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Partisans Oust King Peter

High Command Division Seen

**LONDON (AP)**—With the forces of Marshal Josip Broz (Tito) battering the Nazis on all Yugoslav fronts, Tito's national council of liberation last night ordered King Peter's government-in-exile deprived of all rights, and "forbade" the king from returning to his homeland until it is liberated. The council issued a manifesto in which it declared that the exile government in Cairo has maintained "a hostile attitude" toward the battling patriots and has spread "lies and slanders" about Tito's guerrillas. Meanwhile, Tito's outnumbered men, spurred by an allied pledge of greater support, were on the offensive on all sectors after having beaten off big-scale German assaults in Croatia.

Russian Army Within Range Of Vitebsk; 20 Towns Taken

**LONDON, Thursday (AP)**—The Russian Baltic army, forcing its way across an important water barrier north of the Nazi base of Vitebsk, has wheeled its big guns within range of that city, killed several thousand Germans and captured 20 more populated places despite newly-reinforced German resistance that in one sector alone launched 16 counter-attacks, Moscow said today. Moscow dispatches said Gen. Ivan Bagramian's army was only 15 miles north of Vitebsk in its ten-day-old winter offensive and told of crossing the water barrier—perhaps the branch of the Obol river which runs just north of the town of Gorodok. Here, the dispatches said, several key strongpoints in the German defense system were captured and one large German formation was surrounded, losing 1,000 men in a vain effort to break the trap.

Allied Capture of 2 Main Nazi-Held Points Below Rome Near

**San Vittore, Ortona Under Bombardment By Advancing Troops**

**By WES GALLAGHER**  
**ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS (AP)**—Two principal strongholds in the German defense line below Rome—San Vittore and Ortona—were under intense assault by American and Canadian troops last night and announcement of the capture of either or both was expected momentarily. American infantry was reported to have fought its way into the outskirts of San Vittore, fortified village six miles southeast of the city of Cassino on the main inland highway to Rome, while Canadian tanks and infantry of the Eighth army had been fighting through the streets of Ortona, Adriatic anchor of the Nazi line, since Monday night. Seizure of San Vittore would open the way to Cassino and for the first time in many weeks give Lieut. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth army tanks a chance to take some of the terrific burden off the weary infantry, which has been struggling forward foot by foot through the mountains. A low plain spreads out beyond Cassino toward Rome, 70 miles away. Preceded by heavy artillery and mortar fire, American doughboys were methodically wiping out enemy pillboxes around San Vittore. The Nazis had fortified every house and natural obstacle in an effort to slow the advance. A flanking drive on Cassino from the northeast by American and French troops made progress through rugged terrain west of Filignano, American infantry was reported attacking the mountain village of Acquafonda, only about eight air-line miles from Cassino, after capturing a 3,000-foot peak in hard fighting. Cardito, four miles north of Acquafonda, also was under assault. On the Adriatic, Canadian infantry and tanks fought a roaring battle through the streets of Ortona. Normally a town of 9,000 population perched on a shelf 200 feet above the sea, Ortona had been turned into a veritable fortress by the defending Nazis. Until the Canadians fought their way into its southern edge Monday night the Germans had doggedly repulsed almost continuous attacks for two weeks. Ortona is only 11 miles from the coveted Italian port of Pescara, and with Ortona's fall the Eighth army was expected to make short work of Pescara's less formidable defenses. From that port a main highway cuts across the waist of Italy to Rome.

The Moscow midnight communique, recorded by the Soviet monitor from a broadcast, said a total of 1,600 more Germans were killed in the fighting as Nazi defense troops, fighting bitterly to hold their positions, sent 16 counter-attacks one after the other against Russian forces. "All these counter-attacks were repelled with heavy losses to the enemy," the communique said. "Advancing on the heels of the retreating enemy our troops captured several populated places." The Russian advance in this area was markedly slower as the Germans were reported moving in fresh tank units and large forces of planes. Previous Russian announcements said the advance had taken almost 100 populated places daily since the offensive began with a major break-through on Dec. 13. In three other sectors of the 800-mile front the Germans were counter-attacking with strong forces. Twenty-five thousand German troops and more than 100 tanks struck out on a narrow sector in the Zhlobin area of southern White Russia but wilted against the determined fire of Russian artillery and anti-tank rifles.

**Rail Confab Fails to Halt Strike Threat**  
**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Railroad management representatives and leaders of the five operating brotherhoods failed yesterday to reach an agreement but reported progress toward settlement of the wage dispute which has brought the threat of a strike Dec. 30 by all organized rail workers. A joint conference on counter-proposals submitted by the brotherhoods broke up shortly after six o'clock with the announcement that another session would be held today. The carrier representatives caucused privately during the afternoon, presumably to discuss the employees' counter-demands for a wage increase of 64 cents a day, vacation pay, overtime after 40 hours for the yardmen and away-from-home expenses for the men who ride the trains. J. M. Fitzgerald, public relations representative for the carriers, told newsmen "I would say progress was made," although agreement was not reached on any one point. He said "we were discussing features that might promote a meeting of the minds." Meanwhile, the government refrained from intervening in the dispute involving more than one million non-operating employees who also have authorized a strike Dec. 30.

Eisenhower, Marshall Slated For New Roles in Allied Plan

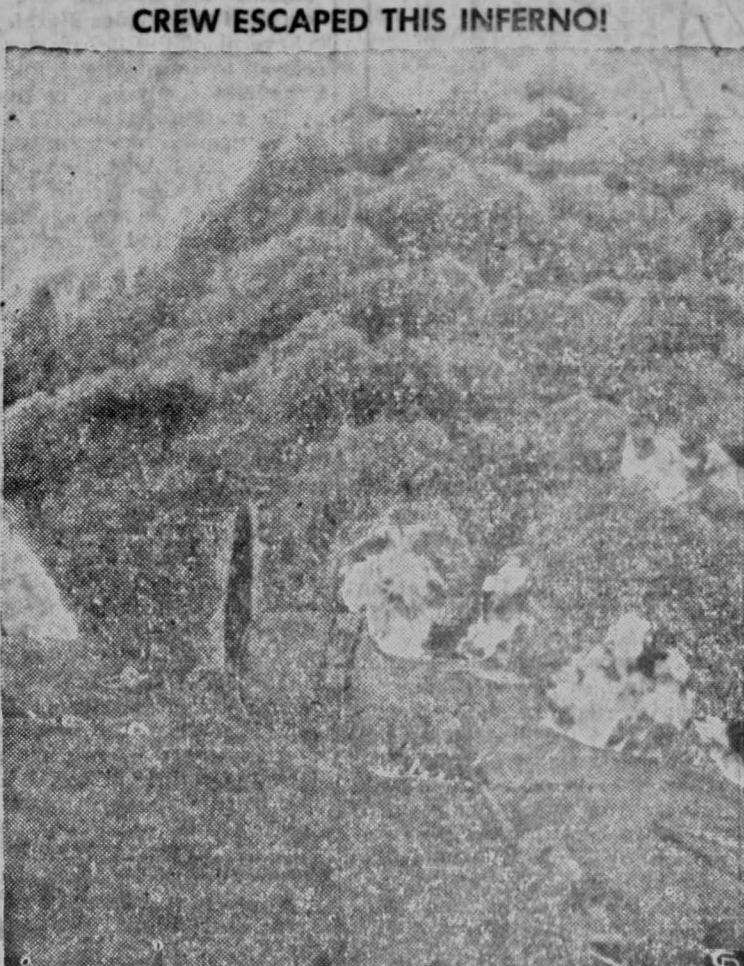
**LONDON (AP)**—A grand division of the allied command appeared possible last night, with Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower commander-in-chief for the western European invasion, a British officer commander-in-chief for the Mediterranean and Gen. George C. Marshall retaining a high and perhaps heightened staff position with both the European and Pacific wars. General Eisenhower's emergence as likely top commander for the leap from the west coincided with disclosure of General Marshall's tour of the southwest Pacific war theater. This inspection, on which Marshall went directly from the middle east conferences of the supreme allied leaders in a trip around the whole of the world, sharply emphasized his global position, and particularly his responsibility for a phase of the war in which American public interest exceeds the British at present—the war against Japan.

U. S. Heavy Bombers Hit North Germany, Down 38 Nazi Planes

**LONDON (AP)**—Hundreds of American heavy bombers and their fighter escort struck northwest Germany, their favorite target, yesterday and destroyed 38 enemy fighters in the U.S. Eighth air force's tenth attack on the Reich's great ship-building and industrial area since Nov. 1. A continental radio blackout last night indicated that the RAF might be continuing the aerial bombardment after dark. Twenty-one of the U.S. bombers and four American fighters failed to return from the mission, which was conducted in high altitude in temperatures as low as 52 degrees below zero. A brief communique from the Eighth air force did not specify the day's targets but the crewmen from the participating Liberators and Fortresses said they scored hits on the nose, although forced to bomb through a layer of clouds. The size of the losses on both sides indicated that yesterday's operation was comparable in size with the Eighth air force's 500-bomber blow at Bremen Monday, when 40 Nazi planes were knocked down and 25 U.S. heavy bombers and eight fighters were lost.

The American raiding force yesterday struck at a strongly defended area. At the same time RAF Mosquitos, Bostons and Typhoons, escorted by RAF Spitfires and allied fighters in great force crossed the channel for a separate attack on what was officially described only as "military objectives." The planes, which went out in such quantities that it appeared to be one of the greatest sustained cross-channel assaults of the war, returned with four missing. Some sources suggested they might have been attacking the Nazis' secret rocket-gun emplacements for the third consecutive day as they streamed into France and back until dark. In the raid by American heavies over Germany yesterday the first crews back reported only medium anti-aircraft fire as they approached their targets and bombed through the overcast.

**Admits Des Moines Holdup**  
**DES MOINES (AP)**—Detective Chief Paul Castelline said last night that Dock Lynch, 29, Negro, had admitted holding up Anthony DeCicco, Des Moines grocer, and robbing him of \$175 early yesterday.



CREW ESCAPED THIS INFERNO!

**EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE CREW** escaped safely from this blazing Flying Fortress when it crash landed near Pittsburgh. Four of them jumped with their parachutes, but the other four "rode" the bomber to a "belly landing" and got out as the 1,100 gallons of gasoline aboard the plane exploded and burned.



DIVIDED THEY SHALL FALL!

**THIS IS THE WAR PATTERN** for tomorrow. As the U.S. and Britain rush plans for invasions, pledged at Teheran, this mapograph provides a visual short-cut to the blueprint for "quick victory" over Germany. Stalin presented a realistic picture of the problem. There are some 225 Nazi divisions on the Russian fronts. There were, at the time, about 48 divisions on the entire Italian, Balkan and south of France fronts and some 44 divisions on the western front. Stalin argued: If 50 or more of the 225 divisions are drawn to other fronts, the Red forces could crack quickly through and crush the Nazis. A thrust across the English channel would force the Nazis to withdraw vast forces. Invasions through southern France; progress of the Italian campaign and threats to the Balkans would draw a smaller—but nevertheless important—number of troops. Hence the assurance of a channel invasion when the hour strikes and the step-up of activity in other areas of the continent.

Nazis Threaten Reprisals for Kharkov Executions

**LONDON (AP)**—Angered by the Kharkov war criminal trials and executions, Germany last night threatened to "prosecute" some American and British prisoners of war—perhaps including airmen. One Berlin broadcast quoting political circles in the bombed capital hinted that American and British fliers captured after they parachuted from damaged planes over Germany would be held before military courts and charged with "war crimes." An official statement issued by the DNB news agency on the Russian trials, asserted that British-American prisoners guilty of "a serious breach of international law" shortly would be dealt with by military courts. It also sought to connect Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt with the Russian trials.

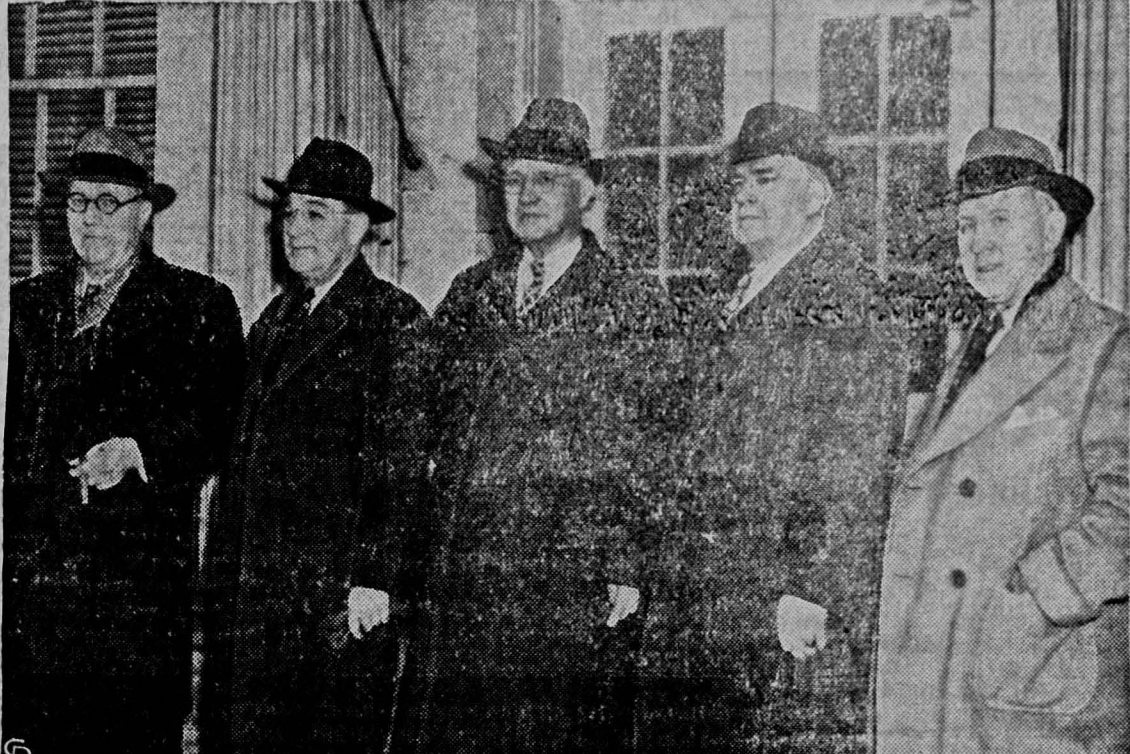
**Press Campaign**  
A German press campaign is being waged against several American fliers captured Nov. 20 in a raid on Bremen and accused of having "murder, incorporated" written on their uniforms. Using this and the name "Home Block Busters," said to have been borne by another American squadron, to support its case, the German press said it now has been proved that gangsters control the

American airforce and that they are using gangland methods in air warfare. It was pointed out here that if the planes and crews actually did bear such names it would indicate nothing more than the flippancy of young soldiers who in the same vein have given their planes such names in American slang as "Boomtown" and "Susie Q." At one time there was an American Flying Fortress named "Murder, Incorporated" operating from England and it is possible that the ship was shot down, and the crew captured.

U. S. Ground Forces Extend, Consolidate Positions at Beachhead on New Britain

**ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NEW GUINEA, Thursday (AP)**—American ground forces have extended and consolidated their positions at Arawe, New Britain, in the face of stubborn night and day Japanese air attacks which cost the enemy at least 16 planes. Lieut. Gen. George C. Kenney's Fifth air force dropped 205 tons of bombs on the Japanese air-dromes and supply dumps in the Cape Gloucester area, western New Britain, hiking the total of explosives laid on this vital enemy center across Dampier strait from New Guinea to more than 2,000 tons since Dec. 1. Nearly 100 enemy divebombers and fighters participated in the attacks on Arawe from before dawn Tuesday to mid-afternoon. Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique today said that besides the 12 divebombers and four fighters downed, one more divebomber and two fighters were probably destroyed.

MEET WITH PRESIDENT TO AVERT THREATENED RAILROAD STRIKE



**IN AN EFFORT** to avert the threatened strike of the five operating railroad brotherhoods, President Roosevelt calls leaders of the unions and of the nation's railroads to the White House for a conference. Presidents of the brotherhoods are pictured, left, as they arrived. Left to right are T. C. Cassen, switchmen's union; H. M. Frasher, railway conductors; A. F. Whitney, railroad trainmen; Alvanley Johnston, locomotive engineers; D. B. Robertson, firemen and enginemen. At right are J. J. Aronson, left, of the New York Central railroad, and J. J. Pelley, president of the Association of American Railways, representing management.

**DON'T BLAME ME IF YOU'RE LATE!**  
**ONLY 2 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT**







# Wealthy Cafe Society Figure Arrested on Conspiracy Charge

NEW YORK (AP)—An anonymous tip to the FBI led to the arrest yesterday of German-born Gert Hans von Gontard, 37, alias George Grant, a wealthy cafe society figure identified by federal officials as a grandson of the late Adolphus Busch, St. Louis brewer, on a complaint charging conspiracy to evade military service.

The complaint named an army lieutenant, formerly a city detective; a chief clerk of a New York City draft board, a German refugee physician, and a manufacturer of army uniforms as being parties to the making of false statements to indicate Von Gontard's non-liability for military duties.

They were listed in the complaint as Lieut. Francis Xavier Grottano, 37, an army intelligence officer stationed at Governor's island, N. Y.; John Edward Wilson, chief clerk of local draft board No. 20; Dr. Arnold Aaron Hutschnecker, 45, Manhattan physician accused of faking a medical history for Von Gontard, and Michael Mangano, 43, an official of the G. M. uniform company of Brooklyn.

1941, but that in July, 1941, he had requested the California draft board to place him in class 2 or 3 on the grounds that he was supporting a wife and was essential in war work.

In an occupational questionnaire in 1942, Cregan said, Von Gontard described himself as "thoroughly at home camping, an experienced horseman, experienced in Alaskan expeditions, adept at handling horses and pack mules and a member of the National Ski Association of America."

Von Gontard, who lived at first-rank New York hotels, had been under investigation since May, 1943, when an anonymous complaint to the FBI asserted that he had made a \$500 payment to a physician for advice to enable him to avoid the draft.

Cregan said that Dr. Hutschnecker, who has offices on Park avenue, came here as a refugee from Germany in 1933 and took out first papers for citizenship the day after his arrival.

Each defendant, if convicted by a federal grand jury, would face imprisonment for five years and a fine of \$10,000.



GEN. GEORGE C. MARSHALL is slated for a newer, bigger role in the allied high command, according to reports from London. General Marshall's new post will probably deal with the Atlantic and Pacific war theaters, the dispatch said.

## INVASION PLANNER?

### THREAT—

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propaganda minister, labeled British-American airmen "Huns of the air" and the German press printed a "rogues gallery" type of picture of an American airman whose flying jacket was said to have borne the words "Murder, Incorporated."

### Nazi Threat Called Chiefly Propaganda

WASHINGTON (AP)—Germany's threat to "deal with Anglo-Saxon prisoners who are accused of having committed grave violations of international law" is believed here to be chiefly for home propaganda consumption.

In the first place, international law puts in entirely different categories American and British aviators who carry out military operations over German cities and Nazi soldiers and Gestapo men who murder innocent civilians.

For another thing, the United States has three times as many German war prisoners as Germany holds Americans—should the Nazis choose to disregard international law.

Rudolph Hess, number three Nazi who flew to England in the spring of 1941 with a peace plea, is still in jail there. There have been reports that the Russians are pressing for a trial of Hess, but no move has yet been announced.

### Lieut. William Dyess, Army Airforce Hero Killed in Plane Crash

BUREAU, Calif. (AP)—Lieut. Col. William E. Dyess, army air force hero of the Philippines campaign who escaped a Japanese prison camp, was killed yesterday in the crash of his P-38 fighter.

His plane out of control, burst into flames, and sheared off the steeple of a church before stopping in the driveway of a residence.

A witness, Howard C. Gowman, service station operator, told army investigators Colonel Dyess might have made a safe landing in a vacant lot except for his attempt to save a passing motorist who was in his path.

Colonel Dyess of Albany, Tex., had taken the fighter plane from Grand Central airport. Motor trouble developed and he swung around and had started back when the plane ignited.

### KATE SMITH REHEARSES YULE SONG



KATE SMITH, radio singer, who annually treats her ether audience to old Christmas musical favorites, is here shown rehearsing "Silent Night, Holy Night" with the famed Paulist choir in New York. She will feature the beloved, old song Christmas Eve. (International)

## Opinion

### On and Off Campus

QUESTION: DO YOU THINK THAT IOWA CITY SHOULD BE RUN ON THE MANAGERIAL PLAN?

Ralph L. Parsons, insurance company owner: "The mayor said it should be. It wouldn't hurt to try it. It seems to be successful in some towns. Much depends on who the manager is."

Vivian Kershner, clerk: "It's worked all right in West Liberty and some other small towns. It puts the town on a business basis."

Earl Gilpin, paint store manager: "I don't think so. I think the town is fine the way it is."

Mrs. Francis R. Bendure, housewife: "I think the town is run all right now."

Elmer Hakanson, grocery store manager: "I don't think a town this size needs one. I think a mayor with a good city council can get along very nicely."

A. M. Ewers, shoe store owner: "I think the city is run pretty well now."

Mrs. Walter Reynolds, hobby shop owner: "I do in some respects because I know of two towns that have been very successful with such a plan. The manager should be a man really equipped to manage. In a place the size of Iowa City it would work out nicely."

## Ella L. Sanders Rites To Be This Afternoon

The funeral service for Ella L. Sanders, 96, who died Tuesday night, will be held at Beckman's this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

A pioneer resident of Iowa City, Miss Sanders has resided at 329 E. Brown street, for 40 years.

A member of the Baptist church for 80 years, Miss Sanders is survived by several nieces and nephews.

The Rev. Elmer E. Dierks will conduct the service. Burial will be in Oakland cemetery.

Shakespeare was the father of twins, Hamnet and Judith.

The Columbia is sometimes called "The Achilles of Rivers."

## Woman Dies After Fall

Mrs. Ella Kline, 1316 Muscatine avenue, died here yesterday after suffering a broken neck.

Mrs. Kline fell down a flight of cellar stairs at 3:30 yesterday afternoon at her home.

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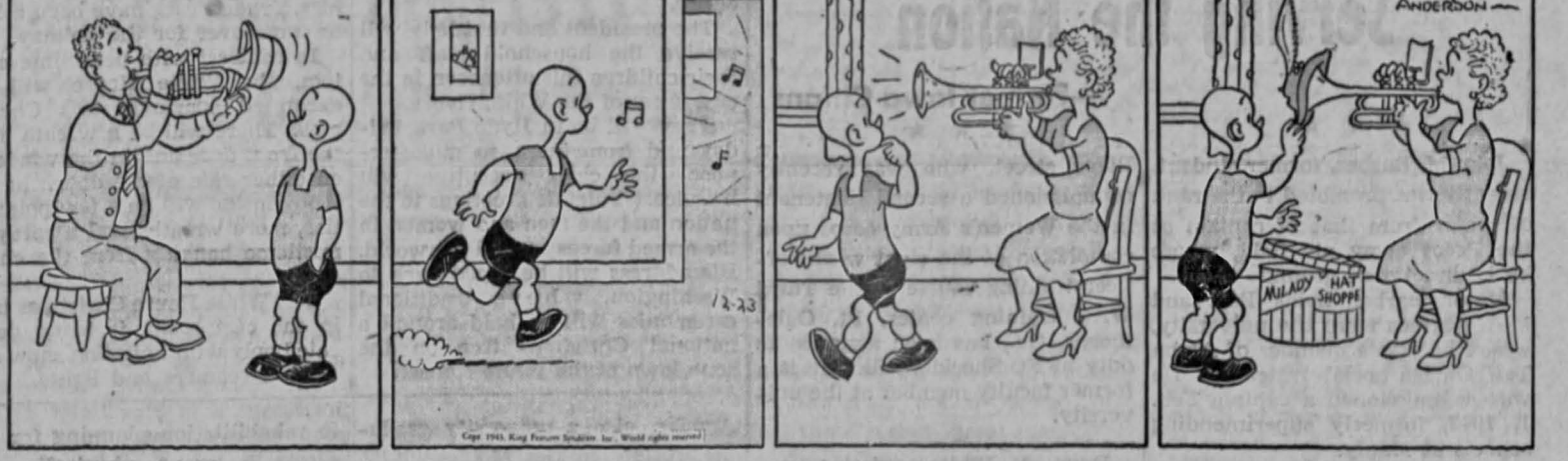
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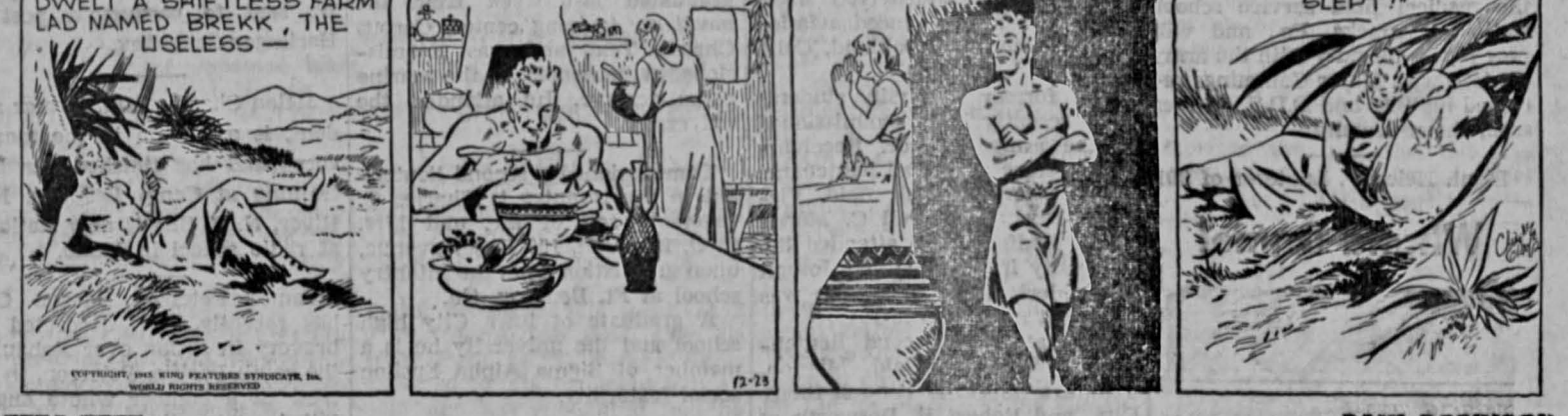
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