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## SYDNEY GIRLS ARE CLEVER AND THERE ARE NO LONELY HEARTS AMONG AMERICANS

By WILLIAM MCGAFFIN, Times Foreign Correspondent  
SYDNEY, Australia, June 13.—There are no lonely American hearts in Sydney. The only problem of a Yank down here is how to regulate his social calendar without conflicts.  
Yank soldiers and sailors all over the Pacific sigh and yearn to get to this earthly paradise down under.  
The great bulk of Americans once based in Australia have now moved north with the war—which makes those left on duty here more popular than ever.  
Sydney girls are no prettier than American girls. But they may seem so when coming in from the islands after no sight of a white woman for months.  
Certainly, however, they are among the world's cleverest strategists.  
It is winter here now and there are no beauty parades on Sydney's famous beaches and no easy meeting places between boys and girls.  
This doesn't seem to cramp the style of Sydney's womenfolk. They like the Yanks and they know how to catch them.  
When the American forces first arrived here in 1942 word circulated that Yanks prefer blonds and redheads. Blondes and redheads blossomed over night.  
And the girls weren't deterred by

the experience of one peroxide glory, who went swimming in heavily chlorinated water and came out with hair of a violent green.  
The girls speak with an "American accent." They eat in American style—discarding British custom and putting down their knives in favor of righthand use of the fork. They dress smartly, use makeup expertly and wear high-heeled shoes dubbed "Yank catchers."  
They also use psychology. Long ago they discovered that the American male is often shy about asking a nice female stranger for a date. So they have developed a whole series of stratagems.  
The experience of a handsome young American naval lieutenant blossomed over night.  
And the girls weren't deterred by

## SKIES ARE BLUE OVER BORNEO, BUT RISING SUN IS SETTING

By GERALD R. THORP, Times Foreign Correspondent  
ABOARD AN LCI OFF BORNEO, June 13.—The LCI was perhaps 500 yards off Labuan island in Brunei bay. Life was very pleasant because it was almost chow time and there might be apple pie with a thick slice of cheese.  
Then came planes—our planes—with an impudent, lazy grace because you were so proud of them.  
You knew it was going to be just another routine air strike, one of dozens that have helped push the enemy further and further inland on Borneo.  
But you forgot about eating and could think only of the planes as they leveled off—so close to the ground you were sure they were crashing. Then, mocking your fears, they sped back toward the sky like homelick angels.  
You saw the bombs strike long before you heard them. Dull, gray columns of earth and smoke leaped from the green forest, hung motionless for seconds—then plumed as though someone had slowly opened

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## NAZI CLUBS STAND DESERTED IN A BEWILDERED ARGENTINA

By ERNIE HILL, Times Foreign Correspondent  
BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, June 13.—The Nazi rowing clubs stand deserted beside the river.  
Once crowded on holidays with laughing arrogant men and women, their expensive docks and flagstone gardens now loom as ghosts of a culture that died an infamous death many miles away.  
German families who go to the verdant delta country at the mouth of the Parana river for holidays keep to themselves now. They go to inconspicuous little public houses along the maze of canals and rivers. They have a bewildered look about them and they seldom smile.  
They are the unimportant little Germans who work in photograph shops or banks or stores.  
Those who ran the far-flung Nazi espionage network in Buenos Aires are seldom seen any more. Some have been jailed. Those in minor roles have gone to quiet villages in the Argentine interior.  
Germany has left an imprint on the life of Buenos Aires. And it is most evident on holidays when the Argentines go to the delta country, and hour out from Buenos Aires, to row and eat-luncheon.

European in atmosphere, a holiday in Buenos Aires calls for a lot of organized muscle-building. The train to Tigre—where the boats go up the many rivers and canals—passes by miles of courts filled with tennis players.  
Thousands of people go bicycling. Many of the men wear berets. Horseback riders are all over the place. Volleyball and basketball courts are filled.  
The clubs along the rivers and canals have names such as the Yachtman, Mouth of the Bull, European Lodge, Catalina, New Bull, The Oranges, Elba, Caruso, Maria Luisa and The White Horse.  
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## A HOOSIER HAS HIS SAY ON UNIVERSAL ARMY TRAINING

By DANIEL M. KIDNEY, Times Staff Writer  
WASHINGTON, June 13.—An Indiana farmer appeared before the house committee on post-war military policy and although he wasn't scheduled as a witness he said his say in the matter.  
He is against universal military training in the post-war period.  
"I came down here," he said, "at my own expense and I don't represent anybody but myself. My name is Charles C. Rohrer and I'm a farmer out at North Manchester, Ind."  
"Of course I've talked to my neighbors about this plan to put all the 18-year-old boys in the army for a year. They are against it also. I do not think it's good for

the boys. They ought to be at home where they can get some help and guidance at that age."  
"Of course, I know the army has

## ANTI-CLOSED SHOP DECISION SERIOUS THREAT TO UNIONS

By FRED W. PERKINS, Scripps-Howard Staff Correspondent  
WASHINGTON, June 13.—After a series of victories in the U. S. supreme court, which has invalidated various state laws directed against unions, organized labor faces today the most serious threat to date in this field—Florida's constitutional amendment barring a closed shop.  
A three-judge federal court in Tampa held unanimously Monday that the state amendment did not violate the federal constitution, and was an appropriate use of the state's police power.  
Herbert S. Thatcher, associated with Joseph A. Padway, general counsel of the American Federation of Labor, said today that the deci-

sion will be appealed immediately to the supreme court. But no action can be expected before next fall because the supreme court is about to recess for the summer.  
Mr. Thatcher said, this is the

## YANKS BURNING PATH THROUGH OKINAWA JAPS

Smash Suicide Charges by  
Doomed Enemy Carrying  
Dynamite Satchels.

By FRANK TREMAINE  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
PEARL HARBOR, June 13.—American troops, armed with special flamethrowers, burned a path through Japanese fortifications at a top Yaeju-Dake plateau on Okinawa today and smashed desperate "banzai" charges by doomed enemy survivors.  
One of the greatest artillery barrages of the Pacific war shattered several enemy troop concentrations on the summit of the cliffs, where trapped Japanese were making a suicide stand.  
Marines and infantrymen scaled to the top of the plateau on rope ladders, then used the same ropes to haul up other troops and their supplies.  
The defenders virtually were surrounded. The 1st marine division on the west, the 96th army division on the north and the 7th army division on the east cracked through primary defenses and stormed across the plateau from three sides. It may be the final battle of Okinawa.

Try Suicide Assaults  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
E. G. Valens reported from 10th army headquarters that cornered Japanese troops hurried themselves at advancing Americans in suicide assaults.  
In one of the largest counter-attacks, approximately 300 Japanese carrying dynamite "satchels" charged 1st marine division positions on the western front. The leather-necks killed 64, including one woman.  
On the strategic southeastern coast near Hanagusuku, American tanks cleaned out 105 Japanese caves along the escarpment. Foot soldiers swept caves and breastworks with blasts of flame sprayed from 200-foot long fire hoses. Others rooled out Japanese with grenades and rifles.  
The final American assault was under way, and it was a battle to the death with no quarter asked or given. Gains of up to 1000 yards were reported in the past 24 hours.

Day of Hard Fighting  
In the other battle of the day, the Australians continued their drive toward Brunel, in North Borneo.  
The thick jungle and a bad road slowed them, but they already could see the black columns of smoke ahead as the Japanese fired the oil fields.  
In the Pacific war generally it was a day of hard, slugging fighting, the kind that causes more casualties and rates less headlines than the sensational victories.  
In the Philippines, the advance on northern Luzon was resumed, but at a slower pace, as the Japanese reformed their line across

## MINISTERS TO AID BINGO FOE

Evansville Mayor Hopes  
They Will Share 'Heat'

EVANSVILLE, Ind., June 13 (U. P.).—Mayor Manson S. Reichert hinted today that Evansville ministers might take some of the heat off him in his anti-gambling crusade by filing affidavits themselves against gaming operators.  
A delegation of pastors called on the Republican mayor today to urge a return to an airtight ban on games of chance, without excepting any private clubs or fraternal organizations.  
Reichert told the clergymen that it was their "duty" to file affidavits against law violators, as much as it was his duty to declare an anti-gambling edict.  
One minister in the group said after the conference that Reichert's reaction to their appeal was "a splendid example of double talk."  
Reichert told the ministers that the anti-gambling ban officially still was on, despite his relaxation recently of the order to exclude private clubs.  
Meanwhile, charges of keeping a

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TWO INCHES OF RAIN  
THIS WEEK; MORE QUE  
Nearly two inches of rain has fallen in Indianapolis since Monday and thundershowers are promised again today and tonight.  
Tomorrow will be cloudy, the weatherman said, with not much change in temperature. The mercury reached 72 at 9 a. m. today.  
LOCAL TEMPERATURES  
6 a. m. 68 10 a. m. 73  
7 a. m. 69 11 a. m. 74  
8 a. m. 70 12 (noon) 76  
9 a. m. 72 1 p. m. 27  
Merrie Plan Phys Interest on Savings  
to date of withdrawal Under a Special  
Plan, Merrie Plan, 110 E. Wash. st., Adv.

## Landlords Here Join Rent Hike Demand

Indianapolis landlords have joined with national property owners' associations in an attempt to raise OPA rent ceilings as much as 15 per cent.  
The National Apartment House Owners' association has appealed to the house banking committee to write a general 15 per cent increase into the pending bill extending the life of OPA.  
The National Association of Real Estate boards has suggested a "reasonable" increase, and is urging its 741 local boards to bring pressure on congress.  
Both organizations contend that other

price levels have placed home and apartment house owners in a disadvantageous position in the 479 cities where OPA has frozen rents. They say that present rents won't support new construction counted on to make post-war jobs.  
Slightly more than half the people in Indianapolis are renters, according to real estate men. Any general increase in rents would affect the housing costs of 50,000 to 60,000 families here, on that basis.  
William P. Sneath, manager of the Indianapolis Apartment House Owners' association, said government figures show living costs have risen 26 per cent since

1939 while rents are only 7.9 per cent higher, most of which occurred before the rollback OPA ordered in July, 1941.  
Mr. Sneath said maintenance costs had risen and that owners had not been able to build up financial reserves to pay for repairs and improvements deferred during the war.  
Wendell M. Hicks, president of the Indianapolis Real Estate board, said "we have felt the home-owner is being penalized in not getting a fair break."  
He admitted that an increase in rent ceilings probably would raise property values, but added that "most are sold to people living in them, not to speculators."  
C. R. Gutermuth, local OPA rent director said he thought the property owners had been making sufficient profits during the war to pay for post-war repairs. "At least that's what the figures, taken from their own books show."  
Mr. Gutermuth added that there are provisions for raising rents in cases where the net income falls, due to higher operating costs, provided the house or apartment rent is below the middle of the range of comparability.  
Price Administrator Chester Bowles and (Continued on Page 5—Column 1)

## BIG 3 TO MEET ON WORLD PEACE WITHIN 40 DAYS, TRUMAN SAYS Early Senate Approval Of Charter Sought

### TRUMAN HOPES U. S. IS FIRST TO RATIFY TREATY

Senators Asked to Defer  
Recess; Hearing May  
Start June 25.

WASHINGTON, June 13 (U. P.).—Administration leaders have decided to seek senate ratification of the world security charter as soon as the San Francisco conference ends, it was learned today.  
Prompt action was requested by President Truman. It was agreed upon by administration leaders in the senate despite their previous

intention to take a summer recess and defer action on the treaty until fall.  
The decision was reached because Mr. Truman is anxious that the United States become the first nation to ratify the treaty setting up a world security organization.  
According to the tentative program, the San Francisco conference is expected to end June 20.  
Seek Vote By July 15  
It is planned to submit the treaty to the senate the following Monday, June 25. The plan calls for brief hearings before the senate foreign relations committee. It is hoped by the leaders that the senate vote on ratification can be obtained by July 15. Some senators, however, predicted longer debate.  
Congress had been planning to take a summer recess from July 10 to Sept. 10. Senate leaders agreed with Mr. Truman to postpone the recess if it is possible to get action

### Toscanini Aids Opera in Milan

MILAN, Italy, June 13.—Countess Wally Castelfranco, daughter of Arturo Toscanini, today presented Mavon Antonio Greppi with two checks for a million lire (\$100,000) each, to be used in the reconstruction of La Scala opera house, which was gutted by allied bombs.  
The first check was from her father, conductor of the N. B. C. symphony orchestra; the second from Santa Viscosa, Italy's largest manufacturer of rayon.  
Countess Castelfranco, who has been a refugee in Switzerland during the last year and a half, will leave for the U. S. from Lisbon by clipper on July 7. She will be accompanied by her 12-year-old daughter, Emmanuela.  
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## Utilities Bid \$800,000 In Bonds for Pyle Script

WAR BOND BIDS on the Ernie Pyle original manuscript took another spurt this week.  
International Typographical Union's bid of \$200,000 was promptly topped by an offer of \$800,000 from Harry Reid, as chairman of the war bond committee of Indianapolis utilities companies.  
BIDDING started three weeks ago at \$5000, has climbed steadily to the present mark. High bidder will get an original manuscript written by Ernie Pyle on a Pacific island during the last weeks of his life, with the censor's stamps and the penciled corrections, just as it came to America, airmail publication.  
UNDER the announced rules of the auction bids may be entered by any individual, firm, association or group, and the highest bidder, in war bonds, of course, gets the manuscript. Replicas will be awarded unsuccessful bidders of \$5000 or more upon evidence that they actually made the bond purchase mentioned in their bids.

### Recalls Philippines in 1900



John E. Merritt, one of the last men of the Last Man's club, hated Japs in the Philippines 45 years ago.

## Spanish War Vet Says Japs Were Sneaks 45 Years Ago

By SHERLEY UHL  
Things ain't what they used to be, as the saying goes.  
Take war in the Philippines, for instance.  
When John E. (Runt) Merritt, of 1630 Bellefontaine st., invaded Panay, a Philippine isle, with the American 35th infantry, he didn't exactly "hit the beach."  
He docked. There was a sort of port. The troops filed down the gangplank of a freighter. But there wasn't much shooting. If any. The natives, whose territory the Americans were overrunning, didn't look at it that way. They welcomed the invaders with open arms, not loaded ones.  
Color Sgt. Merritt and his comrades had their rifles cocked. Nothing happened.  
So it went for 13 or 14 months (Continued on Page 5—Column 5)

## HERE ARE RULES FOR FLAG DAY

Legion Urges Respect for  
Old Glory.

By DR. HARRY H. NAGLE  
Americanization Director  
of the Irvington American Legion  
Tomorrow Indianapolis and the nation will observe Flag day and will pay respect to the "Flag of Destiny" for the world.  
As in the past, however, hundreds of persons will call American Legion headquarters and newspapers to inquire how the flag should be displayed.  
Here are a few of the rules about the flag of the United States:  
The best method of displaying the flag of our country is from a staff. The stary union always must be at the end of the staff as directed upward or outward.  
When the flag is hung flat, either (Continued on Page 7—Column 3)

## 3 LOCAL HEROES DIE IN PACIFIC BATTLES

Three local heroes have been killed in action in the Pacific and three have been wounded. Seven Indianapolis men have been reported freed from German prison camps.  
Killed  
Pvt. Harold Morton Parson, 1613 Carrollton ave., on Okinawa.  
Machinist's Mate 3-c Donald Paul Keyler, 401 N. Oxford st., in the Pacific.  
Pfc. Earl C. W. (Pete) Naeue, R. R. 10, Box 165, on Saipan.  
WOUNDED  
Marine Sgt. Everett E. Schafer, R. R. 16, Box 268, in the Pacific.  
Pvt. Jim E. Sigler, formerly of 2445 N. Pennsylvania st., on Luzon.  
LIBERATED  
T. Sgt. Herbert C. Derrado, 738 S. Noble st., in Germany.  
Pvt. Vernon R. Edwards, 848 W. New York st., from Stalag 2-B.  
Pfc. Kenneth Harold Green, 1206 N. Holmes ave., from Stalag 7-A.  
Second Lt. John L. Mitchell, 3230 W. Morris st., from Stalag Luft 3.  
Pvt. William F. Lloyd, 215 N. Sheffield ave., from Stalag 2-B.  
Pvt. John W. Wampler, 1230 Pasadena ave., in Germany.  
Pvt. Paul E. Bain, 315 E. St. Clair st., in Germany.

## Secret Axis Plans Exposed; Read Ciano's Diary in Times

COUNT CIANO, Mussolini's son-in-law, was on the inside, a trusted member of the axis gang from 1939 until late 1943. He sat in the most important and most secret meetings, negotiated with Hitler and other high Nazis, and was completely informed on the whole axis plot. Furthermore, he was writing it all down. Ciano had ideas and ambitions of his own, and they didn't fit the axis scheme. When the Nazis grew suspicious of Ciano, they had him arrested and shot. But they didn't know he had written a diary, which was smuggled out of the country.  
CIANO'S OWN DIARY  
Starts Monday, June 18th  
THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES  
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## Polish Leaders to Report Progress Meet Friday in Moscow.

LONDON, June 13 (U. P.).—The president and premier of the Polish provisional government in Warsaw arrived today in Moscow, where leaders of various Polish factions and representatives of the Big Three will confer Friday on the Polish problem.  
A Moscow dispatch reported the arrival from Warsaw of President Boleslaw Bierut and Premier Edward Osobka-Morawski of the regime founded in Lublin under Soviet sponsorship. It moved to Warsaw after the liberation of the ruined capital.  
Rejected Invitation  
The rival Polish government in exile here denounced the selection of the conferees invited to Moscow for the omission of leaders of the underground movement which fought the Germans.  
Julian Zakowski, one of three Polish leaders invited to the conferees, rejected the invitation. A spokesman for the government here announced Zakowski's action.

Within 40 Days  
The President reported at his news conference that plans for the meeting—to begin some time before July 17—were worked out by Harry L. Hopkins and Joseph E. Davies during their recent trips to Moscow and London.  
He also disclosed that as a result of Hopkins' talks with Premier Josef Stalin the long Big Three deadlock over Poland at last was on the way to complete solution.  
The President did not disclose where or when he would have his first face-to-face meeting with Stalin and Prime Minister Winston Churchill.  
He said, however, that the time limit—within 40 days—which he announced at a news conference last week still held. The 40 days will be up July 17.  
Mr. Truman disclosed that this Big Three meeting would be conducted as secretly as those attended at Tehran and Yalta by the late President Roosevelt. This suggested the inference that it also would be overtures.  
The President said he was gratified by the success of the Hopkins and Davies missions.  
"Mutual Confidence"  
"The all-important thing which confronts us," he said, "is that the unity, mutual confidence, and respect which resulted in a military victory should be continued to make secure a just and durable peace."  
Asserting that Russia had yielded former positions as a result of Hopkins' visit, Mr. Truman urged U. S. reporters not to muddy the situation. The Russians, he said, have proved that they are just as

## U. S. REFUSES RED ARMY MOVE

Russ Kept Out of Czech  
Area Held by Yanks.

WIESBADEN, Germany, June 13.—American occupation forces refused to permit Russian troops to take over the border strip of western Czechoslovakia liberated by the U. S. 3d army, it was revealed today.  
Twelfth army group headquarters here disclosed that Russian occupation of American-held central Germany had begun.  
U. S. 9th army troops in the Chemnitz area have been pulled (Continued on Page 5—Column 3)

## With President Today—

WASHINGTON, June 13 (U. P.).—The high points of President Truman's press conference today:  
1. He announced that time and place have been fixed for his meeting with Premier Churchill and Premier Stalin. It will be sometime before July 17 and apparently will be overtures.  
2. He believed good progress is being made in solution of the difficult Polish problem as a result of Harry L. Hopkins' trip to Moscow. Hopkins also obtained moderation of Russia's stand on the veto question in the San Francisco conference.  
3. He expressed hope that the house would eliminate the senate's amendment to the OPA bill which would attempt to guarantee fair-

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