

# MAJ. G. H. POSKE QUALIFIES AS ACE

Major George H. Poske Jr. recently qualified for an Indianapolis marine ace when he shot down his third Japanese Zero in four days and his fourth in three weeks.

Son of George H. Poske Sr., 617 E. 34th st., Maj. Poske bagged his first Zero Jan. 10 when he took to the air for the first time since shrapnel from an enemy anti-aircraft gun broke his right ankle last fall.

All of his most recent victims fell while the 27-year-old marine flier scissored protectively over large formations of marine and navy dive bombers and torpedo bombers attacking Rabaul, New Britain.

The Zero that made him an ace was torn to pieces by Maj. Poske's machine gun bullets when it attempted to bring down a straggling torpedo bomber.

"I turned in and fired a few shots at long range," he said. "The Zero went into a chandelle in an effort to escape and I ran down on him. Pieces of the wing fell off. The Zero rolled on its side and went upside down."

# V. F. W. COMMANDER WILL SPEAK HERE

Carl J. Schoeninger, national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, will speak on veteran legislation and the Veteran Welfare fund campaign to be conducted next month at the conference of Indiana V. F. W. councils Saturday and Sunday at the Claypool hotel.

He will address the banquet Saturday night. Mr. Schoeninger has just completed a tour of the country compiling data on world war II veterans.

# BLAST AT VICHY CONFUSES ISSUE

Latest U. S. Announcement  
On French Situation  
Baffles London.

By HELEN KIRKPATRICK  
Times Foreign Correspondent  
LONDON, March 23.—Announcement by the state department that the United States government intends to have no dealings with the Vichy regime in France has only added to the confusion surrounding this situation.

Those British and Americans who know the basis on which AMG is established and have seen it functioning in the Mediterranean and being organized here, as a "civil affairs" commission are baffled. The AMG principle of dealing with local authorities whom they find in office is an added worry to responsible Frenchmen here who believe that the French people would not stand for Vichy officials remaining in office.

With whom, then, do the allies propose to replace them? They ask. There is fear among the French here that unless some sort of French provisional administration is permitted to enter France with the allied armies—when they do—there will be danger of chaos and possibly even civil war.

Worry Allies  
All these questions are worrying not only the French, but British and Americans who have been watching the development of events and have failed to find any precise definition of policy.

Short of that, they seem to feel that an unfair burden will be placed on the shoulders of the military, who will have enough to do without inquiring into the credentials of various French on the spot.

The British plan, which had the approval of Ambassador John G. Winant and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, proposed that the French committee at Algiers be accepted as the provisional administration of the liberated areas of France, but with a definite limit to its term of office.

A subcommittee of the Algiers committee has been working for

months on the most efficient and fairest way to secure general elections and to call a general assembly in France at the earliest possible moment.

Washington's reply seems to have been that it would be up to the allied commander-in-chief to do what he thought best when he got there.

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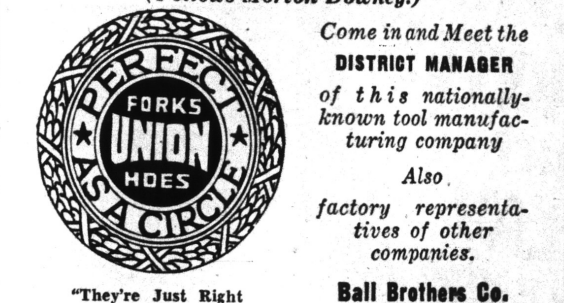
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