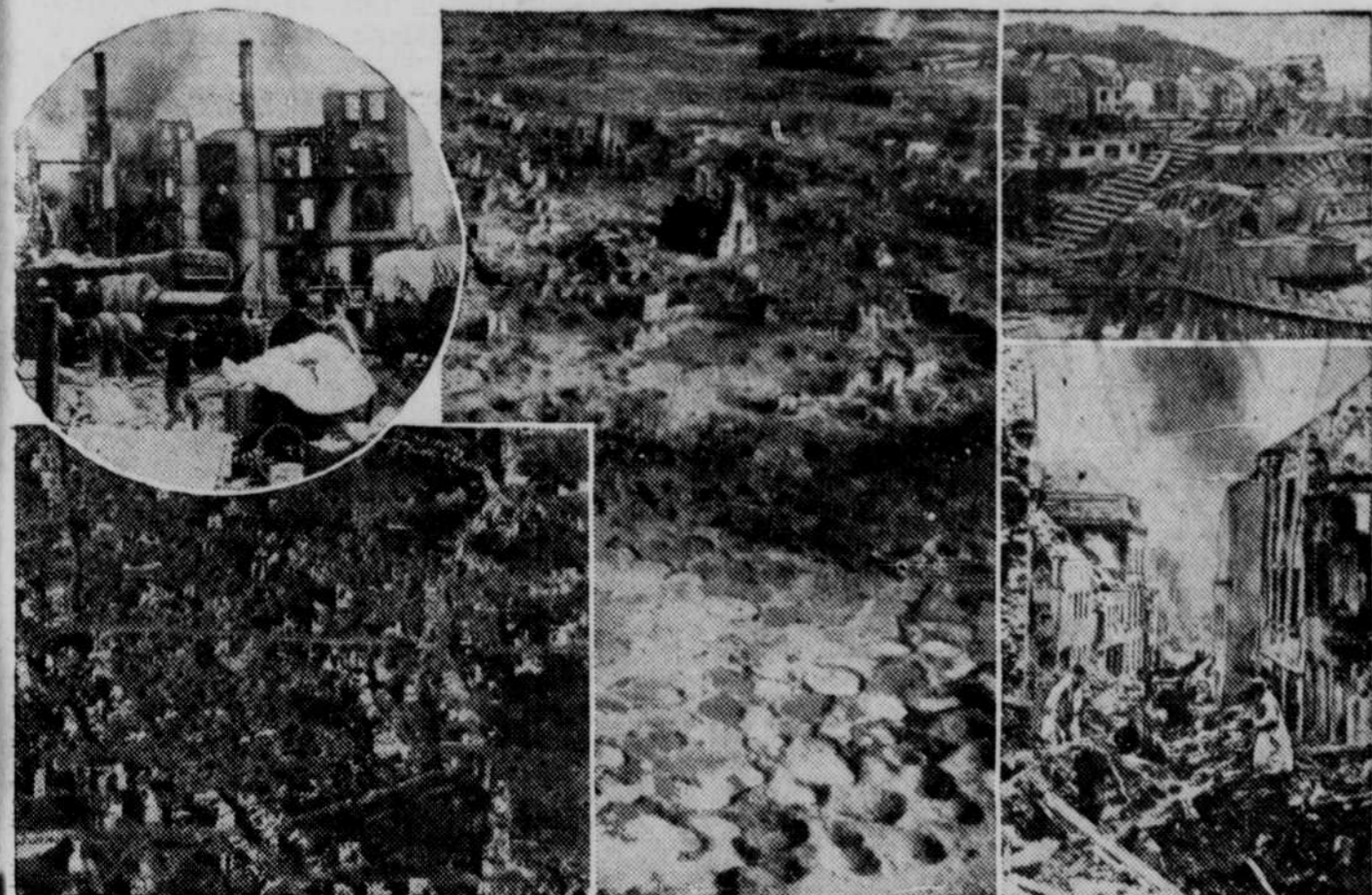


German Cities in the Path of Allies' Advance



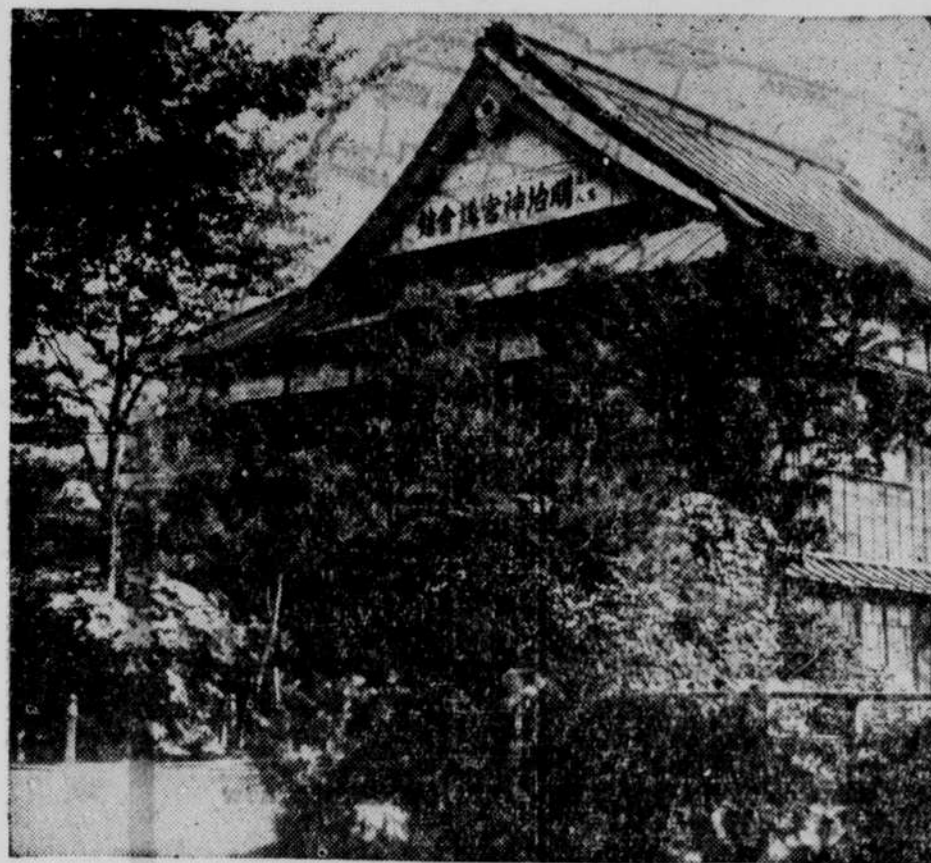
City after city in Germany is being leveled to the ground by the Allied air forces and the advancing artillery and infantry units. Among the cities to which war has been brought home by the advancing victorious Allies are: upper left, Aschaffenburg; lower left, Duren receives its quota, little remaining of city on Roer river after saturation bombing. Center: View of Wesel, focal point of American forces on Rhine. Upper right, Limburg railroad marshalling yards after bombing. Lower right, Eitburg.

War Returns to Okinawa, Japan's Nerve Center



In 1853 the Leatherneck complement of Commodore Perry's squadron accompanied him on a visit to Okinawa. The Devil Dogs, in the current assault, found the long narrow island made up of plateaus and ridges. Most of the population of 443,000 is engaged in a subsistence of agriculture. Centuries of being kicked around, in the game of power politics, has produced a mixed race with strains of Malayan, Korean, Chinese and Japanese—a people completely ignorant of the United States. Photos above show the natives after the American invasion.

Meiji Shrine Burned to Ashes



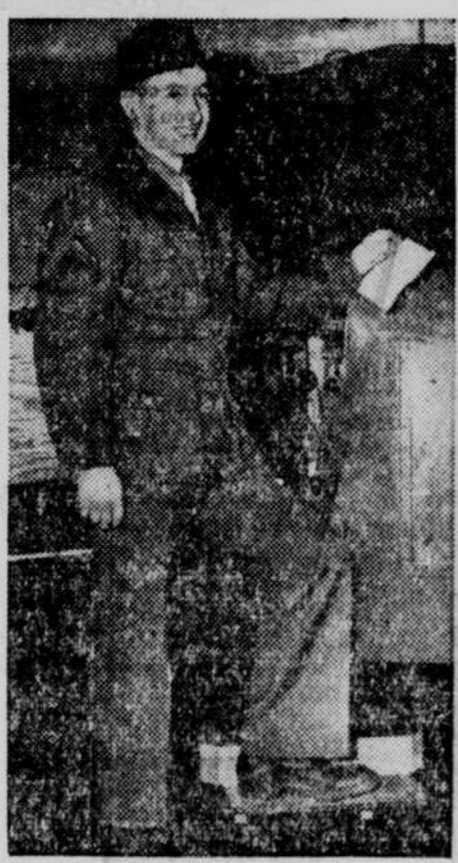
The grand Meiji shrine, near the Imperial palace of Japan in Tokyo where the Emperor often officiated, was among the places hit in a four-hour-long raid by a huge fleet of American superfortresses. The Jap communique, which told of the raid in which Imperial palace buildings were hit, said the sanctuary was burned to ashes.

B-29 Hero Honored by General



Maj. Gen. Willis H. Hale, former commanding general of the army air forces in the Pacific ocean area, pats S/Sgt. H. E. Erwin of Bessemer, Ala., on the arm after presenting him with the congressional medal of honor for picking up a burning bomb over Tokyo and tossing it out of a B-29. Members of the crew whose lives he saved stand by.

Wins Novel Award



Sgt. Josiah E. Greene, Washington, Conn., won first prize in MacMillan contest for his novel, "Not in Our Stars." Back from Italy, he is now a link trainer instructor.

New Baseball Czar



Albert "Happy" Chandler, former U. S. senator from Kentucky, who has been appointed to succeed the late Kenesaw Mountain Landis as baseball's czar.



Science Develops Aids for Farmers

Crop and Livestock Improvements Seen

CONTINUED high production levels on American farms in 1945 should be materially aided by recent discoveries and developments by U. S. department of agriculture research experts.

Some of the announced results of the Agricultural Research Administration's program are:

1. Release of 43 new improved varieties of plants; such as corn hybrids, suitable to the South. Hybrid corn has been little used there so far, but the new variety shows promise of bigger acre yield increase than in the North. Hybrid onions give evidence of increasing yields per acre, as much as 20 to 50 per cent.
2. Working out of methods for conditioning and treating ammonium nitrate, so that it can be readily used as a high-nitrogen fertilizer.
3. Confirmation by tests with DD (dichloropropylene - dichloropropane) of earlier reports that it is highly effective against the rootknot nematode.
4. Development of a mechanism for dispersal of insecticidal sprays by airplane.
5. Production of new allyl compounds, from ordinary sugars and starches, that form clear, weather-resistant coatings for wood, paper, or metal.
6. Development of a dual-stretch method which improves the physical



Better Production



cal properties of cord made from cotton fiber, the result of research on tire cord.

7. Extension of the use of phenothiazine as a drug for livestock. Research has shown that it can be safely used for calves, and that wormy sheep taking regular small doses in their salt, show improvement from the medication.

Postwar Locker Plant Expansion Promised



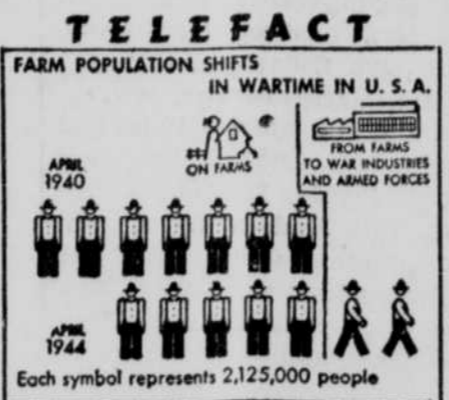
Model Locker Plants Increase.

As a result of prewar as well as successful wartime experience of farmers who have used frozen food lockers for quick freezing and storing of their surplus food supplies, a broad increase in construction of locker plants in farming communities is expected after the war, according to the National Frozen Food Locker association.

The frozen food locker industry, now operating more than two million individual storage units, serves one-fourth of America's farm families, and is making plans for further expansion.

Rental of lockers, in many cases, is far below the cost for low temperature refrigeration installed by individual farmers. Tests have proven that the quality of meats, fruits and vegetables can be maintained by properly regulated locker plants.

Not only do locker plants serve as a storage place for the needs of the farmer, but it is possible for him to develop a select retail trade, selling in winter direct from his locker supply.

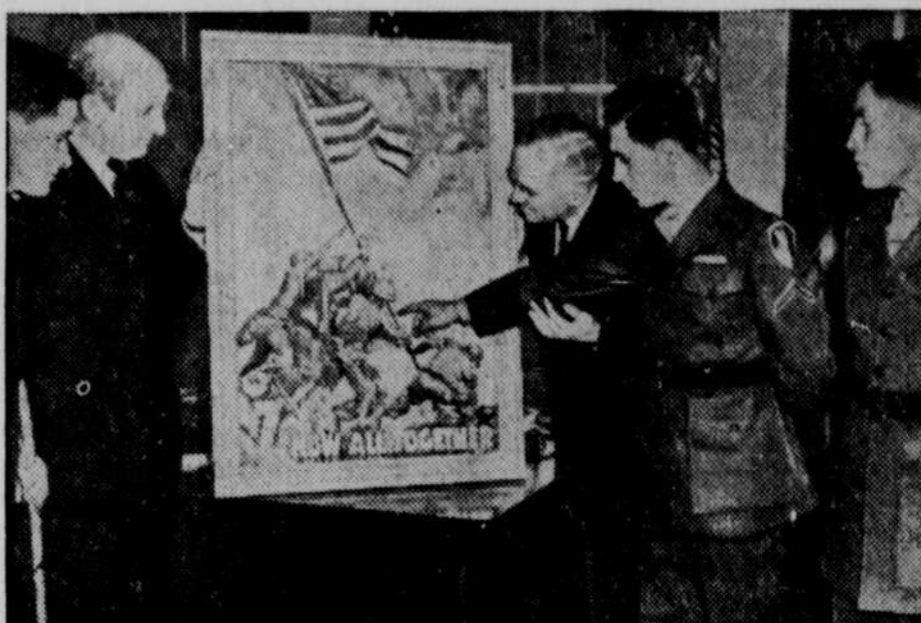


U. S. Delegates to Conference



The United States delegates to the San Francisco World Security conference are shown above. Top, left to right, Secretary Stettinius, Senator Vandenberg, Representative Bloom, and Cordell Hull. Lower, Commander Stassen, Representative Eaton, Senator Connally and Virginia Gildersleeve. Center, official emblem and view of home of the conference.

Flag Heroes Visit Truman



Heroes of flag raising on Iwo Jima look at oil painting of historic picture displayed by President Truman. Left to right: Pfc. M. 2/c John H. Bradley, Appleton, Wis., Secretary Henry Morgenthau, President Truman, Pfc. Rene Gagnon, Mass., Pfc. Ira Hayes, Bapchule, Ariz., as they visit in the President's office in the White House.

Substitute for Horse Power



Hooking his pet tiger to a plow, Melvin Coontz, Chatsworth, Calif., gentleman farmer, proceeds with his spring planting regardless of gas rationing or manpower shortage. Coontz declares the most primitive of the animal family takes to dirt farming like a veteran. The tiger, however, is not generally recommended as a farm animal.

Russian Army Invades Berlin



With infantrymen hanging on superstructures, powerful Red army tanks rumble through devastated streets of Berlin under a pall of smoke from burning buildings. This photo was radioed from Moscow to New York to Chicago and shows the damage done to the heart of Germany's greatest city. Much of the city was left in ruins.

Opens Conference



Photo shows Secretary of State Stettinius as he opened the United Nations Conference for World Security in the San Francisco War Memorial opera house. Delegates from 44 nations were present at the opening session of the conference.

Outstanding Mother



Mrs. Esther Stolnick, Brooklyn, who has been chosen as the outstanding mother of 1945. She is the mother of nine sons and two daughters, eight of her sons are in the armed forces. She is shown holding some of their decorations, including the Purple Heart.

To Head Air Forces



Lt. Gen. Barney M. Giles, upper, appointed commanding general of the army air forces in the Pacific, replacing Lt. Gen. Millard F. Harmon, reported missing on flight. Lt. Gen. Ira A. Eaker, lower, is the new deputy commander of the army air forces.

G.I. at Conference



At the request of Secretary of State Stettinius, Pvt. Alfred Lillenthal, New York City, has been selected by American Veterans committee to represent them at San Francisco.