

sea," the admiral said.
Comdr. Blanchard explained
the mechanics of the contest in
which the eight competing coun-

It Can Happen! Troops Will See Sally in Clothes

NEW YORK—(U.P.)— Sally Rand
said a war-harried government
was having to make a ticklish
decision by announcing that she
would go to North Africa to en-
tertain troops only as a "fully
clothed trouper."
That stand put an end to a con-
troversy developing in the war
department, the FBI, and the
USO over her application to go
abroad as an "entertainer," classi-
fication unspecified.
If anyone had asked me I
would have told them that never,
never, for the sake of my four
brothers would I fan dance under
military jurisdiction," Miss Rand
said. "Even if generals and col-
onels asked me I wouldn't go fan
dancing through military reserva-
tions. I can just hear the snide
little blue nose mothers would
say about their poor boys not
being subjected to the horrors of
war but also to a hussy."

Operators Propose Alternative Coal Wage Agreement

WASHINGTON—(U.P.)— Appa-
lachian coal operators have pro-
posed to the war labor board an
alternative nationwide coal wage
agreement, calling for a 7 1/4-hour
basic work-day. The proposal,
their spokesman said, would meet
increased production demands and
boost miners' wages an average of
84 cents a day.
A plan was offered at a WLB
hearing on the United Mine Work-
ers-Illinois operators proposed
agreement, which would raise
basic wages \$1.75 a day. The illi-
nois agreement was opposed by
R. C. Ireland, jr., spokesman for
the Northern Appalachian opera-
tors, calling for an unjustifi-
able wage hike which would not
appreciably increase production,
as it would lengthen the paid time
from 7 to 8 1/4 hours, but this would
include underground travel time.

Betty Grable Ready To Wait for Hubby

HOLLYWOOD—(U.P.)— Blond
Betty Grable, "pin-up girl" to
thousands of service men, is pre-
pared to wait at home if her
bandleader husband Harry James
is drafted, she said.
"If Harry is called it will come
as no surprise to us," she ex-
plained. "That is why we wanted
to be married as soon as possible
and have as much time together
as we could."
The actress recently announced
she will become a mother in
April.
James' draft board in Shaw-
mont, Tex., has notified him the
three-month deferment obtained
for him by M-G-M studios ex-
pired Oct. 1. He is now subject

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS.

Southwest Pacific—(U.P.)—Season-
ed Australian troops hurried back
repeated Japanese attacks in the
jungles above Finschhafen, New
Guinea, a communique reported
today, while Allied airmen raked
enemy shipping and air bases all
along the vast southwest Pacific
battleground.
Fierce fighting raged on the up-
per Huon peninsula, where two
Japanese columns were aiming at
the Australian defenses around
Sattelberg, 10 miles northwest of
Finschhafen, and on the coast,
three miles north of the port.
HOLDING FAST
A spokesman at Gen. Douglas
MacArthur's headquarters revealed
that the Japanese, resorting to
every trick of jungle warfare, had
made some small gains—mostly by
filtering through the Australian
lines under cover of darkness.
All frontal attacks have been
repulsed, however, and the Aus-
tralians are holding fast, he said.
He revealed that the Japanese
attacks were designed to extricate
their Sattelberg forces from an Al-
lied trap, rather than the recep-
ture of Finschhafen, as earlier re-
ports had suggested.
"This action obviously is not an
attempt by the Japanese to recap-
ture Finschhafen," he said. "They
merely are trying to reach the sea
to establish communication with
their rear base."
DELAYING ACTION
The spokesman's comment indi-
cated that the Japanese were ex-
pected to fight a delaying action
on the Huon peninsula to slow
up the Allied advance toward
Madang, 145 miles to the north-
west. An Australian column has
been driving overland in a flank-
ing attack on Madang for several
weeks and last was reported with-
in about 15 miles of the base.
Thirty Japanese planes attack-
ed the Australian positions before
dawn Wednesday in a six-hour
foray that caused only minor
damage and casualties. Five and prob-
ably seven Japanese planes that
attempted a daylight raid on the
same area were shot down at a
loss of one Allied fighter. The
pilot of that plane was rescued.
Allied planes countered the at-
tacks, dive bombing and strafing
enemy troops in the battle area
and raking up the New Guinea
coast to hamper communications
lines just south of Madang.

Religious Foundation Says Charges Against Him Are "Definitely False"

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Railroad Union Heads Discuss Strike Vote

CHICAGO—(U.P.)— Union lead-
ers representing 244,000 employ-
ees of the nation's major railroads
met today to decide whether to
take a strike vote.
The meeting was called by the
five brotherhoods of operating
railroad workers to decide wheth-
er to accept a 4 cent hourly wage
increase recommended by the
government. Employees involved
are engineers, conductors, switch-
men, carmen, trainmen and
service employees.

Suggestions from SHERWIN-WILLIAMS

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