

## RAF BOMBS KILL CANADIAN G.I.'S

Undisclosed Number Dead  
After 800 Tons of Explosives Fall Short.

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CANADIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Aug. 16—An undisclosed number of Canadian soldiers were killed and several others were listed as missing in the Falaise defenses in which 800 tons of bombs fell short of the target and landed in the Canadian lines.

The accident was the third in five weeks on the Normandy front in which allied bombers, closely supporting the land drives, have hit their own men. One of the victims in a previous accident was Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, commander of American ground forces.

A Canadian army staff officer estimated that 20 per cent of the 4000 tons of fragmentation bombs dropped by some 700 R. A. F. Lancasters and Halifaxes fell on the Canadian soldiers driving toward Falaise.

The accident, however, did not materially affect the progress of the attack, which already was under way.

### A. F. L. RAPS DEWEY ATTITUDE ON LABOR

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16 (U. P.)—An American Federation of Labor spokesman today criticized the Republican party and its presidential nominee, Governor Thomas E. Dewey, for their "policy and attitude" toward labor.

Philip Pearl, editor of the A. F. of L.'s weekly press service, took Dewey to task for declining, "due to the pressure" of other activities, an A. F. of L. invitation to write a Labor Day message for the union publication.

"And we do wonder," Pearl said, "how much time Mr. Dewey will be able to spare for labor if and when he is elected President, since he finds himself too busy even as governor to perform the courtesy of issuing a Labor Day message."

### CLEAN POLITICS' ACT TIGHTENING PLANNED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16 (U. P.)—Homer Ferguson, (R. Mich.) said today that he may introduce next week an amendment to the Hatch "clean politics" act to prevent government officials from distributing government-sponsored political propaganda within the United States.

Simultaneously Senator Carl A. Hatch, (D. N. M.) author of the clean politics act, pledged his support to the move and indicated his willingness to join Ferguson in sponsoring the amendment.

## Sailors May Forget Girls, But Never 'Officer Rybolt'

By DONNA MIKELS

Almost as familiar as naval uniforms to the men of the U. S. naval armory in Indianapolis is the sight of a small brown dog, shuffling along with some semblance of a sea-swagger behind one of the many gobs stationed at the armory.

And although chasing sailors never has been recognized as one of the 10 best choices for a life's profession, Rybolt, the armory's canine mascot, seems more than pleased with his vocation which turned into a career. And his barnacle-like attachment to sailors has brought him not only a permanent home, but a rank as well. The product which nature probably intended for the K-Nine Corps has been commissioned, chief puppy officer of the Indianapolis base.

### Picked Up Half-Starved

Rybolt's stay at the armory began many months ago when Chief Boatswain Orville Rybolt, then stationed here, picked up a shivering, half-starved brown puppy and took him to the "ship" where dogs ntherto had been taboo. Navy chow and regular hours soon began to tell as Rybolt bounded back into good health. And as Rybolt grew, so did his affection for sailors, until today anyone not in Navy blues or whites is strictly beneath his consideration as a walking partner.

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## HALMAHERA AIR RAIDS CONTINUE

### Attacks on Philippines Key In 2d Week; Kuriles Isle Hit First Time.

UNITED PRESS

American airmen were revealed today to have aimed new blows at Japanese inner defenses from the Kuriles in the northern empire to bases in the South Pacific.

A communiqué from Southwest Pacific headquarters disclosed that the steady air assault on Halmahera, 250 miles from the Philippines, entered its second week Monday after Hall had been making passes at Patane, who is Mrs. Dorsey at a nightcap party which preceded the free-for-all fight in the Dorsey home about a week ago.

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ly-neutralized enemy base.

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## THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

## Frances Langford Defends Hubby Jon Hall

SYDNEY, Aug. 16 (U. P.)—Frances Langford, movie and radio singer, said today that she was certain her husband, Jon Hall, would "never make a pass at any one else" and that she was not the least disturbed by reports of the fight in which he was involved at the Hollywood home of Tommy Dorsey.

"Even if he did make a pass at someone, it would not make any difference to me," she added. "We have a perfect understanding."

Miss Langford said she did not believe Dorsey's reported charge that Hall had been making passes at Patane, who is Mrs. Dorsey at a nightcap party which preceded the free-for-all fight in the Dorsey home about a week ago.

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