

WASHINGTON Calling

A Weekly Sizeup by the Washington Staff of the Scripps-Howard Newspapers

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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 Ruml plan was 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

WILLIE 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 bulldog.

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 Pelley, 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 WPB, 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 black 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. . . . Kaiser shipyards fit light bulbs into them as they are used 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.

NELSON REPORTS ON PRODUCTION

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

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question was the production of combat aircraft. He stressed that WPB 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 WPB "housecleaning," Mr. Nelson said that he wanted WPB 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 WPB officials were working to see that they got the needed materials from mines and scrap.

The WPB 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" stockpiles of factories closed by limiting orders.

Seeks Program Balance

Asked if the nation was going to make its 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 his 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 WPB iron and steel branch is made up of steel salesmen.

Commenting on the discharge of a WPB 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 WPB 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, WPB 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 Yugoslav advisers reported today that Gen. Draja Mihailovich's guerrilla air force has attacked an axis garrison at Banjaluka and a German troop column, inflicting many casualties.

The reports said that in the attack on Banjaluka, Pilot Rudi Cajevas, the first airman to join the Yugoslav 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 Mihailovich.

In reprisal for the Yugoslav attacks, it was reported, Italian planes destroyed the town of Kijuc after Mihailovich 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.

Sinclair said that 1000-plane attacks on Germany will become increasingly frequent.

"The factories will send us a swelling flow of bombers during the coming months," he said. "The Americans are coming—now, they are already here. In a few months time the four-figure raid will be a less infrequent occurrence."

Led Rangers



Capt. Roy Murray of Berkeley, Cal., who led United States soldiers in Dieppe raid.

STOP AND LOOK—U. S. NEEDS YOU

Pedestrians on Increase; Will Traffic Toll Also Boom?

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and their kin chuck their old "constitutional rights" notion and realize that it just doesn't fit in with the modern traffic conditions. What they want is the acceptance of a sensible philosophy of co-operation between the drivers and pedestrians.

In some cities, like Detroit, they actually put teeth in it by handing out traffic tickets to pedestrian law violators. Indianapolis has a city ordinance describing pedestrian's rights and duties but members of the police department say it is not enforced.

Here they place it on the co-operative basis. They advocate no radical changes in generally accepted habits. They just ask the pedestrian to observe a few common practices designed for his own protection.

Between Intersections

Take crossings between intersections for instance. The J. Walkers certainly hang up a record there. Last year, 28 per cent of the pedestrian deaths in the nation were of that type. The percentage would be due for a big drop if pedestrians would stay on the sidewalks except when crossing the streets and do that at the corners only.

That's one of the rules which the little Walkers take most seriously. At least twice a year the police visit schools to lecture on safety. And they are really pleased with the results. In fact, Capt. Leo Troutman of the city police thinks children make twice as good pedestrians as their elders.

About another 20 per cent of the pedestrians meet death while walking on rural highways. To guard against that the walker should keep well off the pavement and walk against traffic. At night the safe pedestrian wears something white or carries a light in order to warn motorists of his presence on the road.

Stop and Look

Another 14.9 per cent of the Walker family is killed at intersections where there are no lights. Here the old stop and look admonition is the best one. It is the pedestrian's business, too, to wait at the curb if a car is so near that it cannot be stopped before reaching the crosswalk.

Only about half as many deaths occur at intersections where there are 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 going after that problem through safety education in the schools.

It's really the oldest 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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842 JAPS DEAD IN TWO BATTLES

Marines Win Victories on Solomons, Gilbert Raid Called Success.

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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 beaches.

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.

The surprise attack on Makin was apparently made partly to create a diversion and prevent too great a concentration of Japanese strength in the Solomons area, but it was believed that the Makin attack might be only one of several such blows supplementing the Solomons action.

Skirmishes Fought Daily

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, announcing the American victories in two communications 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 communication he had issued since the first days of the Solomon 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-held 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-equipped 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 Nipponese 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.

TWO DIE AT CROSSING

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Aug. 22 (U.P.)—John Mercer, 35, Montgomery county farmer, and his 8-year-old son were killed yesterday when a west bound Big Four passenger train struck their car on a crossing near New Ross.

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McClure Joins Indiana Central

A NATIVE HOOSIER, 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 today by Dr. I. J. S. M. McClure 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. He has 20 years as an instructor also included McKendree college, Lebanon, Ill., and most recently the Ball State Teachers college, Muncie.

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A special law course for women will be offered this fall by the Indiana Law School of Indianapolis. Classes will begin Sept. 14 and will be designed to prepare women for various positions with private and public institutions.

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Various combination courses will be available without pre-requisite courses which are required of students who work on a degree.

A Plea to the Australian Girls

SYDNEY, Australia, Aug. 22 (U.P.)—The Sydney Daily Telegraph published the following letter today from Miss Marilyn Renner of Iowa:

"Please do all you can to prevent marriages between United States soldiers and Australian girls."

"Already thousands of American girls face spinsterhood and lives of loneliness because of a shortage of marriageable men occasioned by the war. It is injurious to the mental and physical health of American womanhood to be permanently frustrated of the instinctive desire to marry and create a home."

75 FRESHMEN SIGN AT CENTRAL NORMAL

DANVILLE, Aug. 22.—Seventy-five freshmen will be among 250 students expected to report for the opening of the fall quarter at Central Normal college Sept. 14.

Dean Pleasant R. Hightower said registration will be held opening day. The fall quarter will close Dec. 11 and the winter quarter will begin Dec. 14. Christmas vacation will begin Dec. 23 and end Jan. 4.

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STUDY OFFERED BY ROSE POLY

Part-Time Courses to Be Held Here; Women Urged to Enroll.

Registrations are being accepted by the Rose Polytechnic institute for its part-time evening classes in engineering, drawing and design which will begin Sept. 14 and 15 in Stuart hall of Technical high school.

The classes will continue for 14 weeks, two three-hour periods scheduled for each week. Women are being urged to enroll in the drafting classes to furnish replacements for men called into the service.

Requirements for admission are high school graduation or its equivalent in experience or training. No tuition is charged. Registration can be made by phoning or writing Wilbur B. Shook, 1401 Fletcher Trust building, Indianapolis, Market 3476.

I. U. OFFERS COURSE IN RUSSIAN HERE

The Indiana university extension center here will conduct a beginning course in Russian conversation and reading each Monday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 o'clock beginning Sept. 7.

The instructor will be Mrs. Olga D. Hyman who has acted as Russian interpreter for several local industries. She will stress pronunciation and a sufficient amount of grammar to enable the student to develop ability to express himself in Russian.

MYERS TO ADDRESS EAGLES

Judge Dewey E. Myers will speak Monday night following rites for a class of candidates of the Aerie 211, fraternal order of Eagles, at their hall. Fifty-seven members of the aerie are now in the service and a memorial program in their honor is planned.

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