis Sayre, high commissioner for the Philippines, had disagreed with his declaration regarding the need for a one-party system.

YOUNG ACTOR INJURED  
HOLLYWOOD, Cal., July 20 (U. P.).—Stanley Brown, young actor, was injured seriously yesterday when the horse he was riding collided with one ridden by Charles Starret, Western actor. Mr. Brown was thrown to the ground. He was rushed unconscious to the studio hospital.

URGES TEXAS 'DRAFT' GARNER AS GOVERNOR  
FT. WORTH, Tex., July 20 (U. P.).—E. B. Gibbons, a Democrat, suggested today that Texas "draft" Vice President John N. Garner as Governor.

The Democratic state primary, at which Texans will express their choices for state officers, will be held July 27.

"We have a mighty fine gentleman left open for a job at the first of the year," said Mr. Gibbons, in urging that E. B. Germany of Dallas, chairman of the ill-fated Garner-for-President drive, direct an intensive eight-day campaign for write-in support of Mr. Garner for Governor.

BURGLARS ROUTED BY HOME-MADE ALARM  
A home-made burglar alarm last night routed prowlers who have been bothering Robert Hess, of 2522 E. 38th St., for more than a year.

Mr. Hess ran a string from his back door to the garage with a tin can attached to the door of his home. When the can rattled loudly last night, he investigated to find the string broken. The prowlers had fled.

He told police the intruders last winter drained the alcohol from his automobile, threw gravel in his face when he answered a knock at the door, let the air out of the tires on his car and tried the gasoline tank cap off.

## TRAINEES GET HALF-HOLIDAY

Morning Given Over to  
Artillery Display and  
Tent Pitching.

Following an "old Army custom," C. M. T. C. trainees at Ft. Harrison, 2200 strong, were to enjoy a half holiday today "just because it's Saturday."

This morning was taken up with a display of field artillery equipment and a demonstration of pitching "pup" tents.

Tomorrow's devotional services will be conducted by Chaplain Joseph O. Ensrud who will be transferred Friday to duty in the office of the chief of chaplains at Washington, D. C.

His successor will be Chaplain Ralph W. Rogers who will report Tuesday from Scott Field, Ill. Music for the services will be provided by the C. M. T. C. band.

A polo game at 3 p. m. will attract hundreds of visitors to the Fort tomorrow.

Monday's schedule includes field artillery practice on the range and a study of range finding and routine gunnery.

Classroom work for the fourth year men (Blues) will include lectures on the duties of officers and methods of training. Instruction also will be given in military sanitation and first aid.

After a series of demonstrations actual machine gun practice will be held on the machine gun range Monday. A program of athletics will be held in the afternoon.

## WIFE BY SIDE WHEN M'GINN FACES COURT

An attractive young housewife stood by the side of her youthful husband in Municipal Court yesterday afternoon and with a hand clasped on his shoulder, heard Saul Rabb, judge pro tem, bind him over to the Grand Jury on a burglary charge.

The youth, Floyd McGinn, 21, of 1229 Oliver Ave., was captured last Sunday in a West Side grocery after police had killed his pal, Robert Carter, 22, when Carter failed to heed a command to surrender.

McGinn waived preliminary examination and was placed under \$2000 bond after his attorney vainly attempted to obtain a lower bond.

Carter had received his freedom a few days before he was killed when a Municipal Court judge reduced to \$500 a high bond after he was apprehended by police on suspicion of burglary.

McGinn's attorney told the court that the purpose of a bond is "not exact punishment but to assure a defendant's appearance in court."

## EX-UNION OFFICIAL FIGHTS EXTRADITION

WARSAW, Ind., July 20 (U. P.).—William C. McCushton, 38, former national maritime labor union official, said today he would fight extradition to New Orleans to face charges in connection with the slaying there of Philip Carrie, rival union leader, Sept. 17, 1939.

McCushton was arrested last night at Claypool, 10 miles south of here, while he was operating a photographer's gallery in a carnival. He is being held in the Kosciusko County Jail pending arrival of New Orleans authorities.

Last November, McCushton testified before the Dies Committee concerning the power granted by Congress to maritime organizations over the Maritime unions.

## Threat to Jump Ties Up Congested New York Traffic

NEW YORK, July 20 (U. P.).—Streets in the congested mid-town shopping district were jammed by additional thousands today when police emergency squads spread nets in front of a building after a report that a man had locked himself in a furnished room and planned to jump from a fourth floor window.

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These three Butler University students will begin the "high school" phase of their new flying careers on Monday. The fledglings (left to right) Ted Shadring, Claude Strope and Russell Rauch, are the scholarship winners of Butler's inaugural primary civilian pilot training course held this spring. Monday they will begin an advanced course of ground school and flight instruction at Municipal Airport.

## Hoosier Goings On

### WHITE LIES

Give Tipton Sensation—E. Chicago  
Demands Recount—And a Fish Story

By JOE COLLIER

FROM TIPTON, via Florida, and Paoli, via Toronto, Canada, comes new, sharp and incontrovertible proof that neither white nor playful lies get you anything but trouble.

Item: Robert Henderson and his wife moved a couple of years ago from Tipton to Florida. During their residence there, some one thought up the idea of superimposing phony headlines on newspapers.

Mr. Henderson had some printed, calling attention to the utterly untrue circumstance that he had slain his wife and mailed them back as a good joke.

Well, Tipton was in a dither when the spurious headlines arrived and tried to check with relatives of the pair. Some even considered calling Florida for details, until the fake was discovered. There was a short period of emotional readjustment thereafter in Tipton.

Item: Miss Bertine Hawkins, Paoli, wrote her name and address on a box of strawberries, and a note asking the consumer to drop her a note and tell her how they were. The box was a part of a car-load shipment.

Three weeks from the day she wrote the note, Miss Hawkins received a letter from Mrs. Margaret A. Goddard, Toronto, strawberries were very good, indeed, but that personally she no longer considered a certain Toronto grocery clerk reliable.

"He didn't notice your note on the box," she wrote, "and he told me the berries had been picked the day I bought them."

EDWARD J. WOLFE, Chamber of Commerce spokesman for East Chicago, has notified the Government that it can't get away with what it is trying to.

Mr. Wolfe said that the population count of East Chicago, as of April 1, 1940, has been announced at 51,493. This, Mr. Wolfe said, contrasts violently with the announced population as of 1930, which was 54,784.

This embarrassed and astonished East Chicago all the more, Mr. Wolfe said, because the new city directory indicates a population of 59,000.

Mr. Wolfe demanded a recount and said East Chicago will be satisfied with nothing less than 60,000.

And the Government's recounting, by golly.

One of the most incomprehensible auto-train accidents of record is reported from Logansport. It seems that a car bearing a license plate which was not issued for it, ran onto the Pennsylvania crossing at Road 29 at the precise moment a passenger train, with prior claim, ran onto the crossing.

The car was demolished and investigators were unable to find any other identification in the wreckage. What makes it odd is that there appears to have been no driver in the car.

This may turn into something pretty good before it's over.

AUSTIN RAPINER, Vincennes, tells his pals that he had a perfectly harrowing experience the other day with a 20-pound catfish. He was fishing peacefully at Seven Mile Bend in White River, he says with a shudder, when the 20-pound catfish took his handline and caught him.

Just as the fish was about to "land" him, another fisherman took hold on the line and together they turned tables on the fish and landed him.

Mr. Rapiner has been having nightmares about supplies ever since.

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# 'LITTLE SCOPES' VOLUMES READ

Questionable Passages in 2  
Books on Record in  
Redkey Trial.

PORTLAND, Ind., July 20 (U. P.).—Virtually every questionable passage in "Stars Fell on Alabama," a best-seller of several years ago, stood in the records of Jay Circuit Court today as the defense continued its attempt to prove that Walter Phinney, Redkey school teacher, was legally asked to resign by School Board members because he sponsored indecent reading for the pupils.

Throughout yesterday afternoon the defense read excerpts from the volume, written by Carl Carmen, while Mr. Phinney read sections from "A New American History," another book cited by the School Board as "questionable."

Mr. Phinney held that the history book was valuable as an auxiliary text both in history and in the trend of literature.

Court Room Jammed  
The small court room was jammed as the trial of the two-year-old suit began. Mr. Phinney, 27, and a Redkey native, charged that the School Board illegally broke its contract with him. He asked for reinstatement and \$1000 for the period he was not allowed to teach.

Clarence A. Berdum of Muncie, a defeated candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor this year, classed the discharge as a "little Scopes" case and said he planned to quote from the Bible to prove that certain Biblical verses were as immoral as those disputes by the school board.

Quotes Board's Books  
He told the court that if the books were bad, then one approved by the School Board, "Adventures in Appreciation," was "Terrible." He said the phrase "by God" appeared in the text nine times, "damn" 35 times, and "hell" 11 times, and similar expressions 28 times.

Mr. Phinney added the two volumes with 25 others to the school library because he believed that it was inadequate. The School Board, he charged, asked him to resign because they believed certain passages would corrupt the morals of the pupils.

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