

## Washington

WASHINGTON, May 22.—From London an authoritative spokesman says the allied air commandos are aiming to send 1000 bombers a night over Germany. He says facilities now exist for sending as many as 800 planes out on single night.

Secretary Hull says that rapidly increasing strength of the united nations gives reason to believe the war can be won earlier than had been expected some months ago.

President Roosevelt, noting the arrival of more American forces in Ireland, indicates still more are to follow.

Undeniably there is a rising spirit of confidence on the allied side. It shows in private conversations of officials and crops out in fragments which indicate beyond question that they view the war with far more hopeful feelings than they did last winter.

Undoubtedly this is the result of very real achievements in production and in the mobilizing and training of men.

## Some Causes for Anxiety

NO ONE DARES to think the united nations are out of the woods, and we may suffer some defeats this summer. But at the same time it is felt that we are so far along now that defeats will not change the outcome of the war, provided only that Russia continues to resist and prevents Hitler from breaking through to Caucasus oil. Until that issue is decided there will continue to be anxiety.

Ernie Pyle, in poor health for some time, has been forced to take a rest. However, he is expected to resume his daily column within a short time.

## Inside Indianapolis By Lowell Nussbaum

THE LATEST gossip is that Merle Sidener is being talked as a possible choice for civilian defense director when and if General Tyndall resigns to conduct his mayoralty campaign. Alex Taggart still is being talked for the post, but we hear he wouldn't accept too much speech making, and the like. . . . Louis Shelton, president of the local Society for the Hard of Hearing, has posed a problem to Norman Nicolai (of Bell Telephone) who heads the civilian defense communications division. "How," asks Mr. Shelton, "will I let my people (hard of hearing) know when the sirens sound?"

If you have any ideas, you might send them to us or to Mr. Shelton, 318 Board of Trade building.

A group of young folks were having quite a time the other afternoon getting weighed on the penny scales in front of the Circle pen shop. They lined up according to weight—the heaviest first—and six of them got weighed for a cent before the scales balked.

## Amateur Nursery

CLETIS ROBISON, who operates a Roberts milk route, must be a handy man to have around the house. We're told that he has four children, the oldest 10, and that he stays home and looks after the kids while his wife goes to a movie once a week—twice a week when there's a Gable picture in town. And while he's at it, he just looks after the children of three other families in the neighborhood so their mothers can go to the show at the same time as Mrs. Robison. He must be filled with the milk of human kindness. . . . Red Cross first aid instructors receive nothing for their services, ordinarily, other than their pupils' gratitude. But the pupils in Standish Deake's

## Dear Team'

MOSCOW, May 22.—Dear Home Team: This is supposed to be a surprise. You've never had a letter from me in the public prints before but I've reached the stage where I'll try anything. I take it from Rida's cablegram that you haven't received any of my letters since the war began in Burma, Nor I, any of yours. My last letter from home was written in mid-November and reached me way back in Chungking on Dec. 3. It's now 6 1/2 months without a letter, no wonder it seems more like six years. I begin to appreciate just a little the terrible isolation which war prisoners have been strapped on the end of it.

The long board is released and you go sailing through the air. At the top of the pendulum you go right over and down—head down in a tremendous 50-foot arc, straight toward mother earth, and you with your legs in the air and only a little handlebar to hold on to.

## "Did Shirers' Baby Come?"

THE WEIGHT AT the base of the catapult stops you dive a few feet from the ground. Then you go swinging back up and over, and down again, rightside up, on the home stretch. Apparently, you can have as many of these upside-down rides through space as your stomach can take.

Girls as well as boys were taking this novel kind of rest cure with great zest and abandon the other afternoon. No wonder these Muscovites refused to leave their beds over a mere invasion. You can't take your recreation upside down, flying through space, without remarkably steady nerves and amazingly lead heads. This is a true story, but can you beat it?

Lord, but I'm aching for news from home. How did my home trio spend Christmas, and were Anna and Maurice with you? How is Bruce doing in high school and Alan in junior high? How are the piano and guitar lessons going? Has the Bill Shirers' new baby arrived, and is it a boy? Did anybody bother to buy my book after America got into the war?

Well, maybe one of your letters will reach me before the summer's over. As Uncle Whitey used to say, I'm glad you heard from me—this once, anyhow. Au revoir, and one long cheer from the family gypsy.

POPS (alias for Leland Stowe).

## My Day

NEW YORK CITY, Thursday.—I came to New York City from Washington yesterday in order to keep several appointments with individuals who wanted to see me in the afternoon. In the evening I attended the executive committee meeting of the International Student Service.

I shall be allowed to visit the information center of the aircraft warning service this morning. Women have undertaken to do the work that is needed in all these centers throughout the country. There is just one point I should like to stress, namely that women are never considered to be able to keep a secret. Yet, all over the nation, these centers exist and complete secrecy about them is maintained.

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up against their consciences in meeting new restrictions. I always do something and then realize under new regulations it is perhaps something I should not do. For instance, I must no longer take planes unless I am going to do something of value in the war effort.

In fact, I must not even take a night train unless my arrival at the other end is really essential. In all probability, I should not ask for any Pullman reservations at any time!

Today I am attending the Barter theater award luncheon, which is an annual affair now. Robert Porterfield established this award, given to some outstanding person in the theatrical field every year.

This lunch gives an opportunity for people interested in the arts to come together. Many things are said which I think need to be said, because artists need encouragement to do their best work and feel that their contribution to the morale of the nation is appreciated by their fellow artists.

Reporting on a survey of 1859 war industry jobs, Mr. McNutt asserted that "women have shown that they can do, or learn to do, almost any kind of work."

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## Measure Due for Early Report; First Since Civil War Elections.

By DANIEL M. KIDNEY  
Times Staff Writer

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