

Supreme Command for United Nations Seems Nearer, but Subject Is Still Touchy

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—Hints from President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill today suggested that the united nations are heading toward selection of a supreme American or British commander for the second front attack on Germany.

Marshal Ferdinand Foch had the job in world war I and it was not until after he took over that the conflict began to go the allied way.

American claims on the post are substantial. But they would be limited, too, by the extent to which United States troops could join in a landing on the continent of Europe. The United States would have to put up men by the hundreds of thousands if it wanted the command flag to fly over an American officer.

The American nominee probably would be Gen. George C. Marshall, one of "Pershing's boys," who was jumped from brigadier general in 1939 to four-star rank as chief of staff.

If Gen. Marshall were moved to the Western European theater he

probably would be succeeded as chief of staff by Lieut. Gen. Brenton D. Somervell, a West Point honor man who now heads the vital service of supply. Gen. Marshall is a graduate of Virginia Military Institute.

Next in line after Gen. Marshall for the job of leading a united nations army into Europe is Lieut. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, "General Ike," who now commands American forces in the European theater including such of the American navy as is based there.

Nothing has been heard here in official circles in echo of the clamor of some months ago to put Gen. Douglas MacArthur in charge of the war.

Supreme command is a touchy subject and one which could create great antagonism between British and American service men and civilians unless it were approached carefully. But a decision for or against will have to be made before this war ends and there is reason to believe that American claims on the post will be presented to President Roosevelt with vigorous citation of reasons why Gen. Marshall or Gen. Eisenhower should get the

job. It would be Mr. Roosevelt's job to convince the British.

If Mr. Roosevelt has approached the explosive subject with his advisers, none of that tight little circle has leaked that fact. But in his fireside chat review of the war situation there was a reference that suggests the matter is on his mind.

"The war will finally be won," he said, "by the co-ordination of all the armies, navies and air forces of the united nations operating in unison against our enemies."

2 INJURED IN PLANE TO BE BROUGHT HERE

Injured in an airplane crash in Wisconsin Sunday, Carl L. Quillen, 34, of 2206 Lafayette road, and Benjamin B. Patterson, 32, of 834 Eugene st., are expected to be returned here by ambulance Saturday.

Mr. Quillen sustained a broken vertebra and Mr. Patterson, who regained consciousness yesterday noon, was injured seriously about the head and shoulders.

Their plane lost a wing at 1000 feet and plowed into a bluff near Camp McCoy, Wis.

U. S. EQUIPMENT HELD SUPERIOR

Patterson Says Planes and Tanks Prove Better Than Enemy's.

CLEVELAND, O., Sept. 9 (U. P.).—Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson said today that American planes and tanks are proving superior to axis machines and criticism of their performance "comes from uninformed sources."

Speaking at the convention of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers union, Mr. Patterson said U. S. plane production during August was larger than the total output of Germany, Italy and Japan and that tank production had reached "an impressive figure" which would be doubled in December.

5000 Planes a Month

(In Ankara, Turkey, Wendell L. Willkie told a press conference that this country turned out 5000 planes during August, 1000 more than Germany. Sixty per cent of this output was pursuit planes, Mr. Willkie said. He predicted a monthly production of 10,000 planes within a year.)

Mr. Patterson answered criticism of American war material with specific records. Heavy bombers—flying fortresses and Liberators—"are the fastest high-altitude, long-range bombers now flying, and they have the heaviest fire power," he said. "Their performance on all battlefronts has been impressive."

"In pursuit planes, the Republic P-47 Thunderbolt is by actual test the swiftest plane in the air, and the much-maligned Curtiss P-40 Hawks have proved better in combat than the Japanese zero, no matter what some critics may say," he added. "The war department stands squarely behind this statement."

Defeat Jap's Zeros

Actual combat records, Mr. Patterson said, showed that during August P-40's shot down 13 zeros and four bombers with the loss of only two U. S. planes. During the same period the Airacobras shot down 13 zeros, losing only four.

Mr. Patterson said there was "not a word of truth" to statements that American tanks are inferior to German machines.

He added, however, that "we are by no means satisfied" with plane designs or production rates. Improvements are being made on both sides, but "we believe that we will be able to maintain and even to increase the lead which we have at present."

U. S. SPURNS VICHY'S PROTEST ON BOMBS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 (U. P.).—The United States has bluntly notified French Chief of Government Pierre Laval that American airmen will continue bombing "German military properties in France" at every opportunity.

The action was announced by the state department which revealed that the pro-German Laval Monday protested recent bombing of Le Havre and Rouen on the grounds that "a number of people were killed and others wounded."

Laval directed his protest to S. Pinkney Tuck, American charge d'affaires at Vichy, who promptly rejected it.

Mr. Tuck apparently acted on his own initiative. The state department said his reply was "immediate."

He told Laval "the Americans do not desire to see the French people suffer any more than can be avoided since they already have suffered to an incalculable extent under German government," but that military plants "operated by or for Germany and other German military properties in France will be bombed at every opportunity."

MRS. PAYNE TO ASK TRIAL POSTPONEMENT

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Sept. 9 (U. P.).—Attorney J. Frank Regeister indicated last night he will file a plea for continuance of the trial for Mrs. Caroline G. Payne, 42-year-old Bloomington newspaper woman, whose second postponed trial for the murder of Charles O. Mattingly is set for Sept. 17.

Regeister said Mrs. Payne is in "no physical condition" for the retrial. The first trial in March, 1942, ended in a hung jury. The second trial was scheduled for May 21, but was postponed until the September date because of her "critical" condition.

Mrs. Payne has been held in jail more than a year for the slaying of Mattingly, Indianapolis, public service commission official.

HOUSE CONSIDERS SOLDIER VOTE BILL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 (U. P.).—The house today takes up a conference report on the servicemen's absentee voting bill which contains a controversial senate amendment exempting members of the armed forces from paying poll taxes.

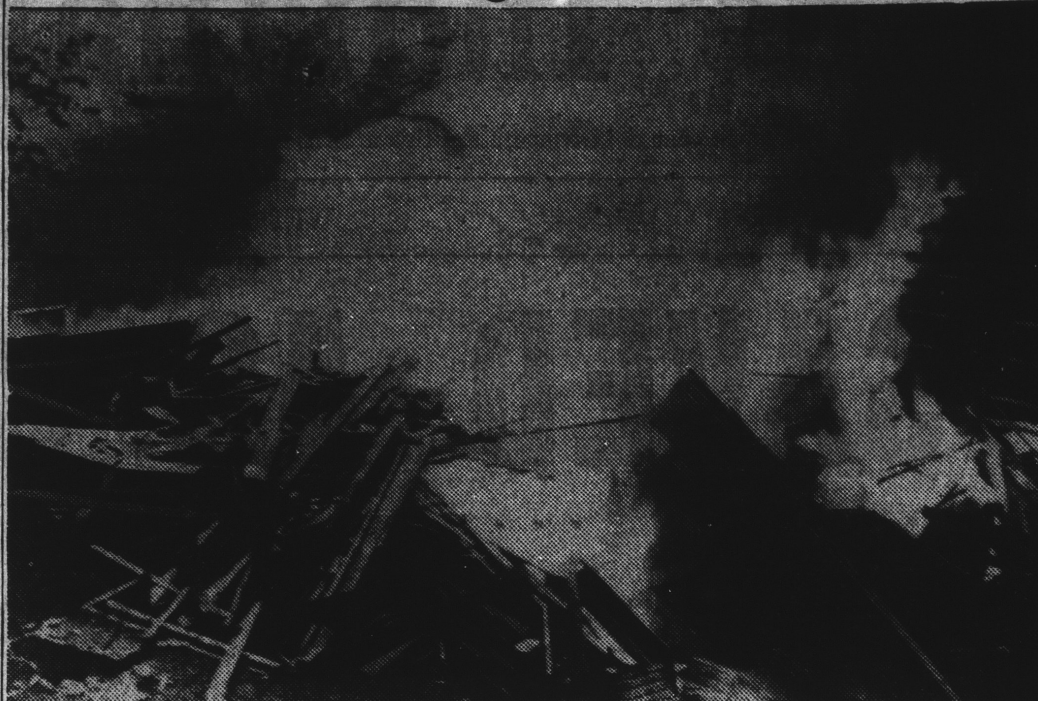
The senate added two other important amendments to the bill—one permitting servicemen to vote in primaries as well as the general election and the other making the bill applicable to men outside the continental United States as well as to those stationed in this country and Alaska.

ALLISON INAUGURATES DRIVE FOR OFFICE

Robert Allison, Democratic candidate for county treasurer, last night opened his campaign with an address to party workers active in his behalf.

He told the workers that he was in favor of giving the 1941 legislature's act eliminating the collecting of several fees by county officers "a fair and open trial."

Bomber Wreckage Yields 10th Body



The flaming wreckage left by bomber after it got out of control.

8 In Crew and 2 Women Killed in Crash; One Victim Aboard Plane Lived Here

NEWARK, O., Sept. 9 (U. P.).—A 10th body was recovered today from the broken, smoldering debris of an army medium bomber that spun crazily from the sky and plunged in a residential section here, wrecking and firing two houses.

Among the bodies was one identified by Wright field, O., officials as that of Second Lieut. Russell E. Newlin, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Myron J. Newlin, of 3910 Winthrop ave., Indianapolis. The body was to be returned to the Plummer & Buchanan mortuary in Indianapolis.

Services will be at 2 p. m. Friday. The Rev. Howard Anderson, Speedway Christian church, will officiate.

The crash, believed to have been Ohio's worst military aviation accident since the navy dirigible Shenandoah was destroyed in 1925 killing 13, took the lives of two women and eight occupants of the low-wing B-25 bomber, police reported.

2 Aged Women Killed

The Crisis Bros. funeral home reported that the bodies of eight men, seven of them fliers and the eighth a civilian ground crew chief, were taken from the sodden wreckage.

which burned for more than four hours after the ship crashed.

The bodies of two aged women, pedestrians were recovered earlier. The funeral home said that the bodies of four army men already had been returned to Wright field and that four more were being held awaiting the arrival of an army ambulance.

Wright field officials so far had confirmed that only six men were aboard the ship.

The 10th body was dragged from the smoldering wreckage early today, police said.

Officer Attended Tech

Newark police said that the ninth victim was "mangled so bad that identification will be difficult." The body was taken from the basement of a five-family apartment building where the big ship came to rest.

Lieut. Newlin, of Indianapolis, was a graduate of Technical high school there and attended Purdue university. During his last year he transferred from a mechanical course to the air officers' training program and was commissioned last May.

He had been stationed at Wright field since. Attending the North Methodist church.

WILLKIE VISITS TURKISH CHIEFS

Declares U. S. Makes 5000 Planes, 600,000 Tons Of Ships Monthly.

ANKARA, Sept. 9 (U. P.).—Wendell Willkie brought a personal message for President Ismet Inonu from President Roosevelt, it was revealed today.

Mr. Willkie's aggressive press conference and the importance attached to his lengthy conference with Foreign Minister Numan Menemencioğlu yesterday made it plain that his principal message—one of united nations strength and coming victory—already had been delivered to Turkish statesmen.

The conference between Mr. Willkie and Menemencioğlu lasted two hours and ten minutes.

5000 Planes Monthly

Mr. Willkie placed a wreath on the tomb of the late President Kemal Ataturk, visited a number of Turkish statesmen, attended a party with heads of united nations diplomatic missions here, and toured nearby villages.

He told the press Monday that U. S. plane production reached the level of 5000 planes in the month of August, 60 per cent of them combat planes, compared to 4000 planes produced by Germany in the same period.

"In less than a year," Mr. Willkie said, "we will be making 10,000 planes a month with an even higher percentage of combat planes."

Ships Built Top Sinkings

Mr. Willkie reported that axis sinkings of all united nations shipping for August, 500,000 tons, was topped by American completion alone in August of 600,000 tons. "By January we will produce 1,000,000 tons a month, and I am confident that by then the axis won't sink more than 350,000 tons a month," he predicted.

Mr. Willkie said total powder production in the United States had already exceeded the total production during the first world war, that tank and ordnance production were ahead of schedule, and that bombs "with unprecedented destructiveness" were being manufactured.

He expressed the hope that the "German people will have sense enough to quit fighting before they are utterly destroyed."

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