

Residents Urged to Offer Room to Visiting Teachers

The Indianapolis convention and publicity bureau today made another appeal to Indianapolis residents to provide rooms for many of the 15,000 Indiana teachers who will hold their convention here Oct. 21 and 22.

The bureau said there is greater need for rooms in private homes this year than ever before. All hotel reservations are filled and teachers who in other years would drive back and forth from their homes within reasonable distance will be unable to do so because of gasoline rationing.

Residents willing to offer rooms for rent are asked to write the convention bureau, 1201 Roosevelt blvd.

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YANK PILOT GETS 5 ZEROS IN DAY

Japs Newest Plane Fails To Stand Against U. S. Pacific Ace.

By GEORGE WELLER

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MUNDA, Central Solomons, Oct. 2—(Delayed)—Breaking all Pacific area records for downing Japs, Maj. Gregory Boyington, of Okanogan, Wash., became an ace with five positively confirmed personal victories in a single strike.

Leader of a marine fighter squadron, he hung up this record on a recent mission which escorted navy torpedo dive bombers over Jap fighter bases in the Shortland Islands.

Had Boyington bagged his five kills and one "probable" while he was with the American volunteer group fighting in the Chinese service, he would be the richer by \$2500 for his day's work.

He got nothing but honor for spreading the wreckage of five, new, infinitely more dangerous zeros from Ballale to Vella Lavella.

His Own Story

Here's how Boyington told me the story:

"I was leading my squadron as top cover to the navy's Dauntless dive bombers and Avenger torpedo planes loaded with bombs.

"I happened to poke my nose into a huge cloud and saw three aircraft flying along together. Two peeled off in a dive but the third wagged his wings at me as though inviting me to join up and fly on his wing.

"His two partners were diving down as they do to try and frighten our dive bombers in flying formation into diving off singly.

"When this zero wagged his wings at me, I gave him a generous burst from all my guns. I watched him fall with a big splash into the water.

Spotted Another

"Then suddenly, I saw another zero doing those fake dives on the dive-bombers trying to break them up. I caught him dead astern. That Jap just blew up right now. I threw up my hand in order to keep the pieces from hitting my face if they should break through my 'greenhouse.'

"I climbed back up around 17,000 and found two zeros trying to work around behind our middle cover of Grumman Hellcats. One zero began firing on a Hellcat. I closed and began firing. He was number three.

"By now our dive bombers were finished and headed for home without any losses.

"Looking down, I saw a single zero skimming along just above the wave caps. I made a long, flat glide, and thought he had not seen me. But then the Jap began a slow, broad turn. This looked fishy to me. So I took a quick look back over my shoulder and there was this Jap's partner hanging on my tail, working a slow glide on me.

Flipped Over

"I flipped over and met him coming head on. Then I went up in order to see what had happened. This clever customer was smoking already, but he maintained a long flat glide as though the controls were frozen, going almost 10 miles before finally disappearing into the sea.

"That was No. 4. "I found a couple more zeros heckling southbound straggler dive bombers. I got a line on one zero, saw him smoking before I passed him, but he never burst into flame so I counted him only a probable.

"I kept plugging homeward when suddenly I saw a single plane with two others coming across toward it. I was unable to identify any of them until the single turned its wing and I saw our white corsair patch.

"It was actually Stan (Maj. Stanley Balleay of St. Johnsbury and Thetford, Vt.).

Had to Shoot

"I saw tracers going into Stan's wing. Though I was outside effective range, I had to keep shooting in order to get the zero off Stan's wing.

"When the Jap saw my tracers he went straight up in the air leaving Stan. I followed and at the very top saw him break out all over in flames.

"Somehow I got into Munda. Mechanics pried open my ammunition slots and looked into the tank. I had shot more than 98 per cent of my ammunition. I had used up 96 per cent of my gasoline."

FINNS HINT BREAK WITH GERMANY NEAR

LONDON, Oct. 15 (U. P.)—The possibility of a new Finnish move to withdraw from the war was sten today in the disclosure that a Finnish legislator has informed the Diet that it may become necessary for Finland to "separate" from Germany.

The Helsinki radio reported that Prof. Vaino Volomma, president of the Diet's foreign affairs committee, hinted at the peace bid in a speech before the legislative body yesterday. Volomma added that, although such a move would mean separating from their German allies, the Finns could maintain their traditional friendship with the German people.

SCHOOLMEN'S CLUB TO MEET
Members of the Indiana Schoolmen's club will meet at 6:30 p. m. Wednesday in the Claypool hotel for dinner and a business session. Rocco Fullam, president of the Southern Illinois State Normal university, will speak.



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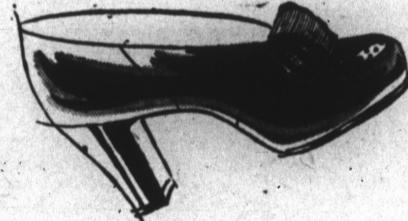
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