

WASHINGTON Calling

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studying the glider program, and some members think war department, too, is getting ready to drop them. Transport planes, they say, can be put to same uses and are safer, more efficient.

SPECIAL HOUSE committee to investigate petroleum situation will inquire into question raised by globe-touring Senator Lodge: Why United States, with less than a fourth of world's oil supply, is contributing more than 80 per cent of United Nations consumption while British sources are being worked to capacity. Truman committee may have a look, too.

Both will find: That Lodge guessed too low; that we're supplying nearer 80 per cent.

That administration is already trying to shift more burden to other countries; to develop new oil sources abroad.

GOSSIP THAT the Duke of Windsor will be made ambassador to Washington, that Viscount Halifax will not return to the United States, can be discounted, at least for the present. Lord Halifax will be back in 10 months unless plans change at last moment; is scheduled to speak in New York Nov. 10.

FRED SEARLES, Donald Russell, assistants to war mobilizer Byrnes, move to top importance in the new production review program. They'll head up this job for Byrnes—with Byrnes keeping the last word, of course.

Higher Excess-Profits Tax Likely

HERE'S WHAT business can expect from house ways and means committee in the way of revisions in the contract renegotiation law: exemption from renegotiation for contracts made after Dec. 31, higher excess-profits levies to take up the slack, exemption of contracts under \$500,000 (present minimum is \$100,000), formulas to restrict present discretionary powers of price adjustment boards, provision for court review of boards' orders.

Congress may try to attach provisions wiping out cost-plus-fixed-fee contracts. But war department is following navy's lead in trying to cut down on these contracts, modify terms, to avoid having them banned altogether.

CONGRESS MAY TAKE another recess. Senate Republican Leader McNary favors it, has conferred with house Republican leaders. He sees little business for either house after fathers' draft and post-war resolution are disposed of; talks about a recess from late October or early November until after the holidays.

JOHN L. LEWIS will not withdraw his application for re-affiliation of United Mine Workers with A. F. of L., but he'll not go to the federation convention opening in Boston Monday, won't send any representatives. If he's turned down, as seems probable, Lewis may retire into saintly martyrdom of one who has "done his best," without avail, to bring about labor unity.

Anti-Lewis fight in Boston will be led by the Progressive Miners of America, sitting in jurisdictional seat vacated eight years ago by United Miners.

CHANCES ARE not good that war labor board will O. K. proposed new contract between Illinois coal operators and U. M. W. Study has convinced some board members that they can't approve with consistency. And there is opposition within the board to "appeasement" of John L. Lewis, even though he has dropped his defiant attitude. Meanwhile, coal operators in Appalachian region, where most of the production comes from, are preparing data to show Illinois proposal can't be adapted to their territories—and that if it could, it would boost the price of coal to inflationary.

Chester Bowles Going Up

YOU'LL HEAR little more of Prentiss Brown as OPA administrator. Chester Bowles, on trial since his arrival to be general manager, is satisfying many groups, is likely to get the top title soon. A Connecticut Democrat, Mr. Bowles may pacify Capitol Hill with some field personnel shifts before appropriation time. Former Senator Clyde Herring, assistant to Brown, probably will go, too.

More Liberal Allowances Likely

DEPENDENTS of servicemen will get more liberal allowances, but benefits will be far short of levels demanded by O. I. O.'s Phil Murray. Bill now before house military affairs committee probably will emerge into law giving wife and two children \$70 instead of present \$72. (Murray wanted \$120.) Bill also will cover top three grades of enlisted men, now ineligible, and will carry more liberal benefits for "class B" relatives who are total dependents.

FORMER REP. LUTHER PATRICK (D. Ala.), whose radio clanking took him into and out of congress, will try a comeback at Birmingham against his successful Democratic opponent, Rep. John P. Newsum. Latter used the radio to play back a transcription of a Patrick broadcast saying it didn't matter whether or not he was on the house floor as nobody understood the bill up for discussion, anyway.

WMC CHAIRMAN McNUTT was given a stiff political heat treatment from his home state of Indiana and from powerful Texans here this week in an effort to keep Indianapolis and Dallas from being listed as No. 1 labor shortage areas. The listing precludes further war contracts. McNutt didn't give in.

WILLKIE'S ABOUT to turn loose on domestic affairs, home-front muddling. He has a blast in a forthcoming magazine.

Farm implements may not be plentiful next year after all. Makers got their allotments so late they're having difficulty finding places to book their steel. And their rating for component parts for tractors, combines, reapers, is only AA-2—not high enough to do much good.

BANKRUPTCY SEEN AS POST-WAR ISSUE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (U. P.).—The government, through its vast financial investments in war industry, could apply sufficient pressure to bankrupt any business in the country in the post-war era, House Republican Leader Joseph W. Martin Jr. told the District of Columbia Medical society last night. Martin predicted great prosperity provided problems were handled with the objective of preserving private enterprise but warned that "a small but powerful group" is trying to undermine "our American way" of free enterprise.

More Bobby Pins For '44—Maybe

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (U. P.).—Pin curls for lanky locks in 1944? The girls still don't know. The war production board today issued an order authorizing double the production of bobby pins and hair pins next year but attached a big "it." Namely—actual production is to be dependent upon quarterly allocation of materials for the purpose.

ALLIES BEGIN MARCH ON ROME

Pursue Beaten Foe North From Captured Port Of Naples.

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miles north of Naples, and Caserta, 18 miles northwest of Naples, on the twin roads that join on the southern approaches to Rome.

Reconnaissance pilots reported that the two roads were clogged with remnants of the beaten German panzer divisions, truck-borne paratroops and motorized infantry, all under constant attack by allied planes.

Allied bombers during the past week have concentrated their heaviest weight of bombs on the highway and railway bridges at Capua, where the inland route to Rome crosses the Volturno, in an effort to cut off the fleeing Germans.

The Germans also were threatened by allied flanking columns, one consisting of Americans driving northward through the mountainous interior toward the highway junction of Benevento, and the other the British 8th army pushing up the east coast toward Pescara, opposite Rome.

Conquest Speeded

The capture of Naples yesterday was expected to speed the conquest of Italy immeasurably, since it brought the allies the biggest Italian harbor south of Genoa on the north coast and a network of all-weather air bases.

Through the Germans left Naples harbor clogged with scuttled ships and its installations in ruins, competent authorities reported the allies could clear it sufficiently to begin the supply of ground forces within 10 days or a fortnight.

The airfields probably can be used almost immediately. The two largest, Capodichino and Pomigliano, have tarmac or concrete runways more than a mile long. Two smaller airfields, Cesaro-Consolo and Misila, lie outside Naples and there is a seaplane base on a nearby lake.

Admits Evacuation

(Radio Berlin did not acknowledge the loss of Naples until late last night. Then it broadcast a dispatch saying that the port had been evacuated after German troops destroyed installations in the town and harbor which might be useful to the allies.)

French troops, American rangers and Corsican patriots continued to hammer the remnants of the German garrison on Corsica back onto the northeastern shore of Bastia and the eastern shore beaches from which they were trying frantically to reach the Italian mainland under a rain of allied aerial bombs.

French Spitfire pilots, operating from newly-established air bases on Corsica, Thursday destroyed two six-engine German transports and three Dornier bombers around Bastia and one Junkers five-engine bomber over Ajaccio.

His uncle, Lord Gerald Wellesley, 58, succeeds to the title, which began with the first duke of Wellington, who defeated Napoleon at Waterloo.

COL. KELLY RESUMES POSITION AT FORT

Lt. Col. Michael J. Kelly of the finance replacement training center at Ft. Harrison, has resumed command of the group, succeeding Col. Alfred J. Maxwell, who was recalled.

Col. Kelly was originally commander of the unit when it was transferred to the fort Jan. 13, 1942, from Baltimore, Md. Col. Maxwell took over when the triple expansion of the center was effected. Col. Kelly has been serving as supervisor of technical training.

A veteran of World War I, he was called to duty three days before Pearl Harbor. His home is in Cambridge, Mass., where Mrs. Kelly and their daughter, Miss Lucille Kelly, are living. His son, Norman, is a private first class in the air force.

'CHUTES 139 TIMES, THEN TRAIN KILLS HIM

ELKHART, Ind., Oct. 2 (U. P.).—George W. Moore, 32, Indiana's oldest balloonist and parachute jumper, was found dead today near the New York Central railroad tracks.

Moore was a balloonist from 1888 to 1895—when parachute jumping was a novel adventure and not a war technique. During that time he made 139 parachute jumps in the Midwest.

Authorities believed that Moore was struck by a train.

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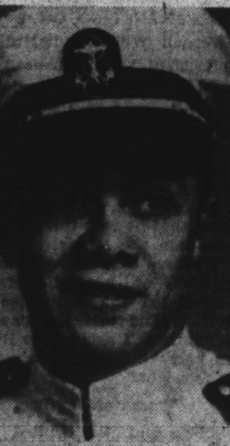
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Searching parties have failed to find Aviation Cadet Jack S. Danner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Danner, 4229 S. Walcott st., who was lost on a routine flight June 29 over the Gulf of Mexico.

PVT. PAUL KESTLER ON WAR DEATH LIST

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Gr. Peter M. Berkowicz, son of Mrs. Victoria Berkowicz, 5012 Baring ave., East Chicago; 1st Sgt. Ralph H. Darling, nephew of William Dawson, New Castle; Pvt. Hubert P. Everding, son of Mrs. Lizzie M. Everding, Richmond; Pvt. Harold L. Greider, son of Core B. Greider, Pierceton; Pfc. Arthur R. Hendrix, son of Mrs. Eulah Hendrix, New Albany; 2d Lt. Fred L. Johnson Jr., son of Fred L. Johnson, Logansport; Pvt. Edward L. Keppen, son of Mrs. Florence H. Keppen, 1008 Chicago st., Michigan City; Pfc. Franklin N. Smith, son of Mrs. Oleva G. Fink, Cambridge City; Pfc. Raymond D. Sporieler, husband of Mrs. Jane Sporieler, North Vernon, and in the Pacific area—Sgt. Charles J. Sotting, son of Mrs. Francis F. Sotting, Brookville.

WOUNDED GUNNER HOPES FOR ACTION

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Then he was taken by hospital boat to Halifax, Nova Scotia, and later to Ft. Devens, Mass., and the Percy Jones hospital at Battle Creek, Mich. He finally came home Sept. 9 and will report back to duty next Friday.

"The country over there is all right," he said, "but it's a lot different from here. What I missed most was ice cream. The first thing I asked for at the Percy Jones hospital was a malted milk."

When asked whether it tasted good, the soldier smiled and said, "Boy and how!"

The sergeant's been in the army since a week after Pearl Harbor and was a machinist at King's before he enlisted. He received his flight training at MacDill field, Fla., and gunnery instruction at Las Vegas, Nev.

And to make him feel more at home, an Indianapolis boy, Benny Stelhorn, was one of his crew members over in England.

"Boy, it seemed good to see and know a Hoosier," he commented.

Basic English Too, Too Basic, Shortridge Classes Discover

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would sit on. The vocabulary doesn't include the word chair. But there is a table.

"Of course, Basic English would have a useful purpose for anyone trying to learn the English language," Mr. Wilkerson said. "It is an excellent starting point."

Churchill Likes It

ACCORDING to surveys made as to the difficulty of languages, English is near the top of more than 3000 tongues. Authorities blame this situation for many of the barriers which have caused the mess the world is in today.

In Prime Minister Churchill's address at Harvard university last month, he highly recommended the new lingo.

"Here you have a very carefully wrought plan for an international language capable of very wide transactions of practical business and of interchange of ideas—a medium of intercourse and understanding to many races and an aid to the building up of our new structure for preserving peace," he said.

Basic has the "gun" and the "mother" but no "peckin'."

INFLATION FIGHT SHORT OF GOAL

'Going Well but Not Won,' Vinson Says; Urges Higher Taxes.

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purchasing power out of circulation and a "selective" program of subsidies.

"It is my view that to the extent additional dollars are captured by taxation or otherwise immobilized, the job of holding the line is made that much easier," he declared.

Vinson's tax recommendations are said to be embodied in the treasury's tax plan which was presented to President Roosevelt yesterday for approval. The plan reportedly calls for \$7,000,000,000 in higher income taxes—a large part refundable after the war—plus higher corporate and excise levies. If endorsed by the president, the plan will be presented to the house ways and means committee, which begins tax hearings Monday.

Vinson said he was fully aware of the dangers of subsidies, but held it to be "clearly in the national interest" for the government to prevent increases in living costs by their use where necessary.

Indicate WFA Approval

Referring to the current attack on the milk subsidy plan authorized by the war food administration, he said it would have been easier for the government to grant the price increases demanded by the milk producers, but then other producers would make similar demands.

"Wage earners, in turn, would demand higher wages as an offset to increased living costs," he said, "and to grant all or even a small part of these demands would constitute an abandonment of the stabilization program."

"If the alternative is between the selective use of subsidies to hold down the cost of living or permitting living costs to rise precipitately or even gradually, it is my judgment that the American people would elect to use the resources of their government to hold the line for the duration."

For Victory

Italian Family of 8 100% Behind War Effort.

GUADALCANAL, Oct. 2 (U. P.).—Italian-born, with five brothers in the Italian army, Joseph Felichiani of Old Forge, Pa., not only wants America to win but is working at it hard—as his wife, his five children and his daughter-in-law.

The story of this one-family assault on the axis was written out of one of the Felichiani sons, Pfc. Patrick Felichiani, 26, attached to a marine corps engineering unit here.

Outside of Pat, the family line-up is:

Pat's wife—helping to make parachutes.

Papa Felichiani—making submarine parts.

Mama Felichiani—making clothing for marines.

Miss Lucy Felichiani, the daughter—training to become a nurse at Temple university hospital, Philadelphia.

Sgt. John Felichiani—marine aboard a navy cruiser.

Alfred Felichiani—airplane factory foreman.

Pvt. James Felichiani—at the Parris Island, S. C., marine base.

BEAUFIGHTERS BOMB VESSELS IN AEGEAN

CAIRO, Oct. 2 (U. P.).—Beaufighters of the Middle East command attacked a number of sailing vessels near Scarpanto island in the Aegean sea, leaving them smoking and bombed airplanes on the island of Rhodes Thursday night, an R. A. F. communiqué reported today. No planes were lost.

DISCUSSES POST-WAR ROLE

NEW YORK, Oct. 2 (U. P.).—Mrs. Calvin Coolidge, who came here from Northampton, Mass., to review 2500 WAVES at the Bronx training station, said today that women will contribute to the peace settlement after the war.

British Expect U. S. Vessels After War, Landon Believes

'Before doing that we have a right to know what Britain's future plans are beyond the fact that she intends to 'hold her own.'

"In other words, no military alliance with one country simply maintaining the status quo means a peaceful world. It must be fair, just and mutually beneficial to all."

Landon criticized the "halloo" policy that America will clothe, feed, educate and rebuild the world, and asserted that the president's message to congress was "tantamount to suggesting a blank check for his future handling of foreign affairs."

LOSE NIECE, CASH THEN THEMSELVES

NEW YORK, Oct. 2 (U. P.).—Two ladies who lost their young niece in Pennsylvania station, their wallet with \$1304.31 in it and then got lost themselves, find their money back today, but the niece still was missing.

The women, Miss Emma Jane Lane, 85, Kent Hill, Me., and her sister, Mrs. Cora Stevens, 77, Tampa, Fla., were recovering at Bellevue hospital from exposure while police searched for the niece, 20-year-old Lillian Lane.

They were found sitting on a park bench during a storm, lost after walking for hours looking for the girl. The three had left Maine on Wednesday for Florida and left the train at Pennsylvania station here. Lillian was lost in the crowd.

William J. Wright, a bank clerk, found the wallet, containing Mrs. Lane's life savings, on a sidewalk and turned it over to police.

CHARGE YOUTH WITH MURDER

Confesses Throwing New-Born Child From River Bridge.

A charge of murder was placed against George Lowe, 18, 520 Mills ave., today, following a confession yesterday that he threw a day-old baby out a sandbar in the White river south of the city Sept. 19.

Lowe was held to the grand jury in municipal court this morning. The 16-year-old mother is charged with vagrancy.

Lowe said he had been keeping company with the girl, who was to become the mother of his child, for two years. He had intended to marry her soon.

"The girl, in a statement to juvenile authorities, said: 'On Friday, Sept. 17, he came to my house shortly after midnight. I knew by that time I was going to have my baby. We drove south on Madison ave. to a point near a creek and drove into a field. About two and one-half hours later the baby was born.'"

"We drove back to my home. George took the baby with him in the car. He told me he drove to Southport road at the old covered bridge over White river and threw the baby in the river."

"The girl was employed in a downtown restaurant until the day the child was born and recently returned to her job. Lowe was employed as a junior laborer at the fair grounds and was to have been inducted into the army today."

HERMAN WILLKIE'S WIFE GETS DIVORCE

COVINGTON, Ky., Oct. 2 (U. P.).—Mrs. Gerri Baker Willkie of Ft. Mitchell, Ky., today was granted a divorce in Kenton county circuit court from Herman F. Willkie, brother of Wendell L. Willkie, unsuccessful 1940 Republican presidential candidate. The case was not contested.

WARNS OF TIRE SABOTAGE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (U. P.).—Rubber Director Bradley Dewey said today that "there will be no new tires for any but the most essential drivers at least until the middle of 1944."

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NAPLES STORY SMUGGLED OUT

Writer Claims German Seize Italians for Slave Labor.

By C. E. CUNNINGHAM
United Press Staff Correspondent
FIFTH ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN ITALY, Sept. 30 (U. P.).—A handful of notes written by an unnamed Neapolitan journalist and smuggled out of Naples by a refugee hinted today that the Germans were rounding up Italians for slave labor on the fortifications in the north, or possibly in Germany itself.

The writer described in detail the sacking and burning of Naples by the Nazis after Italy's surrender.

"But the last straw was reached today, Sept. 23, when a proclamation of the German officer commanding in Naples ordered all men of 18 to 33 years to present themselves for labor duties," he wrote.

Refuse Orders
"What labor is there to perform if there is not a single factory capable of running, when public services are reduced to a minimum, communications no longer exist and even electric current is off in certain parts of the city?"

"It is clear that these forced laborers must be sent to northern Italy to replace strikers, or even to Germany."

Many Neapolitans refused to obey the order, he added, and took to the hills or put to sea in small boats in an effort to reach the allied lines.

Written in diary form, the note revealed that the people of Naples lived on a virtual starvation diet during the last days of the German occupation.

The Nazis, the notes said, looted everything they could lay their hands upon in the city and "inflicted the lower elements of the population" to complete their pillaging.

On several occasions, the writer said, the Germans fired into line of people queued up before the food shops, killing and wounding women and children.

"Then began the work of the German dynamiters and fire raiders," he wrote. "The port was mined by jetty and dock by dock. . . . The German hatred even was turned upon buildings which had nothing to do with military operations."

Of the fascists left in Naples, he wrote tersely "they are not even worth talking about."

One Mussolini adherent, he revealed, was caught by a street crowd and "tormented" until a German patrol fired over the heads of the crowd "to save him from the public wrath."

Cheer Surrender

One passage disclosed that the people of Naples demonstrated jubilantly in the streets when word of Italy's surrender spread through the city on Sept. 8.

It said the Germans began evacuating their supplies from the city the same day, and that individual German troops told Italians they also were tired of the war and that Hitler would have been deposed if it were not for "two SS armies of the terrible Himmler."

The following day, however, the Nazis "lifted their heads again" and began confiscating all military and civilian transport.

"Soldiers and civilians immediately opposed them," the journalist wrote. "There were clashes in the railroad area at San Ferdinando and at Riviera di Chiaia, during which (Italian) soldiers, sailors and civilians killed about 10 Germans and took 180 prisoners."

"For several hours, Naples was governed by its own inhabitants. . . . However, the Germans threatened to fire upon residential areas if the prisoners were not released and the Italian troops desisted. This was enough to induce the military to give in."

30 UNDER ARREST IN BELFAST KILLING

BELFAST, Ireland, Oct. 2 (U. P.).—Thirty alleged members of the outlawed Irish Republican army were under arrest today as police squads, armed with sub-machine guns, searched the city for additional suspects in the holdup murder of a Belfast policeman.

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