

CAMP HALE SKI-ZETTE

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THE WAR THIS WEEK

Mussolini Resigns

Mussolini's resignation in Italy is the most outstanding news this week. Il Duce resigned all his government powers including his premiership. Why he did this is not known, but it is thought that he may have been asked to and under the circumstances could do nothing but comply. The former premier, who is almost 60 years old, ruled Italy for 21 years.

King Victor Emmanuel has appointed Marshal Pietro Badoglio as premier to head a military government. The King himself is the new chief of the armed forces. The Cabinet, which includes 11 civilians and five military men, hold the titles that Mussolini had taken for himself.

The country has been placed under martial law to prevent riots or disturbances of any kind. By order of the new premier all evidences of the Fascist regime have disappeared. Where Mussolini is and has been since his resignation is still a mystery. One report, unofficial, had it that he was caught by Italian officials while trying to escape to Germany.

So far the change in Italian government seems to have had little if any effect upon the war. Early unconfirmed reports were that the Nazis were hastily getting their air forces out of southern Italy, but there has been no further word about this. Marshal Badoglio himself seems to give the appearance of believing that the Italian war situation is not entirely hopeless.

In Sicily the fighting has progressed rapidly this past week as far as the American troops are concerned, and the stage is nearly set for the big Allied battle around Catania.

Palermo Taken

The Americans advanced 36 miles in 36 hours, which brought them within 15 miles of Palermo. Then, after an advance of 50 miles in 48 hours by U. S. Forces, Palermo fell to them. This engagement was carried out with the support of the air forces.

As the situation now stands all of the principal cities on the west coast of Sicily have been taken by the Americans who have started eastward to help the British at Catania. The Canadians are moving northward on the west edge of the Catania plain.

The British themselves have been fighting under very bad conditions. The Axis troops are situated so that they have the advantage of hill emplacements while the British are fighting on open ground. Then, too, the heat is terrific as the sun beats down 14 out of 24 hours each day, and the flies and mosquitoes are exceedingly thick. The Allied troops are now pushing in on the Catania plain.

Nazis Withdraw

In Russia the Soviets reported that the Nazis had begun to withdraw troops from Orel, under cover of strong counterattacks aimed north. The withdrawal was taking place along the secondary road leading southwest from the city, which is the only route that has not been cut or brought under bombardment by the Red Army artillery. The Soviets made it clear that the movement did not necessarily indicate a general retreat from Orel by the Nazis but that the enemy was removing troops that could no longer be supplied due to the reduced communications facilities.

Kiska suffered its seventh and heaviest bombardment of the month with both heavy and light units participating. Although the fire was returned there was no heavy damage. Then on Monday 64 tons of bombs were dropped on Kiska. The bombers encountered intense opposition.

In the Southwest Pacific the battle has continued for the Munda air base, held by the Japs on New Georgia Island. The American Infantry, with the aid of tanks which have

RECREATION BUILDING OPEN NEXT WEEK



Col. Bogan

Col. Chase

Lieut. Col. John A. Chase New Commander; Succeeds Col. Bogan, Camp's First Leader

Bob Pastor Leaves For Fort Logan

Pvt. Bob Pastor, former contender for the heavyweight boxing crown who has been stationed at Camp Hale, left Wednesday for Denver.

Private Pastor has been transferred to the Air Corps and will be stationed at Fort Logan, near Denver, as a permanent party man. He will be a physical instructor. While at Camp Hale Pastor coached the Camp Hale boxers and took them to the All-Service Men's tournament in Denver July 8, 9, and 10. At that time the former heavyweight contender announced his request for transfer to the Air Corps.

THOUGHTFUL PRISONER

TULSA, Okla.—(CNS)—A prisoner escaped from the city jail. Later he thoughtfully called the keepers to announce that he was 30 miles away. Aided by this considerate tip the police soon recaptured him.

The Gran'daddy of 'Em All!

"King of Swat" Comes Out To Make Brief Appearance in Service Tilt

By Sgt. Frank de Blois
CNS Sports Correspondent

The Grandfather of Them All made one of his frequent public appearances the other week. Wearing the old Number 3 he used to carry around on his back for the Yankees he minced up to the plate at Fenway Park, Boston, and clubbed a few long ones into the outfield. Then Babe Ruth went away, leaving intact the living legend he now has become.

Fat and 48, the Babe went to Boston to manage a team of Service Stars in an exhibition game against the Braves. Aided by the hitting of Ted Williams and Don Di Maggio, Ruth's team beat the Braves, 9 to 8, but the fans didn't care much about that. For them the highlight

of the day was a pre-game long range battling duel between the Babe and Williams in which Ruth, who hadn't had a bat in hand since last summer, came out second best. Williams parked three balls in the right field stands, but the best the Babe could do was skyrocket a few flies into the outfield. Ruth was the one who held the public eye, however, and every time he got hold of a fat one, the fans cheered themselves dizzy.

Archery Contest Here On August 8

William Teja of Camp Hale are being given a chance to show their skill on Sunday, Aug. 8th, but the target will be, not the apple on the boy's head but the bull's eye.

An archery contest will be conducted at 11th and C streets from 8:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. on that day. Anyone in camp is eligible to participate.

There will be two sections of contestants, one for beginners and one for experts. Also for those who have never shot with the bow and arrow but wish to try their skill, there will be another course.

The contest is being sponsored by the Special Services office of the 10th Light Division.

NATIVES SWAP WIFE FOR PIPE

GUADALCANAL.—(CNS)—Glenn Battison, with the See Bees here, wrote home for some pipes. "They are among the best articles for trading with the natives," he wrote his wife. "They will gladly trade a wife for a pipe."

Another look at the Bab out there at the plate made you wonder just how high the big fellow stood as a ball player. In your book he was always king of the hill, but then you never saw Ty Cobb or Honus Wagner or even Rogers Hornsby in his

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Eight Bowling Alleys, Twelve Game Tables Are Features of One of Finest Rec Halls To Be Found in Any Army Camp in Country

Lull of the Week

By Camp Newspaper Service
A bunch of instructors at an Army weather forecaster's school decided to hold a picnic on a certain day. It rained.

Leadville USO Provides Dark Room for GIs

"Send Your Voice Home" Department Also Functioning

For those camera fiends who like to develop and print their own pictures but have no place in which to do it, the Leadville USO has come to the rescue.

A dark room, complete with an enlarger, has been fixed up at the USO club room in Leadville. All those who know something about developing and printing are welcome to use it.

Another feature of this USO are the "Letters on Record." For only ten cents a soldier may have his voice recorded to send to the folks back home. Recordings are made on Saturdays from 9:00 p. m. on and from 4:00 till 5:00 p. m. on Sundays.

GIs who like to ride may make arrangements through the Director of the Leadville club to take an all-day trip up and around Mt. Elbert. Ping-pong and miniature pool may be played at the club. There are many newspaper and magazines for the readers.

The letters which have been pushed back all week may be written at the USO where there are plenty of writing materials and writing desks. Director of the club is Leo V. Burnett, and Secretary is Mrs. Gailard A. Tilmont.

Himber Orchestra Will Be at Hale

Fellows, you really have a treat in hand when Richard Himber and his orchestra appear in person at Camp Hale Tuesday, Aug. 3, for the Coca Cola Spotlight Band Program.

After more than a two-week appearance at Elitch Gardens he has achieved popularity in Denver which has spread throughout the state. Those who have danced at the Gardens to Mr. Himber's orchestra say, "It's the best band I've heard in a long time."

For you jitterbugs he certainly can swing it out; for you who love a romantic tune he plays the music of romance. His lovely vocalist will make you Camp Hale wolves howl in harmony.

If you're wise, soldiers, don't miss Richard Himber and his orchestra at the Field House in a pre-broadcast show from 7:00 to 7:30 Tuesday evening; the nationwide broadcast from 7:30 to 7:55. From 8:00 until 10:30, fellows, come on and dance to Richard Himber and his orchestra.

JUST CALL HIM CHARLIE

FL. SIL, Okla. (CNS)—When clerks asked Pvt. Charles Juslich for his full name he took a deep breath and—Well, his name's Karl Werner Rudulf Samuel Ben Jonas Israel Charles Cleve Juslich.

Hale Theater Dividends Made Possible Construction of \$18,000 Amusement Center for Enlisted Men and Officers

It was announced from Headquarters this week that the long-awaited Camp Hale Recreation Building is nearing completion and it is expected that the grand opening will be held next week, probably Tuesday or Wednesday.

The Rec Building is located just off Fifth Street, behind Theater No. 1. Although the exterior of the building now is not too prepossessing, the interior more than makes up for the present lack of outside beauty. Inside will be found eight of the most modern bowling alleys that money can buy. The alleys have automatic pinsetters, and the best in the way of pins and balls have been secured. In addition to the bowling alleys, there are to be nine pool tables, one billiard table, and two snooker tables. The billiard room and the bowling alleys are at opposite ends of the building. Between the two, in a separate room, will be the Recreation Building Canteen and soda fountain, and the cashier's office.

The heating system for the building is being installed, and will be in operation before cold weather sets in. The Rec Building has been furnished at a cost of approximately \$18,000, and was made possible by dividends from the Camp Theaters. The money spent by the soldiers of Hale for their movie entertainment has thus come back to them in the form of one of the finest Recreation Buildings in any Army camp.

Forest Fire Courses Given

Post Engineer To Give Lecture-Films

Capt. Floyd Stayner, Post Engineer, and Ralph Meager, Reservation Forester, are the guiding spirits behind an intensive campaign being put on in Camp Hale for the teaching of forest fire prevention and suppression methods.

On Monday evening of this week, 100 men of the Engineer Detachment were given two hours of practical instruction on the small hill opposite the Post Engineer's office. Capt. Stayner, Lt. Norris, Lt. Hansen, and Lt. Gladstein, all of the Engineers, took part in the instruction. A fire line was laid and fire trenches were dug to show the proper principles and technique of prevention and suppression of forest fires.

Beginning last Wednesday, a series of training films and lectures was begun at Building 346 by the Post Engineers on forest fires. The Friday film and lecture is to Turn to Page 2, Column 7

Shades of Izaak Walton!

Eighty Thousand Fingerlings Placed In Neighboring Lakes and Streams

The United States Forest Service, in conjunction with the Post Engineer at Camp Hale, began on Wednesday of this week a fish restocking program which should bring peasants of joy from every true devotee of the rod and reel.

Mr. Ralph Meager, who is attached to the Post Engineer office, and Ranger Everett Clocker were in charge of the beginning of an ambitious and arduous program of returning the lakes and streams of the reservation to a condition similar to that which obtained before the Army and civilization moved in.

Eighty thousand fingerlings were distributed Wednesday to Homestake Creek, East Fork of Eagle River, Yoder Creek, Mitchell Creek, Hunky Dosey Lake, Fancy Lake, Whitney



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