

## 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 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 Japanese flying tactics alive today.

Gen. Chennault, who is more than 60, retired from his colony 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 Japanese fliers would try to do and to execute 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 Japanese 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?



Oppimately, Ann Sheridan's practically perfect torso is more or less 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 class-rooms, 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. Lefèvre, principal, presided, the guests contributed \$44 to the school band.

## STORK CLUB CHEF SLAIN, FIANCÉE HELD

NEW YORK, Feb. 12 (U. P.)—Louis Bost, 37, Stork Club chef, was found slain in his apartment early today. His fiancee, 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 Bost.

They quarreled intermittently until early this morning when, she said, Bost 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 Greilich 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.

McDermott, secretary, and William P. Flynn, treasurer, Comm. R. H. G. Mathews, commander of Navy recruiting in the Indiana area, are 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.

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.

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