

OPPOSES JAPS IN WAR PLANTS

Hallett Abend, Town Hall Lecturer, Says Record Is Against Them.

"I would consider it a grave error for cities like Indianapolis to admit Japanese into their war plants. I certainly don't think the record justifies it," declared Hallett Abend, distinguished Far Eastern correspondent before Town Hall's luncheon audience at the Columbia club Saturday.

Mr. Abend, for 15 years chief Far Eastern correspondent for the New York Times, said that he could see no "very happy prospect" for the Japanese in this country for many years to come.

He estimated that the war in the Pacific would last possibly two years longer than the European conflict.

Asked if the war would not be materially shortened by the use of Soviet, Russian, Siberian airfields and trans-European shipments of materiel, Mr. Abend agreed, but warned his listeners not to take that assumption for granted.

Russia May Not Help

"Russia," he said, "may be weary and exhausted. She may not be able to assist us in any way in the Pacific. And even if she is able, she may not be disposed to do so. There is no way of answering that question point blank. One guess is as good as another."

Discussing atrocity stories, Mr. Abend leaned heavily on the table. "I shall," he said, "be very explicit and nasty."

He related one Japanese atrocity after another, some of them from eye-witness experience, others from Japanese diplomats, who, themselves, were shocked into near-hysteria by the reckless brutality and bestiality of their troops.

He said that in his trips across the country, he had found the American public anything but complacent.

Cites U. S. Difficulties

"They are ready for anything," he said. "They are willing to do whatever is necessary, to give up whatever they must. They ask only for honest direction and leadership."

Prior to the luncheon, he gave a one-hour lecture at English's theater, in which he confined himself to a factual presentation of the Far Eastern situation, pointing out the difficulties facing American and allied forces in that area of war.

Norman E. Isaacs, managing editor of The Indianapolis Times, was chairman at both the lecture and the luncheon.

BAR VOLUNTEERING FROM 18-38 CLASS

Beginning today all future members of the armed forces from 18 to 38 will be taken through the selective service system.

According to Comm. R. H. G. Mathews, who had been promoted to inspector of navy recruiting and induction for the fifth joint service induction area, Columbus, O., preference indicated for a branch of service will be considered as far as possible.

If a man is assigned to one of the naval branches he will return to the main recruiting station, which will be maintained for swearing in and the completion of all papers. Men under 18 and 38 and over may still enlist.

Comm. Mathews said that a man assigned to the navy has three choices. He may remain a navy inductee, enlist in the regular navy for six years or enlist in the naval reserve for the duration.

Lieut. James Weber will assume Comm. Mathews' position as head of recruiting for the Indianapolis area.

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Fascists Once Ruled an Area Half the Size of United States

By **SEKSON E. HUMPHREYS**

Italy's proud African empire is no more. The British eighth army over the week-end completed the conquest of Libya and crossed into French Tunisia. That was the final coup de grace to the empire which Benito Mussolini once proudly compared to that of the Caesars.

Actually it was never anything so wonderful as that, but it did include an area almost half as large as the whole United States and with a population larger than that of Pennsylvania. Italy's African empire, in fact, had a greater population than the whole continent of Australia.

Most of the area, of course, was the world's most desolate desert and it always cost the Italian homeland more than it paid. But it did much to inflate the Italian ego—and now it is gone.

Kept Awake by Bombs

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Asked about the prospects of more air attacks on Tokyo, Col. Knox said he could not comment as to how and when they would be made, but that "the prospects are darn good and you can tell the Japs to get ready."

Col. Knox and Admiral Nimitz met correspondents in the admiral's office at Pacific headquarters, following their return from a journey which will have covered 20,000 miles when Col. Knox gets back to Washington.

They inspected every major United States naval base in the Pacific from Pearl Harbor to Guadalcanal, including stops at Midway, Canton and Johnson Islands, the Fiji Islands, Samoa, New Caledonia and New Hebrides.

"My major impression," Col. Knox said, "is one of tremendous pride in the offensive spirit of our officers and men and the skill in administration of bases at great distances and co-operation of our armed services. There is a blazing spirit of offensive everywhere."

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"But we are just starting to fight," he added. "We now are ready to strike hard blows and we hope and expect to retain the initiative in our hands."

At Espiritu Santo, in the New Hebrides, where the party met Admiral William F. Halsey Jr., commander of U. S. naval forces in the South Pacific, the group was welcomed by the first air raid the island has experienced.

"The raid did no damage except that it kept us awake," Col. Knox reported that American forces dominate Guadalcanal, occupying about 2 per cent of the 2 1/2 per cent of the island which is in the area of operations. He said the army has trapped Japanese forces in jungle defiles and is reducing them by starvation.

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ABSENTEEISM SLOWS PLANTS

Many Officials Suggest Community Effort to Reduce Evil.

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are to be met on time it will be necessary for war plants to produce to their utmost.

Here are summarized viewpoints of plant officials:

Absenteeism at one tank sub-contractor has gone up from 2 per cent of total man-hours a year ago to 5 per cent today. "Absenteeism is the worst problem with which we are confronted at the present time."

A big plant that makes shells and other ordnance has an absenteeism rate of 5 per cent. "It is disturbing to production planning."

A manufacturer of vital equipment reported an absentee rate of 7.2 per cent of the total man-hours worked. "The situation is getting worse and worse. There is a good deal of sickness but it has been overdone."

A large food packer said last year its absenteeism amounted to 75 man-days a week out of a total of 7500 man-days worked. "But since we started making absenteeism reports to the employment office before returning to work, absenteeism has dropped to about half what it was."

A war plant which manufactures tank parts loses 5 per cent of the man-hours. "Very definitely, absenteeism is a significant detriment to our production, in view of present labor markets and the type of workers available."

Drivers Take War Jobs

A large trucking concern reported that at one time it had 28 trucks left, although there was material for them to haul, because it couldn't get drivers. It has had cases where drivers telephoned from some other city, saying they had taken a war job there and that "you will find the truck parked" at such-and-such an address.

A manufacturer of communications equipment has an absenteeism rate of 4.8 per cent. At one of the military reservations near the city absenteeism among civilian employees is around 9 per cent. A big meat-packing concern reports the "problem is certainly a serious one" and that it is trying to find a solution.

A manufacturer of aircraft parts says absenteeism is particularly damaging in certain departments where close co-ordination depends on the continuous work of highly-experienced workers.

One utility said progress on a construction project was greatly slowed during the Christmas-New Year's holidays because of much absenteeism.

There Are Exceptions

But there are exceptions to these experiences.

"A concern that makes incendiary bombs and aircraft parts took the problem in hand and began sending someone from the personnel office to the home of each absentee to find out why he didn't show up for work. Workers were made to realize what their absence meant. Chronic absentees were suspended for a few days. These policies not only had a good psychological effect on the offending workers but on the others also, it reported."

When one plant cut its work-week from 56 hours to 48 hours, absenteeism declined considerably.

Those who have made investigations into the causes of absenteeism said it is not just a simple problem, traceable only to the good wages war workers make.

A number who have tried campaigns through posters and employee magazines, who have worked to impress their employees with the importance of their work, reported improvements.

But they added that such basic difficulties as transportation, housing, necessary recreation and other personal factors had to be solved also before the wasting of precious time can be reduced.

OFFICERS TO TESTIFY IN PUCKETT TRIAL

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Feb. 1 (U. P.).—The first degree murder trial of Will R. Puckett, 64, retired Chicago painting contractor charged with killing his 67-year-old bride of seven months, resumed today with the prosecution expected to call police officers to the stand.

Prosecutor Charles Kemmer said he would question state police officers who made the investigations they made following the shooting of Puckett's wife, Ella Mae, last Nov. 6.

Mr. Puckett was shot to death on a road near Lafayette as she and Puckett traveled from Chicago to visit relatives at Lafayette.

The state charges that Puckett shot his wife to get her estate.

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Communiques

MACARTHUR COMMUNIQUE
(Issued Monday, Feb. 1)

NORTHEASTERN SECTOR:

NEW GUINEA—Mala-War: Sporadic ground fighting continues. Our attack planes bombed and strafed the Mubo-Komiatum area.

Wewak—One of our heavy units attacked the Mubo-Komiatum area, with unobserved results. Anti-aircraft positions were silenced by strafing.

Plained—An allied night reconnaissance plane started buildings in the harbor area.

Maram river: Our long-range fighters executed a sweep down the valley and at the mouth of the Maram river, strafing targets of opportunity.

NEW BRITAIN—Mabaki: Our heavy bombers attacked shipping and harbor installations before dawn, dropping bombs on docks and among anchored vessels. Here and there searchlights prevented observation of results.

Arawa: One of our heavy reconnaissance units bombed and strafed an enemy cargo ship off Pile Island.

CARP GLOUCESTER: One of our heavy units bombed the runway and strafed the area at low altitude.

NORTHWESTERN SECTOR:

TIMOR—Keapang: Our long-range fighters successfully attacked the airfield, destroying or damaging eight enemy bombers and one fighter on the ground. Hangars and buildings were set afire, including an apparent ammunition warehouse which exploded violently. Two miles away a motor pool containing 25 vehicles also was strafed. All our planes returned without incident.

South Coast of Eastern Timor: Our medium bombers attacked enemy shipping with unobserved results. Four enemy fighters attempted interception without success.

Timor Island—One of our heavy units bombed a jetty on Selaru Island.

BATTLE ENDING AT STALINGRAD

German Losses Top Million; Resistance Criminal; Says Nazi General.

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"Hundreds rather than thousands" left there.

Including the reserves and reinforcements which the German used at Stalingrad, their losses in killed, wounded and captured are estimated from 1,000,000 to 1,500,000.

Since Jan. 10 the Russians have have captured enough German equipment in the fighting in and around Stalingrad to outfit a major army. The totals were 744 aircraft, 1517 tanks, 6523 guns, 1421 trench mortars, 76,887 rifles and 80,454 trucks.

The German defeat at Stalingrad appeared to be only part of the axis' troubles on the eastern front. West of Voronezh thousands of axis troops were cut off and it appeared doubtful whether they could break through the Russian encirclement. The avenue of escape for a German army of between 150,000 and 300,000 was threatened in the Caucasus where the Red army had seized the key strategic cities of Tikhoretsk and Kropotkin and recaptured the Maikop oil fields.

GRAND JURY HEARS HEAD OF SUNNYSIDE

Dr. Frank Jennings, head of Sunnyside sanatorium, and several employees of the institution, testified for more than an hour this morning before the Marion county grand jury.

The witnesses were the first to testify in the jury's investigation of all county contracts, particularly those involving Sunnyside. Reports that inferior meat, milk, eggs and other foods were sold to Sunnyside at exorbitant prices are being investigated by the prosecutor's office. The food contracts were signed by county commissioners with the food dealers.

Chief Deputy Saul Rabb said that more witnesses would be summoned for testimony before the jury all week.

BIRTH CONTROL LAW LEFT UNDISTURBED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (U. P.).—The supreme court decided today that it had no jurisdiction to pass on the validity of Connecticut's anticontraceptive law, which provides jail sentences for doctors giving birth control advice and articles even to married women.

The case was dismissed without the court going into the merits of the law. The action left undisturbed a Connecticut supreme court decision which found the 1879 statute valid.

1000 JAP CASUALTIES
CHUNGKING, Feb. 1 (U. P.).—Chinese forces killed or wounded 1000 Japanese in repulsing a heavy ground and air attack on Chinese positions near Tamengong on the Burma border Thursday, an official Chinese communique said today.

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TRESTER FACES TEST IN SENATE

Vote Due on Amendments To Bill Abolishing I.H.S.A.A. Setup.

The first test of strength on the controversial bill to abolish the Indiana High School Athletic association was scheduled today in the state senate when the measure came up for amendment.

Proponents had a number of amendments ready for submission which would temper somewhat the more drastic provisions of the original bill and which they hoped would win more support for the bill.

These amendments would leave the election of the 25-man I. H. S. A. A. council to the school principals throughout the state as at present but would require the state superintendent of public instruction to pick from the 25 the five-man board of control.

Curbs Principals' Power

Now, the 25 members name the board of control and this board in turn appoints the commissioner. Thus, the net effect of the amendments would be to leave ultimate control of the association in the hands of the high school principals but take from their hands the naming of the board of control and the commissioner.

Senator Edgar I. Higgs (R. Connersville), chief opponent of the bill, was expected to fight most of the amendments. He contends that nothing has been proved wrong with the present setup and that no changes should be made.

Senators Clyde Black (R. Logansport) and James Armstrong (R. Springfield), chief proponents of the bill, assert that Arthur L. Trester, present commissioner, "has too much power" and say that the amendments would "correct this situation" by providing for the appointment of the board of control by the superintendent of public instruction.

Among other items on the legislative agenda today was a public hearing before the house agricultural committee on the bill to give the state fair board complete control of the state fair.

Lieut. Gov. Charles Dawson is opposed to the bill on the grounds that it would give control of state property "to a closed corporation." Fair board members contend the bill should be passed to take the fair "out of the hands of politicians."

Probers Seek More Time

The five-man commission investigating the public welfare department was expected to ask the legislature for a 10-day extension of time in which to complete the investigation.

The legislature in its resolution provided that the investigation should be completed by Feb. 1, but Rep. Roy Harrison (R. Attica), committee chairman, says that more time is needed to check into reports submitted by several witnesses that have appeared before the committee.

President Calls Leaders to White House for Parley

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dent also will meet with Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles and Rear Admiral Harold R. Stark, former chief of naval operations who has been in command of American naval forces in European waters recently.

Mr. Roosevelt probably will make a report to the nation on his meetings with Churchill and Vargas in the near future.

May Hold Fireside Chat

His report may be through a press conference or a radio fireside chat—or possibly both. If he plans a radio address, it probably will be postponed until he catches up on the accumulation of foreign and domestic matters which piled up during his trip to Africa.

Mr. Roosevelt made the last leg of his trip from Miami by special train.

The White House announced his return shortly before 8 p. m.

The last public stop made by the president was at Trinidad, one of the West Indian islands which became an American base in the destroyer-for-bases deal with Great Britain before the United States entered the war.

The White House had announced that the president called specifically for that stop and that he had been enthusiastically received by the populace.

Trinidad was the third official stop on the trip home from Casablanca. Earlier in the week, Mr. Roosevelt conferred with Vargas aboard an American destroyer anchored off Natal, Brazil. Before leaving Africa he inspected American Negro troops at Monrovia, Liberia.

Tomorrow is the day for the president's regular press conference. There was no indication whether he would have time for that.

The chief executive probably will go to work right away on plans developed for "unconditional surrender" of the axis as soon as possible.

Official quarters here believed that he and Churchill and their military advisors decided when and where to start a victory offensive against the axis.

U. S. WARSHIPS BLAST JAP SUPPLY BASE

WITH THE UNITED STATES FLEET IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC, Jan. 24 (U. P.).—(Delayed).—Ships of the United States fleet blasted the Japanese supply base and airfield on Kolombangara island, in the New Georgia group about 450 miles northeast of New Guinea early today with 250 high explosive shells.

The fleet, running the risk of being trapped in the deep Kulu gulf, started roaring fires ashore, exchanged fire with land batteries, blasted away at two Japanese destroyers and one cargo ship, and then ran a gantlet of Japanese planes 100 miles down the gulf to escape.

The bombardment took place under the noses of the Japanese fleet and air force, concentrated in waters north of the Solomons.

A number of Jap planes, uncertain of the identity of the task force, "escorted" the American ships to their targets, the U. S. commander reported.

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