

## Hoosier Vagabond

By Ernie Pyle

IN ITALY, March 18 (By Wire)—One of the most fabulous characters in this war theater is Lt. Rudolf Charles Von Ripper. He is so fabulous you might be justified in thinking him a phony until you get to know him. I've known him since last summer in Algeria. Most of the other correspondents know him. One whole fighting infantry division knows him. He's no phony.

Von Ripper is the kind they write books about. He was born in Austria. His father was a general in the imperial Austrian army, his mother a baroness. They had money. He could have had a rich, formal, royal type of existence.

Instead he ran away from home at 15, worked in the saw-mills, collected garbage, was a coal miner for a while, and then a clown in a small traveling circus.

At 19 he went into the French Foreign Legion, served two years, and was wounded in action. After that he went back to Europe and studied art. He is fundamentally an artist.

### Imprisoned by Nazis

HE TRAVELED continuously. He lived in London and Paris. He lived in Shanghai during 1928. Then he returned to Berlin, joined liberal groups, and did occasional cartoons. Because he helped friends hiding from the Nazis, he was arrested in 1933, accused of high treason, and sent to a concentration camp. Dolfuss of Austria got him out after seven months. Then he went to the Balearic islands off the coast of Spain and hibernated for a year, doing political, satirical drawing.

All his life has been a fluctuation between these violent extremes of salon intellectualism and the hard, steady reality of personal participation in war.

## Inside Indianapolis By Lowell Nussbaum

ADD SIGNS of spring: The Indiana Roof is advertising on billboard posters that it is air-conditioned. . . . The public library has issued a printed list of the various books and pamphlets available on the subject of gardening. . . . George Diener has resigned his position with the Sidener & Van-Ripper advertising agency and is taking a job as advertising manager of the Pierce Governor Co. in Anderson. . . . Remember Sgt. David Johnson, 3241 Central, who while recovering in a hospital in Italy from battle wounds sent home \$50 for the youngsters of Mayer chapel? His mother, Mrs. Arthur E. Johnson, just has received his Purple Heart medal. . . . Herman Bowers, city councilman and assistant county chairman, is a proud father. . . . The city schools' physical education department gets out a mimeographed magazine, The Palestra, the current issue of which includes a conspicuous typographical error. Reviewing an article on physical fitness, the magazine includes the following: "To see a 15-year-old girl like Mary Ryan win the 440-880 mile race in a single meet is to see dynamic stamina at work." Dynamic stamina is right. It should have read "the 440-yard, 880-yard and one mile races."



NEWSPAPERMEN covering the city hall were the first victims of the efficiency campaign just started by the J. L. Jacobs & Co., Chicago, efficiency experts. The first thing representatives of the company did when they arrived to start streamlining the municipal jobs setup was to take over the city hall press room, evicting the press. Speaking of efficiency, the company's representatives have their campaign worked out to a gnat's heel—even down to publicity. They can tell you just when certain stories will break. For instance, they predict "you'll have a front page story in about two months on the classification of jobs, and then along about June you'll devote most of the front page to city hall pay scale changes." . . . Our item a month or so ago about how Dean Burns and Mrs. Nelle Dawson of the gas company drove to their homes one evening and left their fellow share-the-ride riders, Fred Doebber, standing on a corner, brought Mrs. Dawson a letter all the way from India. It was from Coast Guardsman Sam O'Connell Jr., a friend of the family. While in India, he received a copy of Inside Indianapolis mentioning the share-the-ride incident and, seeing a familiar name—that of Mrs. Dawson—sat right down and wrote her. His father is a field auditor for the internal revenue department here.

### Around the Town

THE PUBLIC'S instinct to hoard sometimes exhibits itself in odd directions. For instance, toilet paper and electric light bulbs. And then we heard of the woman who heard a rumor there might be a shortage of playing cards, so she went out and bought a dozen packs. . . . Some of our readers complain that part of the traffic officers are too "sloppy" about educating pedestrians to observe traffic laws. Maybe some of the cops do. Regardless of this, a big improvement has been made in pedestrian habits. Here's hoping the campaign goes on and on, even though some of the cops get a bit assy. . . . Harry Reid Jr.,

## Oil Imperialism

By Henry J. Taylor

NEW YORK, March 18.—Tying his objections to his own experiences as secretary of state, Bainbridge Colby, who held that office under President Woodrow Wilson, today assailed our government's Middle East oil venture in an exclusive interview.

It was Secretary of State Colby who first officially outlined America's foreign policy in the field of oil. And his action pertained to the same area as our government's new policy of participation in oil production and marketing cartels abroad. Shunning these like poison, the then secretary of state fought for, obtained and established America's "Open Door" policy on Middle East oil. He did so in obtaining for the American oil industry the opportunity for equal participation with British companies and the British government in Iraq on a non-government basis.

"Contrary to the 'Open Door' policy, this proposed government adventure is the most imperialistic ever undertaken by the United States," said Mr. Colby. "If such policies are pursued in oil and other fields our country appears committed definitely to future wars in bewildering places and to constant maintenance of American armed forces all over the world."

### 'Capricious Charade'

"FROM MY OWN experience with governments abroad, our government should not engage in oil operations in Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrain, Palestine, Saudi Arabia or anywhere else by itself or as a partner of other nations. Such government intrusion despite the limited territorial history of the Anglo-Iranian and Compagnie Francaise has for years been looked upon with special hostility by many smaller nations. And wherever it occurs it is noticed particularly by Latin American countries. Laws of Venezuela,

Colombia and Mexico, for example, forbid such action. And yet we say we want South America's good will. It all seems like a capricious charade at the highest levels in our government."

"In case of partnership of the United States government with any foreign state, the relations between the American government, the other government partners and the country they enter must become strained. Our government's relations cannot long stand on a natural basis of friendliness, mutual respect and good will. Our government must have continued daily business contacts with the government of the distant country in which it operates. And oil is full of dynamite."

### 'Inexcusable Abuse'

"There will be constant opportunities for disagreements as to whether all the terms of the concessions are being completely fulfilled, and constant bargaining about correct royalty payments, taxes, labor observances, etc. The whole atmosphere is one to encourage bad feelings and hatreds among government partners and peoples instead of encouraging trust, confidence, good will and friendliness in international affairs."

"Common sense has apparently taken a holiday from the White House in this matter, as though the American government did not have enough troubles without abandoning the 'Open Door' policy in the Middle East and recklessly and uselessly going into the international oil business with Great Britain because we have not sense enough and independence enough to stand clear."

"That is not the way to keep our British friends. Or our Russian friends. Improvidence on such a scale in the international field is the surest way I know to make enemies everywhere and not keep any post-war friends. The exaggerated internationalism this represents is just as dangerous for America as narrow isolationism. Sanctioning such policies under war powers when not really part of the war effort is an inexcusable abuse of the nation's trust."

## My Day

By Eleanor Roosevelt

SOMEWHERE IN THE WEST INDIES, Friday.—I think I am more deeply impressed by the work of the engineering groups and the Seabees on the different bases on Trinidad than anywhere else, though it is impressive everywhere in this area. In Trinidad the Seabees have cut a base out of the jungle and cleared about 32 square miles. A number of fine roads have been built, and one of them looks like an extraordinary feat of engineering.

Sunday morning we visited the naval operating base including the naval air station. Everything was planned in expectation of more active opposition in this area than we have encountered, but our very preparation is what has brought about our safety.

The naval hospital here is a fine hospital with every facility for taking care of the men. There are a few serious accident cases, but all are getting well. One youngster will have a permanent handicap to fight, but he has the stuff to win, I think.

During the day we drove to a high point where there is an extremely interesting station. The officer in charge seemed to feel that he and his men were all one family, and were particularly privileged to be by themselves on top of a mountain. The naval base has many acres of citrus fruit, and if properly taken

care of, these orchards ought to provide our men with fresh fruit and be a great asset to the fleet and bases in this area.

Sir Bede Clifford and several of the island officials met me on our arrival in Trinidad, and we met again at a dinner at the officers' club at Macquerie. There is a beautiful view of the harbor from this club, and it is in every way a charming spot with a good swimming beach.

One of the most wonderful recreation area at Scotland bay which was developed by the men on the station and the men from the ships which come in here. Everything that anyone could possibly want to do out of doors is at hand. Some of the men were doing some fancy diving; others were practicing up setting in a rubber boat and climbing back. Basketball, horse-shoe pitching, and just lying in the sun with the prospects of food cooked on the out of door grills and soft drinks and beer when they wanted them seemed to provide a good day's outing to all.

I also saw the recreation rooms for enlisted men on the post, and one club for the non-commissioned officers, all of which must help to build up morale, that intangible thing that nobody likes to talk about but which everybody thinks about. In the evening I went to two U.S.O. clubs in Port of Spain. Both were well equipped and crowded.

I would like to mention the work of a colored naval construction unit which has done such good work that it has earned a wonderful reputation among all the officers.

## \$27,300,000 CITY PROJECT PLANS DRAWN

Post-War Grade Elevation Emphasizes Relief for South Side.

Indianapolis post-war planning committee today obtained their first glimpse of a vast \$27,300,000 grade separation program designed by City Engineer Arthur B. Henry, to cut through the ring of steel circling the South side.

The extensive blueprint recommends the "long-range" construction of 50 new track elevations, and the reconstruction of 14 existing separations.

"South sides have been crying for grade separation relief for years," Henry declared. "This is the initial step toward answering their pleas in the post-war era."

### Other Steps Necessary

His proposal goes first to the post-war planning committee, which, after rating the relative importance of the individual projects, will submit it to the city plan commission and city council for final action.

Mr. Henry was assisted in preparation of the outline by Flood Engineer Harvey Cassidy. It divides the projects into two groups. The first includes those separations urgently needed despite any future development of the city's post-war thoroughfare system; the second embraces those "whose necessity may be considered to be dependent upon development of certain parts of the thoroughfare plan."

### Group Elevations

New elevations listed in Group 1 are:

Belt R. R. at W. Washington st., Harding st., Morris st., Kentucky ave., Madison ave., Shelby st., State ave., Churchman ave., Mingo st., Keystone ave. and E. 18th st. Big Four at W. Michigan st., Belmont ave., Harding st., State ave. and Rural st. Pennsylvania R.R. at Harding st., Palmer st., Madison ave., Raymond st., Southeastern ave. and State ave. Replacements in Group 1 are recommended at Pleasant Run pkwy. and the Belt R. R., over both north and south drives and at Prospect st. and the Big Four.

### Additional Projects

New elevations in Group 2 are:

Belt R. R. at Olive ave.; Ray st.; 13th st.; "V" tracks at Sherman dr. and 21st st. Big Four at W. 10th st.; Tibbs ave. south of 10th st.; Mile ave.; Harding st.; Tibbs ave. (south of Washington st.); Belmont ave.; Noble st.; English ave.; Keystone ave.; Ohio st.; New York st.; Michigan st.; St. Clair st.; State ave.; Massachusetts ave. (at 21st st.); Sherman dr. (at Massachusetts ave.); Massachusetts ave. (east of Sherman dr.). B. & O. R. R. at Tibbs ave.; Emerson ave.

Pennsylvania R.R. at Belmont ave.; St. East st. (extension through Garfield park); Emerson ave. (south of Washington st.). Illinois Central R. R. at Raymond st.

### Group 2 Replacements

Grade separation replacements recommended in Group 2 are:

Big Four at W. Washington st.; Noble st.; Massachusetts ave. and 11th st.; Emerson ave. Belt R. R. at S. West st.; Prospect st.; E. Washington st. Pennsylvania R.R. at Warman and Oliver ave.; Rural st.; Sherman dr. Monon R. R. at 59th st. In all cases where B. & O. trackage parallels that of the Big Four or Pennsylvania railroads, proposed elevations include the B. & O. grades also.

## EVELYN KOSAVEACH ELECTED BY W. R. C.

Mrs. Evelyn Kosaveach was elected president of the Past Presidents of the Major Robert Anderson W. R. C. 44, recently at Ft. Friendly. Other officers are Mrs. Elizabeth Helm, vice president; Mrs. Maud Henninger, secretary; Mrs. Grace Hoffmeyer, treasurer; Mrs. Nelle Pfeffer, cheer card chairman, and Mrs. Mary Hale, press correspondent.

The meeting of the W. R. C. will be at 1 p. m. Tuesday at Ft. Friendly with Mrs. Cora Andrews in charge.

## DETAIL FOR TODAY Rear Rank Rudy



A REAR RANK RUDY is a soldier who has a complex against being a ring-leader or anything resembling it. He's an introvert of the first water and continually shies away from "the limelight. Always in fear of being in the first rank of a formation and under the surveillance of the man in charge, he waits till the formation is almost intact, then slips into the rear rank like a frightened chipmunk. He can always be found in the last platoon, last rank or at the tail end of a line. When the war is over rear rank Rudy likely will be the first to shed his G. I.'s and get back into the good old blue serge.

## Wins First Place in Cancer Control Poster Contest



Mrs. Kai Hanson (right) is pinning the blue ribbon on the poster winning first place in the contest sponsored by the Women's Field Army for the Control of Cancer. From left to right are Miss Marjorie Hawkins, Technical high school, third; Miss Barbara Tice, Howe, second, and Miss Maryann Compton, Sherridge, first.

Miss Marjorie Bryant of Crispus Attucks won fourth place, and honorable mentions were given James F. Zintel, Harrel Kien, Katherine Piper and Carolyn Liebrich. Mrs. Hanson was contest chairman, and Mrs. Ronald M. Hazen is the Indiana state commander of the W. F. A.

Contest judges included Wilbur Peat, Anton Scherrer, Dr. Harold Trusler, David K. Rubins and Lloyd Tucker.

## ARSON SUSPECT BOWS TO PRIEST

Surrenders After Terrorizing Maine Town With Gun and Torch.

BRUNSWICK, Me., March 18 (U.P.)—An 18-year-old war worker, accused of terrorizing this college town with gun and torch, surrendered to police today at the behest of a priest.

Culminating a 27-hour hunt during which vigilantes patrolled the streets of Brunswick to protect their homes, Jean L. Gamache was taken by police in his home and placed in jail pending arraignment on arson charges.

Gamache was unarmed when police arrived and was suffering from a cold that was so severe that it was feared he might have contracted pneumonia.

Gamache told authorities that throughout yesterday's rain he had hidden in vacant buildings and alleys or crept to safety over factory rooftops while a 100-man posse of police, sheriff's deputies summoned from Portland, and aroused citizens made a building-to-building search for him.

The youth admitted setting seven fires Thursday night. He then defied townsfolk with a shotgun, firing at two of his pursuers. The shotgun was found in the house.

## AUTO INJURIES KILL WILLIAM LAWRENCE

Another fatal auto accident today marred the city's intensified traffic safety drive.

William Lawrence, 60, of the Craig, hotel, 328 E. Washington st., died in City hospital last night after being struck by an auto driven by Ellis Carrie, 125 E. Vermont st., at Noble and E. Washington st.

Carrie left the scene, but an hour later reported at police headquarters and was charged with leaving the scene of an accident. He said he tried unsuccessfully to swerve his car to avoid hitting the pedestrian.

Ada Wallace, 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wallace, 620 E. Market st., received a broken right leg when she was struck by a car driven by John D. Young, 1318 N. Gladstone ave., in the 300 block of N. Pine st. She is in City hospital.

Harry Hildebrand, 35, Bedford, was brought to City hospital after he was crushed between a parked tractor and a trailer on Road 67 near Maywood. He was connecting the two vehicles when a car driven by Ray M. Buck, Peoria, Ill., crashed into the tractor.

## SCHRICKER APPOINTS MISS EUDORA KELLEY

Governor Schricker today appointed Miss Eudora Kelley of Nashville, ninth district Democratic vice chairwoman, as a member of the board of trustees of the state school for the deaf here.

Miss Kelley taught for 12 years in the Ben Davis high school, retiring last year. She succeeds the late Dr. Ralph S. Campbell whose term ran until July 19, 1947.

The governor yesterday reappointed three members of the state egg board whose terms expire April 4. They are Dr. J. Holmes Martin, Lafayette, representing Purdue university; Mrs. Easdale Pickett, Frankfort, representing the consumers, and A. M. Feist, Indianapolis, representing egg wholesalers.

## WASHINGTON PUPILS TO PRESENT CONCERT

The George Washington high school Colonial chorus will present a sacred and secular concert at 7:30 p. m. tomorrow at the Washington Street Methodist church.

The director of the chorus, Miss Eila Scherf, will be in charge of the musical program which will include Miss Barbara Fleischer as accompanist and Miss Helen Hart and Miss Nellie Chadwell. The Rev. Alton J. Coble will be in charge of the service and faculty members and students of the community schools will be special guests.

## Ayres' Three-Color Full Page Drapery Ad Best of Month

A three-color, full page newspaper advertisement on draperies, submitted by L. S. Ayres & Co., was judged the outstanding ad of the month in the Indianapolis Advertising club's "Ad-of-the-Month" contest.

The ad, a blend of green, yellow and magenta drapes, appeared in The Indianapolis Times on Jan. 20. Selected from more than 150 entries, it was designed under the supervision of C. M. Davis, Ayres' advertising manager. The artists were Marian Sherman and Gladys Caswell, copy writer, Myra Boles, and layout, William E. Ratcliffe.

Winners in the contest were presented certificates by Lou Young, chairman of the contest committee, at the club meeting this week at the Indianapolis Athletic club.

### Awarded Second Place

Second place in the newspaper field went to the Wm. H. Block Co. for a two-color "double truck" on "Block's Follies" in the Indianapolis News.

Winner in the magazine and trade paper field was an American States Insurance Co. double-page ad, prepared and submitted by the Roger Beane agency, while the runner-up was a Marmont-Herrington full page ad, prepared and submitted by the Caldwell-Baker agency.

### In Runner-Up Spot

The Citizens Gas and Coke utility outdoor board at 38th and Meridian sts. topped first place in the outdoor, poster and card field. The runner-up was an entry submitted by the General Outdoor Advertising Co. for its client, J. C. Wilson & Co., Inc.

Judges for the contest, the first of a series of monthly contests, were the advertising directors of three Cincinnati newspapers and the media directors of seven Cincinnati advertising agencies.

George A. Saas, club president, said an ad of the year will be selected from the monthly winners.

## Trust Fund Set For Cobb Widow

NEW YORK, March 18 (U.P.)—The bulk of the estate of Irvin S. Cobb, author and humorist, went to his widow, Laura Baker Cobb, his will, filed for probate, revealed today.

The value of the estate was not mentioned. Cobb left several specific bequests to friends, and directed that five-sixths of the estate be set up in a trust fund, the income to go to Mrs. Cobb. Upon her death, \$25,000 of the fund will go to the author's daughter, Elizabeth Cobb Rogers.

The remaining sixth of the estate will be set up in a trust fund for Cobb's sister, Mrs. Mamie Cobb Howland.

A bequest of \$100 went to Mattie Copeland of Paducah, Ky., his former Negro cook, "for loyal friendship and devoted service."

## AIRCRAFT EXHIBIT OPENS HERE FRIDAY

A program which will be climaxed by the dedication of Municipal airport as Weir Cook field will begin next Friday night with the opening of an aircraft exhibit at the World War Memorial.

Col. John G. Salsman, supervisor of the midcentral procurement district of the army air forces materiel command, will be the principal speaker at the ceremonies starting at 8 p. m. Mayor Tynan will participate, the Billings hospital band will play and the colors will be unfurled by the Indiana Civil Air patrol.

The program will be preceded by a half-hour program on the Scottish Rite cathedral.

The "Aviation Emphasis Week" will close with a banquet March 28 at the Scottish Rite cathedral in honor of Col. H. Weir Cook who was killed in Pacific action and for whom the airport will be renamed.

## Injuries Fail to Keep Ernie Away From Reporting Job

SOMEWHERE IN ITALY, March 18 (U.P.)—Scripps-Howard columnist Ernie Pyle was back on his job of reporting the "human side" of the war today after narrowly escaping death or serious injury in a German air raid on the Anzio waterfront yesterday.

Pyle was asleep in his room in the "Villa Virtue," headquarters for the allied war correspondents on the beachhead, when the Nazi bombers came over shortly after dawn.

Awakened by the crash of anti-aircraft batteries nearby, Pyle leaped out of bed just in time to be hurled across the room by the blast of a bomb hit only 10 yards from the villa.

He picked himself up in a corner as a second bomb exploded along-

## RIGORS OF WAR WILL REQUIRE MEN UNDER 26

U. S. Will Dip Heavily Into Deferred Classes, FDR Asserts.

WASHINGTON, March 18 (U.P.)—The government today prepared to speed up the induction of deferred single men under 26, using both them and fathers to close the gap between the present draft rate and the growing manpower needs of the armed services.

The accent was on youth. This was on the authority of President Roosevelt. The army recently has been getting too many older men who it claims are unfit for the rigors of the battlefield.

Mr. Roosevelt laid down the latest official draft policy at his news conference yesterday when he said that the chief shortage of the armed services was for men under 26. When you are over 26, the President said, you are much too old—meaning a man over 26 is not the physical specimen needed for the heavy-going days of war ahead.

### Few Indispensable

The chief executive went on to say that few people have reached the status of being indispensable by the time they are 26 years old. In turn, he added, those under 26 are indispensable on the battlefield.

This all added up to this basic picture of the draft situation as of today: The government is going to dip heavily into the ranks of the 348,000 men who have occupational deferments, who are under 26 and who are non-fathers. At the same time, to meet the insistent and growing manpower needs of the armed services, older men and fathers will be used to bridge the remaining gap between supply and demand.

### F. D. R. Cites Examples

At the same time, the President made it plain that the truly essential industrial specialists under 26 will continue to be deferred. He posed the examples of an engineer engaged in some highly special project and a young chemist who has been working on some particular research vital to the war effort.

He added quickly, however, that the percentages of truly essential workers under 26 was relatively very small, and that the bulk of the men under 26 were now more needed by the army than in their industrial jobs.

Told that the war production board had estimated the number of under-26s who could not be spared from the home front at 40,000, Mr. Roosevelt then was asked how this figure stood up in his compilations. He shot back: "What are we going to do—lose on the battlefield or at home?"

You can't, he continued, send people overseas who are not in good physical shape.

### 1,160,000 Men Needed

At first glance this seemed to indicate that there will be a cessation in the drafting of persons over 26. This, however, was not the case, because selective service has said it will need 1,160,000 new men between Feb. 1 and June 30 of this year. Thus the bulk of this demand for fighting men must actually come from the ranks of youths reaching 18 and the class of older men and fathers.

Mr. Roosevelt, obviously plagued by the growing manpower crisis, planned to spend today and Sunday in close, personal examination of the problem. He said he hoped to have something to say on the situation—probably new orders reinforcing the "accent on youth" policy—early next week.

## NORTHSIDE GARDEN CLUB MEETS MONDAY

The Warleigh Victory Garden club, which has 42 acres available to Northsiders for cultivation this spring, will inaugurate the season at a meeting at 7:30 p. m. Monday at the Broad Ripple American Legion post hall, 64th st. and College ave.

The acreage, in the vicinity of 75th st. and College ave., will be divided into plots 50 by 100 feet. A fee of \$2 paid to the club by gardeners will insure getting the plots in condition for planting.

Interested persons have been advised to contact Project Supervisor Ray Jaggar, H. B. Skelton, Herman Emde, Norvin Strickland or J. W. Hawkins.

Color films of victory gardening will be shown at the meeting which is open to the public.

### HOLD EVERYTHING



"Golly! Even the lady Marjorie have the situation well hand!"