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## Eisenhower Was My Boss— Launches Push Into Normandy

Ike Tried to Visit All  
His Troops Before Invasion

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IT SEEMS NO EXAGGERATION to say that Gen. Eisenhower, with his historic role, faced problems of such heroic range that they required the judgment of a Solomon, the military mind of a Napoleon, the diplomacy of a prime minister.

One hour, for example, he might be in the giddy heights of international politics, discussing with Under Secretary of State Edward Stettinius delicate problems expected to arise in liberated Europe. The next hour, he might be bawling out a chastised Gen. Patton for making a chance public remark (highly resented by hard-pressed Russia) that America and Britain would have to rule that post-war world. The next, Ike might confer with Monty, listening to complaints that several United States generals were not up to their jobs.

Gen. Eisenhower had far less social life than the most lowly member of his staff.

Normally, however, any leisure was spent at Telegraph Cottage, where bridge was the major indoor sport.

Once in a while, Ike would look up from his desk, hounded by nerves, and suggest an hour's horseback riding. Upon such occasions we accepted the standing invitation of Sir Louis Gregg at the Air Ministry and hurried out to enjoy trails in Richmond Park, which was closed to the public because it contained false-front "factories" as decoys for enemy bombers.

When the general did have a dinner party, it was informal and intimate. I was especially pleased one night when he included my mother and me in a party of about 10 invited to Hays Lodge. Among the other guests were Jimmy Gault and his wife, some people from the Red Cross, and Gen. Patton. The latter was in good form that night—on good verbal behavior which impressed my mother no less than me. As usual, he kidded Ike about wanting some more medals. "You haven't done anything yet," Gen. Ike said. "Wait till you get on the continent!"

SEEING AND TALKING with soldiers in the field was more pleasure and more relaxation for him than anything London's social planners could devise. Also, he thought it vital that the supreme commander be seen, that he become a person instead of a vague signature on orders, that he try to obtain first-hand evidence on conditions in the field.

In all truth, I doubt if in military annals there is anything to equal Ike's record of a general's non-stop attempt to visit all his troops before an impending operation of such magnitude.

Despite pressing headquarters problems, he launched this ambitious campaign within a fortnight after reaching England.

WITH MAY growing old, London was drained of its leave troops. Barbers, theater owners, movie ushers, taxi drivers, and nightclub doormen commented on the poor business.

Staff officers due to travel in the invasion fleet disappeared one by one from their offices, without explanation. Headquarters staffs were strained, touchy, to the point of ugly temper.

American military personnel were restricted to quarters for a 24-hour period so MP's could root out AWOL's.

Hospitals dismissed all but the worst bed cases; laundries received instructions to make hospital linens a top priority.

Travelers found few trains; hundreds of engines and coaches had been shunted to military service.

Everyone in the British Isles—and probably in the German General Staff—knew the invasion would pop any day. But only the necessary few men knew it was scheduled for June 4.

GEN. EISENHOWER attended the final Big Brass conference three weeks before, on May 15, at Gen. Montgomery's 21st Army Group headquarters in old St. Paul's School.

Then, all our attention focused on the South Coast, now choked with invading armies straining at the leash.

Hesitant to bother any of the active headquarters with his presence, Gen. Eisenhower set up an Advance CP at Southampton, six or seven miles north of Portsmouth. His office was a trailer; I had a tiny desk in one corner.

The whole CP was set in a wood where sunshine was exiled, where rain soaked our entire canvas headquarters days on end, giving everything a damp, musty order; it was a long jump from London or Algiers. The prime minister and Field Marshal Smuts were headquartered on a special train parked at Southampton.

Nerve-ends were so exposed, security so exacting, that even the supreme allied commander had to carry a pass.

Everyone's topside was jumpy over our other enemy: the weather. The area was alive with weather experts, meteorologists, and plain second guessers—all studying, figuring, worrying about the weather, key to the whole invasion.

JUNE 4—supposed to be D-Day—undoubtedly was the longest day of 1944. The prime minister came down for a comforting visit, leaving "as downhearted as the most pessimistic man in the office." Another visitor was Gen. Charles de Gaulle, who raised maddening political questions at this late hour and displayed inter-

## Juvenile Court Gets Girl, 16, Held 35 Days

\$400 Bond Set After Hearing on Writ

Superior Court Judge Walter Pritchard today set a bond of \$400 on a 16-year-old girl who had spent 35 days in county jail without bond and without trial.

The order was made in a suit for habeas corpus after Judge Pritchard agreed that her constitutional rights had been violated by holding her without bond. The habeas corpus action was filed by Attorney John McNellis.

Before the bond could be made, however, the girl, who was one of two teen-agers arrested Oct. 23 on a charge of prostitution, was ordered back into Juvenile Court for possible action to send her back to Marydale from which she is a runaway.

The suit was filed against the sheriff of Marion County, charging the juvenile is quartered with adult prisoners contrary to law. The girl was placed in jail by Juvenile Court Judge Joseph Hoffman, pending a hearing.

Juvenile Court defended its action by citing the girl's past record or broken probation and runaways.

Honor System Cited

"In her excursions this girl has involved a number of men and has caused trouble for herself and others," Charles Boswell, chief probation officer said. "We had to lock her up to protect her."

He said she could not be held in the Juvenile Detention home or Marydale. Both are operated to a great extent on the honor system.

Juvenile Court officials said they scheduled the girl's hearing on Friday of last week and postponed it at the request of her attorney. It was to have been held this week but the attorney said he would not be ready to try it until after the holidays, court workers said.

The girl was first arrested in March, 1948, in the bus station. She had been reported missing from her home in December, 1947. A month later a friend reported the girl had stolen \$300 worth of clothing.

Treated for VD

On her arrest the girl told court workers she had been a prostitute in several hotels, using taxi drivers and a bell boy as solicitors. At the time she had a venereal disease.

After treatment, she was placed on probation and returned to the care of her mother and step-father. Shortly after this she broke her probation by staying out late and a month later was arrested at 3 a.m. with several boys in a parked car.

An investigation showed that the girl and several boys had been traveling for several days in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana, the car, which was stolen. She was sentenced to Marydale June 3 but ran away two weeks after her commitment.

At Large 4 Months

She remained at large for four months, until Oct. 23 when she was arrested early in the morning with two cab drivers. She admitted to police that she had been prostituting for two cab drivers in hotels, tourist cabins, in taxis and the taxi lot for three weeks.

Prior to that, she said, she had lived with several men as man and wife. She told workers she had "lived so many places I can't remember them and I can't remember all the men I've lived with."

Eight persons were charged with contributing to her delinquency, including a young attorney who had believed her to be a 19-year-old divorcee.

Sentenced were Samuel Henry Crowe, 28, Charleston, S. C., 18 months; Thomas R. Niles, 22, Three Rivers, Mass., five years; John Sells, Dayton, O., three and one-half years; and Delphus Walls, 43, of Louisville, Ky., who was tried by jury, two and one-half years.

Fined \$100. Jailed

In another action, two local men received \$100 fines and were given two-year prison sentences for mail theft and check forgery.

They were William Garfield Overton Jr., 24, 741 Indiana Ave., and Charles A. Mayweather, 26, of 3112 Boulevard Place.

Claude B. Kendall, officer of the C. B. Kendall Co. Inc., 2039 Madison Ave., was fined \$150 for violation of the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. The corporation was also fined \$150.

Charges stated that an interstate shipment of misbranded medical tablets had been made by the company last year.

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## Aids in Purchase of Wheel Chairs for Hospital



Mrs. Anetta Lawson, president of Me-De-Phar Guild (left), presents a check from her organization for the purchase of wheel chairs at General Hospital to Dr. Paul V. Evans, medical director, as Mrs. Jonnie Stoner looks on.

## Dual Job-Holding Dispute Settled

Two Legislators Win,

Three Lose Fight

State Auditor A. V. Burch's long court fight against dual job holding by five legislators was over today with two paid off for services rendered and a total of \$23,185 forfeited back to the state treasury.

Reps. Glenn R. Slenker, Montello, and Charles T. Miser, Garrett, received back pay totaling \$18,332 for Mr. Slenker's work since March, 1947, as public counselor for the State Public Service Commission and Mr. Miser's job as state highway commission maintenance superintendent.

A month later, Judge Hodge dumped into the state treasury \$18,803 which he had withheld in pay from three other state representatives involved in the legal controversy over their rights to collect salary checks from two lucrative state jobs.

Mr. Slenker's check was for \$10,250 and Mr. Miser's for \$8,097. However, both had to pay back to Mr. Burch part of the money he had received for their salaries as state legislators. Mr. Slenker's refund was \$2,167, Mr. Miser's \$2,185, both of which were returned to the state general fund.

The remaining \$18,803 which Mr. Burch put into the state treasury was money withheld from Reps. Elmer Weller, Dale, and Beecher Conrad, Petersburg, and Sen. Clyde Black, Logansport.

The Indiana Supreme Court held that Mr. Weller, Mr. Conrad and Mr. Black could not collect from both jobs because a state constitutional clause prevented dual jobholding.

But the high court ruled recently that Mr. Miser and Mr. Slenker had a right to claim their back pay for both jobs because they resigned their state jobs before the 1947 session of the legislature began and were re-appointed after the session ended.

RECOGNIZE KOREA, ISRAEL SOFIA, Nov. 27 (UP)—Bulgaria has decided to establish diplomatic relations with the Korean peoples republic and with Israel, it was announced today.

The court ordered him to finish

## Five Officials, Police Die—Was It Doomed Man's Hex?

In Less Than a Year, Convicted Killer's

Prophecy Is Realized in Wave of Deaths

TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 27 (UP)—Jake Bird must have smiled to himself as he sat in his cell in the Pierce County jail today.

And if the 46-year-old condemned man really believed he had

misunderstanding and never had a

misunderstanding on the right track. I said he was stupid for not trying again. I think he is stupid but maybe it is me. Anyway, we're anxiously awaiting your letter.

A FRIEND, CITY.

Your friend had better not

marry anyone until he combines love with common sense.

It would be foolish to revive

the old romance if he is sure

his personality and the former

girl friend's personality con-

flict and would spot their love.

Marriage would not work with

both of them making constant

concessions. He'd miss his

occasional if he married the woman he's so practical about.

That good cook might be

better than he thought—and discontented—if she discovered

they had nothing in common

except appetites.

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