

TEACHES FLIERS HOW JAPS FIGHT

Veteran U. S. Airmen Given
Credit for Volunteers'
Success in Burma.

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RANGOON, Feb. 12.—One of the important reasons for the remarkable success of the American fliers in Burma during the last six weeks is the fact that they have had special training in how to fight the Jap air force and in the habits of Jap airmen—certainly much more intensive training in this respect than anything the regular United States or British air units had had at the time the Far Eastern

war broke out. The man responsible for this training is Brig. Gen. Clair L. Chennault, commander of the A. V. G. (American Volunteer Group) and probably the best-informed English-speaking officer on Nipponese flying tactics alive today.

Gen. Chennault, who is more than 60, retired from his colonelcy in the United States Air Force shortly before the Japanese invaded China in July, 1937. He became the organizer and trainer of China's air force and accordingly has given Jap air operations the closest study for four and a half years.

Knows How Japs Will Act
In China, Chennault long has been regarded as extraordinarily astute because almost invariably he has been able to predict what the Nipponese fliers would try to do and prescribe exactly how to thwart them.

Gen. Chennault's prescriptions for raising Cain with the Jap fliers was not "according to the book." In fact, the A. V. G. pilots say that his suggestions sometimes were sharply discounted by air corps officers at home because they seemed too unorthodox.

Nevertheless, when Gen. Chennault got former Army and Navy pilots out here he trained them rigidly in the performances of every type of Jap bomber and fighter and the tactics employed by Jap pilots.

'Really Great Old Boy'
In the words of one A. V. G. squadron leader:

"Chennault is really a great old boy. He gave us the right dope, all right. At home we had been trained to fight the Nazis Luftwaffe but you can't fight Jap fliers the way you would fight the Germans. Their fighters are too maneuverable. "With our present planes we can't stay in and dogfight with the Japs. The Japs don't know what the devil to make of our tactics. The old boy was absolutely right and that is why we have bumped off so many of them."

A Jap pilot who was taken prisoner confirmed this by confessing ruefully:

"American fighters almost never attack us as we expect. They seem to come in from all angles. The trouble is, we never know what they are going to do next."

Since Jap airmen are extremely disciplined and trained to do everything "by the book," the tactics which Gen. Chennault imbedded in the A. V. G. pilots, through more than three months of arduous exercises before the Jap blitz occurred, have served greatly to confuse the enemy fliers. The consequent advantage to the American volunteers has been inestimable, as results show.

Call Leader 'Old Fox'

As a matter of record, the American squadrons in Burma have never averaged less than 10 per cent of the enemy planes in any engagement with Jap fighters where a real battle occurred and, in the majority of such clashes, the A. V. G.'s have more frequently shot down about 20 and sometimes more than 25 per cent of the Nipponese planes.

It is significant that former United States Air Corps and Navy pilots frankly give great credit to the training of their commander-in-chief, whom they call affectionately the "old fox."

Jane Doe's Figure Dumpy?



Omphatically, Ann Sheridan's practically perfect torso is moreso than that of a mean U. S. female (in silhouette) as measured by Department of Agriculture. Miss Average, their figures show (after frisking 14,698 women), is dumpy, if not frumpy.

PROGRAM HELD AT NEW SCHOOL

1400 Attend Open House at
Lawrence Central High;
Boost Band Fund.

The Central High School, serving all of Lawrence Township, was welcomed to the community last night when 1400 persons attended the official open house.

The evening was made a "cheering" success when the Central Bears piled up a score of 37 against Fishers, 19.

Between halves there were demonstrations of tumbling and stunts by the members of the physical education department under the supervision of Charles Garrison and Miss Edna Bolander.

Honor Fishers Stars
Honor guests were seven members of the 1922 Fishers basketball squad which won its way into the State finals.

Following the game last night the visitors toured the 19 classrooms, library, wood and foundry shop, mechanical drawing room and the gym-auditorium.

The school, which opened last September, is located at 56th St. and Shadeland Road. The building is of brick and block construction.

At the end of the evening's program at which E. E. Leffange, principal, presided, the guests contributed \$44 to the school band.

STORK CLUB CHEF SLAIN, FIANCEE HELD

NEW YORK, Feb. 12 (U. P.).—

Louis Best, 37, Stork Club chef, was found slain in his apartment early today. His fiancée, Miss June Olderman, 36, of Dorchester, Mass., was arrested and charged with homicide.

Miss Olderman told police she arrived yesterday from Dorchester for a vacation and to marry Best. They quarreled intermittently until early this morning when, she said, Best suddenly "thrust something into my hand."

"My mind went blank," she continued. "I don't know what happened then."

Tops Carriers In Stamp Sales

EDWARD GREILICH, carrier of The Indianapolis Times, has topped all other newspaper carriers in the city in the sale of Defense Stamps.

In the last three weeks Newsboy Greulich has sold a total of 8050 10-cent Defense Savings Stamps. Runnerup to the Times carrier is Vernon Earle, carrier of The Indianapolis News, who has sold 5434 Defense Stamps during the same period.

SPURNS JOB AS PAYNE ALIENIST

Bloomington Doctor Refuses
Court Appointment in
Slaying Case.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Feb. 12 (U. P.).—Special Judge Charles B. Staff of Franklin will appoint a new physician Saturday to assist in examining Mrs. Caroline Payne's mental condition, replacing Dr. Ben R. Ross of Bloomington, who has refused to accept a court appointment for the task.

Both Drs. Ross and E. Rogers Smith of Indianapolis were named by Judge Staff in Monroe Circuit Court last week to make the examination after Mrs. Payne entered a plea of temporary insanity in connection with the fatal shooting of Charles O. Mattingly last July 5.

She will go on trial for the slaying Feb. 19.

Dr. Ross reportedly gave no reason to the court for his refusal to accept the appointment.

AWARDED BELL EMBLEM

Mrs. Addie J. Greene, 1510 1/2 N. Beville Ave., was awarded a gold emblem today by the Indiana Bell Telephone Co., in recognition of 25 years of service with the company. Mrs. Greene has worked in the Indianapolis offices of the firm continuously and has been matron at the company's Cherry office since 1933.

Map Offensive for Navy Booster Day



They're boosting the Navy... (left to right) William P. Flynn, Russell W. McDermott, L. T. Dwyer and Comm. R. H. G. Mathews.

Indianapolis will be attacked from the air, throngs will parade and 3500 mothers of Navy men will be honored on Indiana Navy Booster Day here one week from Sunday.

Fifty Indianapolis citizens are taking it directly upon themselves to see that the day is a huge success in boosting the Navy and gaining new recruits.

Directing the committee is L. T. Dwyer, general chairman of the citizens committee. Other officers of the committee are Russell W.

McDermott, secretary, and William P. Flynn, treasurer. Comm. R. H. G. Mathews, commander of Navy recruiting in the Indiana area, is also very interested in the plans for the day.

The attack on Indianapolis will be undertaken by 300 civilian-piloted planes which will drone over the city dropping leaflets which of course will boost the Navy.

The American Legion is now organizing a parade for the afternoon. The line of march has not

been announced but it is expected to cover most of the downtown section.

A mass meeting in the Butler Field House will honor 3500 Indiana mothers of Navy men. The expenses of this program will be met by public subscription under the direction of Treasurer Flynn who is vice president of the Indiana National Bank.

The Navy unit here will have its part in the program as will the Legion which is making a drive for Navy enlistments.

ACCESSORIES

With a New Spring-Spirited Look...from
AYRES' STREET FLOOR

New "Debon Ayre" Doeskin Gloves, 2.50
4-Button slippers to go with everything and as soft feeling as silk! In black, brown, kelly green, pink, red, luggage or antique tan.
Gloves—Street Floor

Navy Leather Soft Handbag, 2.50
To go with your suit, your reefer coat, your jacket dress. In leather, softly shirred with grosgrain sides and top-handle. Metal frame, fastener.
Handbags—Street Floor

Wear-Right's Hand-Sewn Gloves, 2.25
Rich-looking, long-wearing sueded fabric with hand-whipped accents. Beige tones, dynasty blue, lilac, pe-tunia or pale pink, Liberty red.
Gloves—Street Floor

Violets, the First Flowers of Spring, \$1
Lovely badge of courage for this 1942 Spring! Pin them on your lapel! Tuck them in the neckline of your newest dress. In deep purple, high colors or white.
Street Floor

Soft Shirts and Pretty Blouses 2.25
1. Cardigan necklined blouse in spun rayon. Pleated front. White, pink, blue, aqua.
2. Fandango spun rayon and acetate shirt. Starched accents. Blue, rose, maize, aqua.
3. Silk-fine rayon marquisette; buttoned back, pleated front. In white, pink, blue.
Budget Blouse Shop—Street Floor

Flower—Fresh Yoke Collars, 1.25
To give a Spring-filled look to your darkest winter dress! In white embroidered organdy it will take countless and continued washings and still stay flower-white.
Street Floor

Colorful Birds-in-Flight Pins, 1.00
In simulated moonstones, colored enamel and shining rhinestones. The small ones in a pair at 1.00; the large ones, 1.00 each. 10% Tax.
Costume Jewelry—Street Floor

Smart Lisle Hose Pair, 1.15-1.35
Not only serviceable—but very, very smart this Spring of 1942! At 1.15 smart this Spring for general day—a sheer plain lisle for general day-time wear. At 1.35 a mesh lisle.
Hosiery—Street Floor

New Monet Metal Earrings, Pair 1.00
To call attention to your new Spring hair-do; accent your pretty Spring hat. Different styles in tailored gold or silver metal. 10% Tax.
Costume Jewelry—Street Floor

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