

WASHINGTON Calling

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favorably to senate finance committee by three-man subcommittee studying it.

Treasury's withholding tax may be shelved. Reason: Complex administrative difficulties.

(But if Rum plan were accompanied by provision for, say, monthly income-tax installments, some of the ends sought by treasury in a tax-at-source might be achieved.)

Are Voters Sore? Maybe Not

RECENT PRIMARIES have convinced congressmen the voters aren't so sore after all.

Results in 23 states, which will elect 270 house members Nov. 3, show only 12 incumbents defeated against 247 renominated. That's a casualty rate under 5 per cent. (Remainder of the 270 are retiring voluntarily, or unseated by the new reapportionment.)

Attempted purges of pre-Pearl Harbor isolationists have had inconspicuous success. Prospect is for a congress of little different complexion from present one.

WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENTS are being polled by magazine Look to select 10 men in government whose resignations would be most benefit to war effort. Good guess: Harry Hopkins will be near top of list.

Back in Time to Campaign

WILLKIE PLANS to return from Russia and Middle East about Oct. 15—in time to take part in political campaigns.

EASTERN SEABOARD blackouts haven't been 100 per cent successful because headlights of supervisors' cars can't be dimmed sufficiently. Priority trouble prevents equipping cars with army-approved dimout lamps.

Blame Mr. Farley

AVAILABLE—for political use: One unused buildup.

Oscar Ross Ewing, Hoosier-born New York lawyer who was a special assistant attorney general in the recent Indianapolis trial that produced a 15-year sentence for William Dudley Peery, Silver Shirt leader, was pushed for this assignment by Democratic National Chairman Ed Flynn. Flynn's idea: That the publicity would serve a useful end.

Flynn had Ewing in mind as a compromise candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor of New York.

OPA, like WFB, is beset with internal troubles, some of them centering in office of John E. Hamm, senior deputy director. One sore spot: Iron and steel division, from which two executives resigned this week.

Some of OPA's wiser heads want a separate administration to handle all scrap-iron matters—co-ordinating activities of half-dozen agencies now directing acquisition, allocation, pricing.

NO. 1 DANGER SPOT on labor front: Plants of Aluminum Co. of America, whose 32,000 workers were denied any wage increase in 8-4 decision of war labor board.

The Far West at War

Memos from a staff member touring the west—

Barrage balloons float overhead in Pacific northwest. . . . Trains block out far back from coast. . . . Camouflage, sand boxes in streets, provide warlike atmosphere. . . . Air-mail schedules are military secret; patrons have to guess. . . .

Though far northwest is heart of lumber industry, it has a firewood as well as a fuel-oil shortage. . . . One reason: Shortage of labor. Another: Lumber companies are converting waste into steam to run other industrial plants. . . . People are urged to cut own firewood.

Two Oregon isolationist congressmen, Angel and Mott, renominated but face stiff race in November. . . . Democratic opponents expected to get many Republican protest votes.

Seattle taxi drivers refuse long hauls, lecture passengers whose trips seem unessential, urge more walking. . . .

Portland League of Women Voters pick beans in 90-degree heat. . . . Each member pledged a week's work. . . . No other labor available to save crop. . . . Bankers help in Washington fields. . . .

Aircraft executives froth at mention of Henry J. Kaiser. . . . Say he can't build cargo planes without raiding their plants for know-how and skilled labor.

Boeing Aircraft has built some 100,000 special tools since war program started. . . . Most of them designed to simplify production processes; permit use of less-skilled labor.

The dirigibles have gone to war. . . . Kaiser shipyards fit light bulbs into them, use them as reflectors for night work.

Chalk up another "first" for Kaiser's Oregon shipbuilding Corp.: Mrs. Walter Harris, Negro wife of a janitor at the yard, christened a Liberty ship.

Forecast Flying Fortresses Bombing of Berlin Soon

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slow and carried an inefficiently light bomb load.

The United States army air force fortresses now in action are new types. They are expertly manned, fast, heavily armored, so heavily gunned that they are already the dread of enemy fighter pilots, and so tough that they can come home shot full of holes.

Further, unlike the first fortresses which came to Britain, they have the secret bomb sight which has permitted them to bomb targets so accurately that allied fighter pilots who accompany them are amazed.

In their first raid Monday, on Rouen, the fortresses dropped their entire bomb load on selected railroad targets in an area of 300 yards from high altitude. In their next raid, on Abbeville Wednesday, they itself by daylight.

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NELSON REPORTS ON PRODUCTION

Three and One-half Times Greater Than November, WPB Chief Says.

(Continued from Page One) question was the production of combat aircraft. He stressed that WFB was taking every step possible to see that materials were flowing to factories manufacturing such planes.

Supply Improves

"The flow of materials is getting better and better all the time," he added.

Regarding the WFB "housecleaning," Mr. Nelson said that he wanted WFB made up of the best men in the country and if he found that his associates and subordinates were not the best in the country they were going to be dropped.

He reported that the overall materials picture was "good" although WFB officials were working to see that they got the needed materials from mines and scrap.

The WFB chief said that "millions of dollars" of materials had been taken out of unbalanced inventories held by some companies. He estimated that 160,000,000 pounds of copper alone had been taken from inventories and more than a million tons of steel had been taken from "distress" stocks of factories closed by limiting orders.

Seeks Program Balance

Asked if the nation was going to make it production goals, he replied:

"We are not going to give up trying."

Mr. Nelson said that the "big job ahead of us right now is to bring our program into balance and make sure that we use our materials and facilities as wisely as possible."

"We must speed up the slow items and slow down the fast ones so that the unbalance which now marks part of the program is brought into adjustment," he said.

Referring to the work stoppages and plant shutdowns, Mr. Nelson said that they were "sporadic, not general."

Assails Steel Branch Critics

Mr. Nelson described as "absolutely untrue" charges that the WFB iron and steel branch is made up of steel salesmen.

Commenting on the discharge of a WFB engineering consultant after a forecast of his criticisms of the steel program had been published, Mr. Nelson said:

"One thing we have to have in WFB is a lot of people making reports. We don't want to clamp a censorship on anyone. But I have the right to insist that reports go to me before they go to the press."

Kaiser's Proposal Studied, Says Nelson

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22 (U.P.)—The principal bottleneck in cargo plane-construction is difficulty in obtaining engines, WFB Chief Donald M. Nelson said today.

He told a press conference that every consideration is being given shipbuilder Henry J. Kaiser's proposal for construction of 500 flying freighters.

He emphasized, however, that "there never was any intention of issuing a letter of intent to Kaiser, or awarding a contract, until we know for sure that the plan is feasible."

REPORT JUGOSLAV GUERRILLA RAIDS

LONDON, Aug. 22 (U.P.)—Private Jugoslav advisors reported today that Gen. Draja Mikhailovich's guerrilla air force has attacked an axis garrison at Banjaluka and a German troop column, inflicting many casualties.

The report said that in the attack on Banjaluka, Pilot Rudi Cajevas, the first airman to join the Jugoslav guerrilla air force, was killed.

For more than six months before the guerrillas obtained additional planes, Cajevas operated as a "lone eagle."

It was understood that the guerrilla force now has 15 planes and that a pilot of the Croat air force has deserted with his plane to Mikhailovich.

In reprisal for the Jugoslav attacks, it was reported, Italian planes destroyed the town of Kljuc after Mikhailovich forces had captured it.

SEES INCREASING AIR RAIDS ON NAZIS

SWANSEA, England, Aug. 22 (U.P.)—Air Minister Sir Archibald Sinclair forecast today that Anglo-American airpower in the next few months will hurl a "ruthless" offensive against the heart of Germany.

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842 JAPS DEAD IN TWO BATTLES

Marines Win Victories on Solomons, Gilbert Raid Called Success.

(Continued from Page One) sank a gunboat and a small transport, crippled the small Japanese garrison and then withdrew, their mission accomplished.

Second in command in the Gilbert battle, it was revealed, was President Roosevelt's son, Maj. James Roosevelt. He was unscathed in the action.

Japanese planes, sent under emergency orders to aid the enemy forces on Makin Island, bombed their own men and installations in their excitement. Marine losses were described as "moderate," considering the nature of the engagement, which was a daring assault on a strongly-held enemy base in face of direct fire from the beach.

Lieut. Col. Evans F. Carlson, formerly American military observer in China, commanded the marines in the attack with Comm. John M. Haines leading the naval support force.

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Skirmishes Fought Daily

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced the American victories in two communiques issued at his headquarters here where the Pacific war began in the Japanese sneak attack Dec. 7, said that in the southern Solomons the Japanese had been driven back into the jungle and the hills which rise sharply a few miles inland in the volcanic islands.

There are daily skirmishes, Admiral Nimitz said, in which both sides are suffering casualties.

But it was clearly indicated that the Japanese losses were astonishingly high in proportion to those of the marines and that as had been hoped, the Solomons offensive had become an historic American victory.

Navy Works Over Wide Area

Close-mouthed Admiral Nimitz in the first communiques he had issued since the first days of the Solomons offensive, which opened Aug. 7, made it plain that the United States Pacific fleet, which the Japanese intended to wipe out in their sneak attack, is now doing its full job.

Makin is 2400 miles southwest of Hawaii and 1275 miles northeast of the Tulagi area of the Solomons. It is 3000 miles from the Aleutians where the navy and the army air force are operating against enemy bases.

Marines in the Solomons are under the command of Maj. Gen. Alexander A. Vandegrift. Admiral Nimitz declared that they are adding "another page to history by their outstanding achievement." He reported two battles to death on the Solomons this week.

Two Battles Reported

On Wednesday the marines, with the loss of six men killed and 13 wounded, wiped out a Japanese detachment of 92 officers and men, who fought until the last man was killed.

Thursday night the Japanese landed a force of about 700 well-armed troops from high speed boats and attempted to break through marine lines to assist the Japanese already on one of the islands, which Adm. Nimitz did not name.

For the rest of the night, there was hand-to-hand fighting. When daylight came one battalion held the front line against the Japs, while a second moved to the flank and forced the Japanese back to the beach. By late afternoon, 670 of the Japanese were dead and the rest were prisoners. Marine losses were 28 killed and 72 wounded.

Only about half as many deaths occur at intersections where there are no lights. But Capt. Troutman declares it is unbelievable the number of pedestrians who simply pay no attention to "Cross with the green light." There's a large number, too, who refuse to see the pedestrian lane marked for their protection. And the pedestrian often conveniently forgets that it is his business to keep an eye open for cars coming around the corner on the "go" signal.

Tell No Tales

"Stay out from behind cars" is another cardinal rule. Almost 8 per cent of the nation's pedestrians didn't pay attention to that one last year and didn't live to tell the tale.

Around five per cent of the pedestrian deaths last year were children playing in the streets. Safety officials and police are after that problem through safety education in the schools.

It's really the oldsters that have them puzzled.

Traffic rules for motorists are far more complex than those for pedestrians, they point out, so that there is comparatively small excuse for the walker who is injured in traffic through his own carelessness.

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McClure Joins Indiana Central

A NATIVE HOOISER, S. M. McClure will head the chemistry department at Indiana Central college when the fall semester opens.

He was named successor to Dr. James H. Sample, who has accepted a similar position at Franklin college.

The appointment was announced by Dr. I. J. Good, president of the college, who also named Miss Mabel L. Schureman of Ludington, Mich., as librarian. Miss Schureman will replace Miss Mildred Forney, who has been appointed assistant librarian at Manchester college.

Mr. McClure, who was born at New Albany, where he graduated from high school, comes from Lebanon, Ill. His 20 years as an instructor also included McHenry college, Lebanon, Ill., and most recently the Ball State Teachers college, Muncie.

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