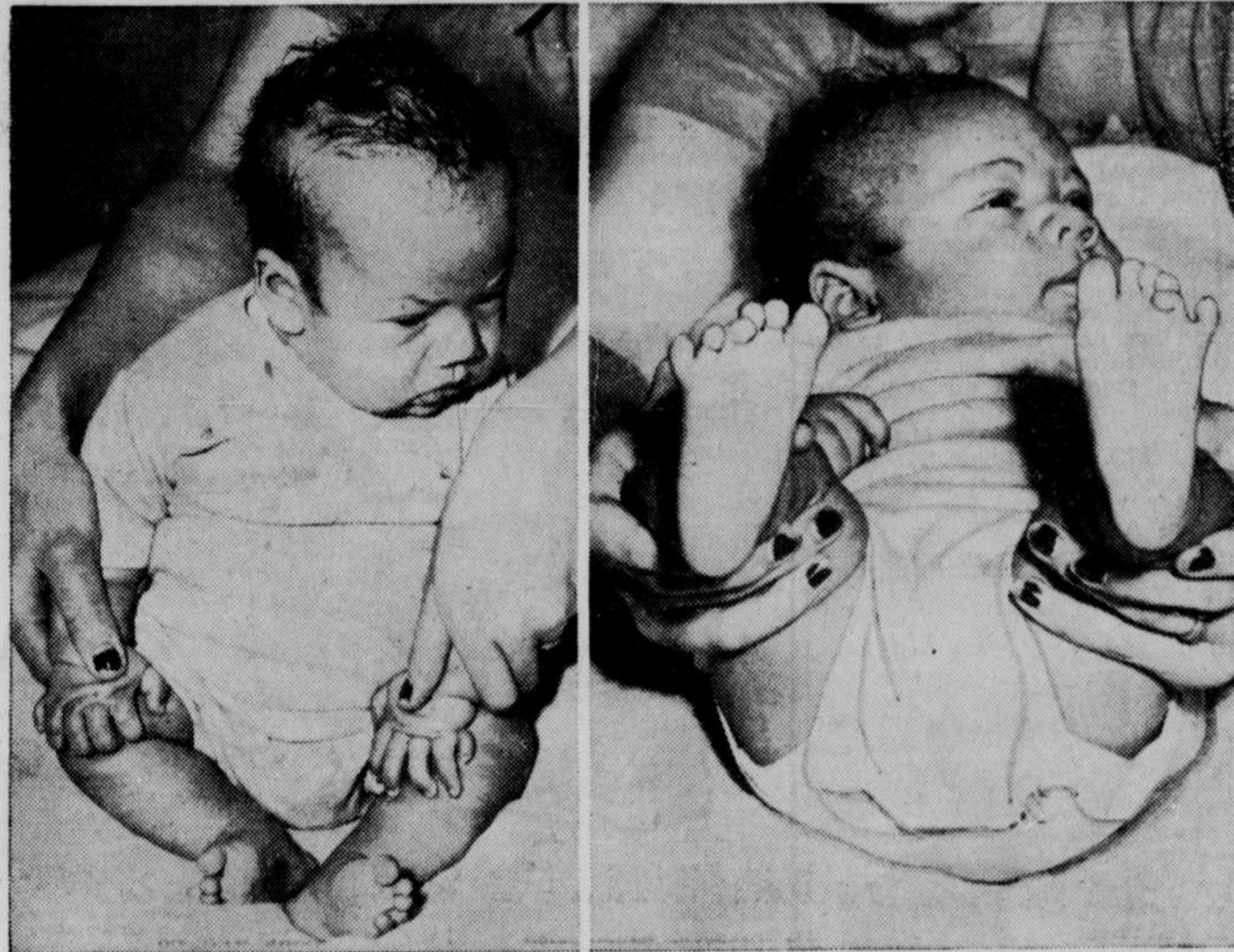




**JAPAN'S WOMEN NOW POLICE TOKYO . . .** Not only have the women of Japan been given the right to vote, and many elected to office, under the American army occupation, but they have been placed on the police and other civic departments of government. Photo shows one of the female police force patrolling the streets of Tokyo along the market place in the Konda district of Japan's capitol.



**TWELVE BABY FINGERS AND TWELVE BABY TOES . . .** When Mrs. Jeanne Diaz, 20, plays "this little piggy" with her three-months-old son, Michael, she has to figure on a few extra porkers. Michael, born March 10, is shown here in two poses in which his mother displays his six fingers on each hand, and six toes on each foot. Physicians in Chicago, where the child lives, are unable to recall similar babies in their experiences. The baby is reported normal in every other way.



**PRESIDENT NOW A PHOTOGRAPHER . . .** Members of the White House News Photographers association, composed of ace cameramen who cover the White House, gave the chief executive a desk set as a present and made him an honorary member of this organization.



**ROXAS VISITS THE UNITED STATES . . .** Philippines president-elect, Manuel Roxas, left, is shown at breakfast with (left to right) Col. A. C. Strickland, commanding officer of McChord field, Seattle; Paul McNutt, U. S. high commissioner to the Philippines, and his military air aide, Col. M. A. Libby. Roxas and McNutt later visited President Truman and other government officials.



**BIG LEAGUER IN MAKING . . .** Richard "No-Hit" Klimozak, 17, St. Florian high school, Detroit, pitched four no-hit games.



**HE NEEDS MORE THAN PLAIN BREAD . . .** While this Greek child has some bread, he needs much more nourishment. The Emergency Food collection will provide food for many such cases.



The 100,000 who gathered at Louisville for the Kentucky Derby offered a keen cross section of the sporting viewpoint. For they came from practically every state, and all are sports-minded. Outside of the Derby itself, I found that they were talking about the other turf classics, the two pennant races and the Louis-Conn fight.

It was rather amazing to hear the number backing Conn if the odds remain around 3 to 1, or perhaps a trifle less. One well-known sportsman from the Far West told me that a big rush of Conn money had begun to arrive. The main theory seemed to be that while both men had been away from the ring for four years, Conn was still four years younger and he could afford to lose that much time to better advantage than could Louis.

So far as the two pennant races are concerned, most of the sentiment on the American league side belongs to the Boston Red Sox. The angle being that Owner Tom Yawkey had spent too much money to keep on missing pennants forever, and that both Yawkey and Boston rated a flag. The early showing of the Red Sox indicated that they may be even stronger than the pre-season dope indicated, because their pitching is better than it originally looked.

I found that the majority with whom I talked still don't believe that the Yankees can get enough consistent pitching to win. They rate Spud Chandler as one of the best in either league, but they also say that a pennant race is a heavy burden for the one right arm. Chandler is on his way to beat his great 1943 record, when he won 20 games and lost only 4. Spud still figures he might just as well have won 23 and lost only 1 that year. He always has been a hard-working, bear-down pitcher and he still has his stuff intact.

**Lots of Dodger Fans**

While I found that the National league fans were naturally pulling for their home teams, such as the Cubs and Cardinals, their outside sympathy still remains with the Dodgers. It is surprising what a strong nationwide following the Dodgers have. The enthusiasm of Brooklyn itself, on the baseball side, has a lot to do with this. In picking a World Series contender from the National league, the Dodger vote would be overwhelming. Their early rush to the front only started louder cheering.

Few believe that any team is going to beat out the Cardinals when the season finally swings into a steady grind. They look to have too many good ballplayers to be headed off by any team now in sight.

Almost every other spectator wanted me to pick the winner of the Louis-Conn meeting. The only answer is that thus far neither has come into his real training period—at least, far enough along to give any true line. The only good line one can get must come in the last two weeks, when the tip-off should be due.

**1946 Backfield Stars**

I also ran into a number of leading football coaches at the recent Derby among the vast assemblage from the 48 states. Two of these were Wallie Butts of Georgia and Paul Bryant of Kentucky. They were talking about the job selectors are going to have in naming the four best backs of the coming season.

"For example," Wallie Butts said, "who can name a better all-around back than Charley Trippi of Georgia, who, as a passer, runner, tackler or blocker, has everything a star back needs. And he is exceptionally good at them all."

Paul Bryant, who had a fine record at Maryland last fall, began to figure out the leading backs. "Trippi is certainly one of the best," he said. "But, in addition, there still are Blanchard and Davis from West Point to be remembered. There will be Bud Young at Illinois, Bob Fenimore at Oklahoma A. and M., and there also will be Harry Gilmer at Alabama. And don't think these will complete the list. There will be others who can't be overlooked. There should be at least 10 or 12 great backs and I don't mean merely pretty good. For example, there is also Wedemeyer from St. Mary's, who will have more support than he could call on last fall."

**The Big Batting Race**

The expected batting race among Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio and Dick Wakefield finds the Red Sox slugger showing most of the early foot. Williams has been belting away at a .350 clip or better, with DiMaggio down below .270. Wakefield has been of little help to the Tigers, with a mark under .240. Dom DiMaggio has been outshining them all with an average above .400, and Charley Keller also is riding high.



**OHIO FARMERS DONATE WHEAT . . .** Farmers of Medina county, Ohio, are giving a bushel or more of wheat to aggregate enough to feed an average family for 30 days, with the spirit that a farmer will deprive himself to do a kindness which he will not "sell" for a 30-cent-a-bushel bonus. Norman Morton (in truck) is receiving gift wheat for the farm bureau from Mr. and Mrs. Burt E. Beach, while Mrs. Dorothy Moorhouse, right, the originator of the campaign, checks with Mrs. Beach. Mrs. Moorhouse, a farmer's wife, received the active support of the entire farming region of Medina county.



**TOJO AND PALS EAT LUNCH . . .** No coddling here. When lunch time comes at the trial of the Jap war criminals in Tokyo, ex-premier Tojo and other defendants are served their meal in regular G.I. mess kits and eat seated at a long bench, facing a wall and heavily guarded by American MPs. Tojo is the second man in the photo, with spectacles lying on table in front of him.



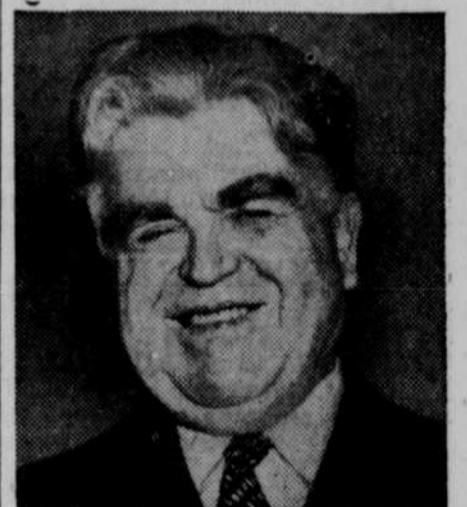
**OUTSTANDING HERO PRESENTS HISTORICAL FLAG . . .** Audie Murphy, said to be the most decorated hero of World War II, is shown presenting the flag which flew over the capitol the day Pearl Harbor was bombed, to Eugenia Clair Smith, grand hostess of the American Gold Star mothers. The flag was loaned for display at national convention of Gold Star mothers at Philadelphia.



**QUEEN OF BRITAIN'S MERCHANT NAVY . . .** Wearing her royal robes, Patricia Purser is presented to her admiring subjects after she had been crowned "Queen of the Merchant Navy," as the high spot of merchant navy week in London. The mayor of Westminster is presenting her majesty. Prior to the war the British merchant navy was the largest afloat. War production of ships now has placed the U. S. A. in first place.



**DRAFT LAW EXTENDED . . .** Leslie Biffle, secretary of the senate, as he arrived at the White House with the temporary draft extension bill, exempting teenagers and fathers from draft.



**REGISTERS HAPPINESS . . .** John L. Lewis seems to be well pleased with the results of the coal strike. He beams happily on leaving the meeting of his policy committee during negotiations.



**AGAINST FRANCO . . .** Dr. Jose Giral, premier of the exiled Spanish government, who arrived in New York City to testify before United Nations against Franco Spain. Says he has true picture of situation.



**SALVATION ARMY HEAD . . .** One of the Salvation army's best known song writers, Commissioner Albert Orsborn, who has been elected general of the Salvation army at recent England meeting.



**CLEAN-UP GIRL . . .** Hollywood chose little Terry Taylor, 2, as clean-up week mascot. She is shown hard at work with a mop in a special effort to get things in proverbial apple pie order.