

The Bible Replaces Bazooka For A GI

By GEORGE TUCKER (Submitting for Hal Boyle)
WHEAT THE FINEST IN ITALY, March 21—(Delayed)— "So many a GI there comes a moment when the Bible seems more important than bazooka and to Pvt. Ross Poole of Herndon, Pa., the moment came at 2 P. M. yesterday when he was ordered to quit a grain field in the Italian front.
 Poole, worked Tucker for International Business Machines in Washington before the draft started him for the Garigliano sector of the main Italian front.
 There, Poole, armed with a Bible and bazooka, went out with seven other men to liquidate a house used by the Germans as an observation point.
 "I took off at 9 P. M.," said Poole. "The night was black, the mud sticky. We crossed the minefield, crawled up a hill, and hid in a yard from the house.
 "I drifted around the side of the house looking for a chance to hide in, as I was supposed to create a diversion by firing the bazooka through the window. The Germans always draw plenty of return fire.
 "I found my hole and it was half full of water, but I got in anyway and blasted the hole."
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Eden Due To Step Out

By EDWARD B. DALL
LONDON, April 4.—Chambers in the Churchill Government with Anthony Eden stepping down as Foreign Minister were believed here today, an announcement being expected during the Easter holidays.
 The most substantial speculation was that Lord Cranborne, now Dominions Secretary, would succeed Eden at the Foreign Office, but that Eden would retain his leadership in the House of Commons.
 Energetic Lord Beaverbrook, who is active in the inactive role of Lord Privy Seal, was considered a possible selection for Dominions Secretary. Some quarters expected Cranborne's return would be delayed to replace Eden, but this was generally held to be unlikely.
 The Ministry of War, where Lord Cranborne has been having little trouble, and the Agriculture Ministry, where Lord Beaverbrook has been having more than his share of trouble, are the two most likely places to be occupied by Eden's successor.
 The Foreign Office is expected to be replaced by the dual role of the two men, with Eden remaining in one man's shoes.
 Some Conservatives feel, however, that Eden is the best man for the job and more recently named as Foreign Minister at this critical period and should quit the House later in the year.
 Difficulties are being raised in advance by the fact of Cranborne's return to the House of Commons, which Labor and other parties probably would object to having such a man in the House of Lords.

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India Front Lull Comes

NEW DELHI, 4—Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten's headquarters announced today a lull in fighting on the Indian front south of Imphal, and reported a fresh progress by Japanese columns which have been moving on that communications center from three directions.
 By Central Burma, meanwhile, the announcement said Allied forces, spearheaded by elements of the 22nd Chinese Division, are advancing steadily southwestward to meet the Japanese. The Japanese have captured a number of large quantities of British supplies.
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Parliament Holds Session

NEW YORK, 4—The British radio said today in a dispatch from Helsinki that the Finnish Parliament had held a 20-minute session this morning at which "various minor bills" were discussed and then recessed until April 12.
 The broadcast, recorded by the Government, mentioned no reference to the subject of peace with Soviet Russia, which it has been reported the Parliament would discuss.

Return This Newspaper For Front-Line Service

The paper of which this newspaper is printed today is literally worth its weight in gold to the soldier in the front line.
 The effort of the paper for the soldier in the front line is to make it a "front-line service" in every sense of the word.
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Jap Ships Blasted In Palau Raid

Knox Discloses Woleai & Yap Isles Attacked
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By ASSOCIATED PRESS
 American warships penetrating deep into Japanese territory in their attack on Palau in the extreme western Carolines also hit Woleai and Yap to the northeast, sinking all Japanese ships caught at anchorage, Secretary of the Navy Knox announced in Washington today.
 It was the first disclosure that Woleai and Yap were included in the naval attack which began March 30.
 The Secretary said there was no way to estimate the number of Japanese ships caught in the anchorages, but in addition to those sunk by the attack on Palau, the Japanese lost 100 Japanese ships and 200 Japanese planes.
 Palau is a low point in the Japanese defense system, but about 500 miles east of Mindanao, the southern island of the Philippines.
 Reports indicate the Japanese had no other defenses that the strike contained through April 1. One airplane was shot down, but it did not cause any damage to American ships.
 Radio Tokyo speaking on Sunday reported a Japanese communiqué claimed Japanese airmen had destroyed an American B-24 Superfortress in the Caroline Sea. The communiqué also claimed that American B-24 Superfortresses had destroyed a Japanese ship in the Caroline Sea.
 Knox says he is confident the Japanese will be beaten and that the Navy Secretary had a "strong belief" on the Palau attack, but he said the Japanese-controlled Manila harbor is a "major threat" to the Philippines. He said the Japanese-controlled Manila harbor is a "major threat" to the Philippines. He said the Japanese-controlled Manila harbor is a "major threat" to the Philippines.

First Blow At Capital Of Rumania

Strikes As Soviet Troops Advance
 By LYNN HEINZELIN
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NAPLES, 4—(AP)—Big bombers of the 15th Air Force subjected Bucharest to its first U. S. aerial bombardment today while Russian troops pushed on by land 200 miles northeast of the Rumanian capital.
 The factories and Fortresses attacking "in considerable strength" in Bucharest only 24 hours after they had given a similar bombing to Matlas, the capital of Hungary.
 The single blow denies the Russian threat to Odessa, which has become important to the German defense of eastern Europe, and great quantities of war goods, many being sent through both rail centers.
NEAR 400 HELLS
 Russian and Lightning fighters accompanied the Bucharest bombardment. The bombers flew within a few miles of the Black Sea. The Russian aircraft were reported to have destroyed a number of German aircraft and other military and industrial targets. Headquarters announced.
 In the meantime, the Russian front, with minor patrol clashes and artillery fire, was keeping the opposing armies alert.
 Italian troops were being employed on the beachhead of Sicily, and the Italian front was being held steady.



Soviet Forces Move On Iasi From Border

More Than 50 Populated Places Occupied By Russian Invaders
 By HENRY C. CASSIDY
MOSCOW, (AP)—Marching into Rumania from the middle reaches of the Prut River, the Red Army today has penetrated eleven miles beyond the Soviet front to a point eight miles north of Iasi, important Rumanian railway center and the former headquarters of the German southern armies.
 More than 50 populated points inside Rumania have been occupied since Russian troops entered the country last week, a Russian communiqué declared, adding that the Soviet front has moved out the railway leading north from Iasi to Dorohoi, 25 miles southwest of Czernowitz.
 While Marshal Ivan S. Konev's Second Ukrainian Army waged a furious campaign for the subjugation of Rumania, Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's First Army operating from the flank of the Soviet front, was said to have encircled the remnants of fifteen Axis divisions on the Siala sector north of the middle Dniester River, inflicting what were described as "significant" losses on the Germans.
 The enemy forces in the dense, wooded Skala area, which were being exterminated by Zhukov's troops, represent what is left of seven infantry, one tank, one motorized division, front dispatches said.
GERMAN NAZI LOSSES
 German losses last month at the hands of Zhukov's army alone were estimated at 200,000 dead or captured. War booty taken by the Russians included 2,181 tanks, 2,000 trucks, 2,470 tractors, 5,387 trucks and other vehicles and tremendous quantities of small arms, ammunition and equipment.
 The German losses in the Skala area, which are now being captured by Zhukov's army, are estimated at 200,000 men and 220 miles northeast of the Rumanian capital of Bucharest.
 On the southeastern end of the front from Red. Rodion Y. Malinovsky's Third Ukrainian Army bore down steadily on the great port of Odessa from the north, about 25 miles west of Berzovka and Tzarevka, 34 miles northeast of the rail junction of Iasi, about 40 miles northwest of Odessa.
 No further progress was reported from the front east of Odessa, where other units of Malinovsky's army were approximately 25 miles west of Berzovka and Tzarevka, 34 miles northeast of the rail junction of Iasi, about 40 miles northwest of Odessa.
 The Moscow radio meanwhile called on the Rumanian people to resist the German and to capitulate at once.
 (Recorded by The London Daily Mail. The broadcast was recorded by the REDS DRIVE on page 2)

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ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NAPLES, 4—(AP)— Italian Fascist troops have been sandwiched in with German forces ringed the Allied beachhead below Rome. It was announced today as comparative tranquillity continued all along the Italian front, with minor patrol clashes and artillery fire keeping the opposing armies alert.
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Quits Soviet Commission

NEW YORK, 4—The New York Times said today Victor A. Kravchenko had announced his resignation from the Soviet Purchasing Commission with the statement he could no longer support the "disgraceful political maneuvering" directed by Russia at the United States and Britain.
 The Times said Kravchenko was in charge of the commission's purchases of goods for the Soviet Union. He had been traveling throughout the country as the chief procurator since coming to the United States about seven months ago.
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Jury Gets Chaplin Case

LOS ANGELES, 4—A Federal court jury of seven women and five men retired at 11:02 A. M. (PWT) today to consider its verdict in Charlie Chaplin's Mann Act trial.
 Under its instructions as given by U. S. District Judge F. E. T. O'Connor, any one of four verdicts was possible: Guilty on both of two counts, guilty on the first and innocent on the second; innocent on the first and guilty on the second, and innocent on both counts.
 The case involves the transportation of Joan Berry, the actress's former mistress, to New York City in 1942 for allegedly immoral purposes, and the second is based on her return journey to Los Angeles.
 Justice O'Connor instructed the jury that it should find Chaplin guilty if it found he caused Miss Berry's interstate transportation for immoral purposes or aided in such transportation with his intention.
 Conversely, the judge declared, if the jurors determine that the transportation was for immoral purposes, then there is no conviction.
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Russians Eye Rumanian Oil

MOSCOW, 4—Rumanian oil fields in the Balkans are being eyed by the Soviet Union, it was reported today in a dispatch from Moscow.
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Quezon III At Miami Beach

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Liberator "Gets" Nazi Submarine

A U. S. NAVY BASE IN ENGLAND has captured a Nazi submarine on patrol over the Bay of Biscay, and probably sank it.
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WEATHER
 Partly cloudy with rain and slightly cooler with fresh breeze; partly cloudy with showers and drizzle; showers and drizzle; showers and drizzle.
 Today's Temperature: 63-70
 Tomorrow's Temperature: 63-70
 Sunday's Temperature: 63-70
 Additional U. S. Weather Bureau data will be found on page 4.