

WASHINGTON *Calling*

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

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Smith (R. O.) will charge next week that international stabilization is British plot to grab U. S. gold.

LOOK FOR SENATE to approve permanent promotion of Gen. Patton and other high-ranking army officers. Military affairs committee, which had buried promotions, has decided to dispose of them next week. Public indignation at Patton was less than most military men anticipated.

Discontinue Subsidy Fight

HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADERS, after much wrangling, have decided not to back any further fight against food-subsidy payments. Decision was made at a party conference, was not announced. Holdout for carrying on the subsidy fight was its leader, Rep. Jesse P. Wolcott of Michigan.

SENATOR MCKELLAR'S anti-TVA amendments may pass the senate but will be checked in house. McKellar will not get a vote from his fellow Tennesseans in house. Boss Crump, Memphis Democratic leader, has condemned the amendments, and Rep. John Jennings, Knoxville Republican, is rallying other G. O. P. congressmen against them.

McKellar war against TVA and its chairman, David E. Lilienthal, is particularly unpopular in Knoxville because it might cause moving TVA headquarters from that city to Muscle Shoals, Ala. Alabama's Senator Bankhead is already seeking this.

LOOK FOR STEAMSHIP COMPANIES to win their fight for a share of post-war air routes. Their cause has gained recruits steadily; only the procedure remains to be agreed on.

THREE-BILLION-DOLLAR post-war highway bill will get congressional O. K., but not until members wrangle over (1) formula for distributing money to states, and (2) amount to be allocated to city streets and highways. Proposed new formula is: One-half on population, one-fourth on area, one-fourth on road mileage. Proposed allocation to cities is 20.9 per cent. Rural members will protest that cities' cut is too high; city members want more.

Study State Cemeteries

MOVE IS UNDER WAY in congress to establish a national cemetery in every state. It's proposed as alternative to war department plan to enlarge Arlington national cemetery for war dead. Department has opposed state cemetery plan in past but has promised to study it again.

REPUBLICANS who supported federal-ballot method for service men's voting are resentful over G. O. P. national committee's release of blast placing party on record against it. Complainers say committee members didn't approve statements and that it expressed view of Chairman Spangler's headquarters only. Seventeen Republican house members and 10 Republican senators voted for federal ballot on first roll call.

SENATE COMMITTEE investigating liquor shortage will reopen hearings shortly, promising to fix responsibility. Results of committee agents' labors have pacified Republican committeemen who had threatened to quit because inquiry had bogged down.

NAVY is experimenting with new dive torpedo bomber, said to be big improvement over the Heinkel, which distinguished itself in first trial raid on Rabaul in November. Japs meanwhile have improved performance of their fighter planes.

NOTE TO HOME CANNERS: Zinc tops will reappear on the market this year, but in limited quantities.

Fight Among Themselves

ADD HOME-FRONT WARS: (1) Between American Legion and five other veteran organizations over ways to benefit new veterans and win members. Legion's winning with the "G. I. bill of rights," scheduled for quick congressional approval. (2) Between A. F. of L. and G. I. O. leaders for glory of smashing little steel formula. So far they're neck and neck.

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, displeased at premature publicity that it would call a C. I. O. political action committee, put its report on ice. It's still forthcoming; may be along about the time Dies committee blasts the Hillman organization.

Despite their many clashes, justice department has leaned heavily on Dies for evidence in session cases about to go on trial.

SUPPORTERS of Arabian pipe line say military men will tell senate oil policy committee—it asked—that pipe line is a defense necessity. Vice Adm. Horne among those who will testify, the say.

FAST-SPREADING loan-shark business, long under investigation by justice department, probably will face indictments soon. They're expected to come from San Antonio grand jury.

Yank Gliders Land English Far Behind Japs in Burma

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respondent John Nicholson, who went with them, described as "Britain's Burma bus service."

Jap Advance May Nullify Advantage

By A. T. STEELE

NEW DELHI, March 17 (Delayed)—Today's dramatic announcement of a successful landing of airborne allied forces behind the Japanese lines in northern Burma is counterbalanced by the threat of a new Japanese offensive toward India's eastern frontier.

The aerial descent into the midst of the Japanese northern Burma stronghold will be of great and immediate help to Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's Chinese-American effort to drive an overland corridor to China.

But its effect may be reduced or nullified unless the Japanese advance on the central sector of the Indo-Burma frontier is halted.

Beyond Imphal and its connecting highways is the Bengal-Assam railway, 120 miles deeper in the British rear.

Any threat to this railway, which is separated from Imphal by another jungle-clad range of hills, would be of the gravest consequence, for it is the main feeder of our bases in northeastern India—the starting point of Stilwell's Chinese-American offensive and the take-off for our air traffic to China.

The British, with the assistance of Anglo-American air power which continues to dominate the Burma skies, are taking drastic and energetic measures to meet the Japs' threat south of Imphal.

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Local Sergeant Leader in Prison Camp in Germany

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a new man" after not shaving for two months.

He asked his mother to send through the Red Cross corn starch (which the censor sent back because it wasn't on the food list); peanut butter, dehydrated soups and soda crackers.

At another time he wrote, "We have a theater, a library, a band and chapel and we put out two editions of a camp paper. I was No. 2 printer."

A local boy who was with the sergeant an hour before he was captured over a year ago in North Africa is Pfc. Jack E. Law, 31, Dearborn st. He wrote that the group, of which Calhoun was the leader, was making maps of the North African area and Sicily prior to the invasion of the island, when Germans captured him.

GERMANS SEEK 'GOOD OLD DAYS'

Reflect General Yearning For Peace by Dwelling On the Past.

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bare shibboleths are the order of the day. What is new is that when they openly discuss the future, the people now postulate a German defeat. Horror of aerial warfare has led Germans to think that whatever may be their future, it must of necessity be better than their present conditions. A small illegal pamphlet now being circulated in Germany, entitled, "I Have Had Enough," declares:

"We have lost 11 years. Much of what was dear to us has been taken away. But we can make up for lost time once peace has come. Let us finish so that we can begin at the beginning. Things cannot be worse than at present."

Play Up 'Good Old Days'

German propaganda, fully aware of this collective yearning, seeks to satisfy it by taking the people back instead of forward. It is not for nothing that one of the most popular films today is "Voyage Into the Past," and it is not by chance that Prof. Frolich has produced a film called, "The Buckholz Family," which recalls the brilliant Berlin epoch after 1870.

"The good old days" have become an obsession and many conversations turn on the question, "How would things have turned out if in 1933 . . . we chose a different path?"

These daydreams have become so prevalent that despite censorship they creep into the press, camouflaged under dialect. In Munich the Munchener Neueste Nachrichten has published a sketch called, "Within My Four Walls," which thus describes the weariness and bewilderment of Germans today:

'I Talk to My Walls'

"I talk to my walls since I cannot escape my thoughts—they haunt me. Often I seek to flee them but they pursue me. It is not only of myself that I think—the whole weight of human misery weighs on my soul."

"To sleep with such a burden I would have to have a heart of stone. I have put my forehead to my wall, but it is cold and utterly indifferent. But what if I went into the wall? Comfort? Ah, well, it is better than now. I know I am completely alone, with no help anywhere, no security, nowhere a resting place for my head, nothingness."

This state of mind induces many soldiers to risk desertion. The number of those failing to return to the front, after leave, has so increased that military police have had to be reinforced.

Many Service Men Hide

In large towns, there are agencies which procure clothing, false papers and railroad tickets for deserters. Many servicemen succeed in hiding; others eventually rejoin their regiments, urged by their families for fear of reprisals. They invent fantastic excuses and as punishment are simply transferred to other units and given severer duties.

A Chip on Their Soldiers

This nostalgia also influences the outlook of soldiers from the eastern front, though their moods naturally are more bellicose.

They carry a chip on the shoulder and people avoid discussions that might lead into arguments with them.

Skeptics may say: "So, soldiers from the eastern front are already cocks-of-the-walk; what about the Gestapo and the S. S.?"

The reply is that the Nazi party has enough sense not to cut off its nose to spite its face.

Must Honor Combatants

In other words, combatants must be honored; in them lie the hopes of the country's salvation. Discipline in the Wehrmacht is as severe as ever, but it is the soldier himself who has changed. He has thrown off the chrysalis of mysticism with which he started out to fight and now calls a spade a spade and sees it as such.

In Germany today the most-discussed question is not, "will we win the war?" but "when will all this end?"

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ARSONIST'S HUSBAND FACES FRAUD CHARGE

LOGANSPOUT, Ind., March 18 (U. P.)—Sheriff Joseph Salb of Dubois county was scheduled to arrive today to take custody of James Ott, 46, former attendant at the Logansport state hospital, on a charge of defrauding insurance underwriters.

Ott, whose wife, Maude, 41, also a former attendant, was sentenced to one to 10 years' imprisonment this week for igniting a building at the state institution, was accused of complicity in the burning of his home at Birdseye, Ind., April 11, 1943, and collecting \$1000 in insurance.

Lynn O'Neill, Ott's attorney, said that the man would plead innocence to the fraud charge at Jasper at his arraignment Monday.

2 Satellites Prepare for Allied Blow

By UNITED PRESS

The growing allied air offensive and the approach of the Russian army brought repercussions in Rumania and Estonia today.

A Bucharest broadcast reported that the OWI warned the Rumanian people that allied air raids on their capital may come "sooner than we anticipated" and urged a speed-up in the building of shelters.

The government of Rumania's Bucharest province on the Russian frontier ordered restaurants and public houses to close at 8 p. m. and to open on Saturday for only one hour at noon, a Budapest broadcast recorded by CBS said.

German Marshal Fritz Erich von Manstein, commander of the southern front, was reported by the British radio to have set up his headquarters in the Rumanian towns of Cernauti and Jassy after falling back across the Dniester river under pressure from the Soviet army.

Plans for the evacuation of a large part of the population of Tallinn, capital of Estonia, were outlined by its mayor in an Estonian broadcast reported by U. S. government monitors.

RUSS MAY HAVE ISSUED TERMS

Support of Rumania Claim To Transylvania Is Likely.

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Czech support at the peaceable for Rumania's claim to Transylvania, as against Hungary. There could be no question, it was stated, of altering the position of Bessarabia and Bukovina, which was incorporated into the Soviet Union in 1941.

Meanwhile Prince Stirbey is believed to be in Cairo seeking allied terms. During his stay in Ankara he did not attempt to see any official British and there seems to be uncertainty here as to whom or what he represents.

Stirbey is well known and certainly is in touch with many different elements inside Rumania. It is most likely that he is empowered by King Michael and possibly by Premier Ion Antonescu. The attitude here is that it costs nothing to listen and sometimes it pays dividends.

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Report Allied Armistice Terms

Times Special

BERN, Switzerland, March 18—Allied armistice conditions as communicated to Rumanian Prince Stirbey during his stay in Ankara, Turk capital, are reported in today's Journal De Geneve to be as follows:

1. Restoration of the 1939 frontier of Rumania. That is to say, retrocession to Russia of Bessarabia and northern Bukovina.

2. The northern arm of the Danube, that of Suttina, will return to the Soviet Union and a Soviet-Rumanian condominium will be established over the outlet of the river. This will replace the European control commission.

3. Rumania is to free its territory within a fixed time limit, of German troops and to break off all diplomatic and economic relations with the Reich.

4. The Dobroudja frontier is not to be modified.

5. The Soviet government is to intervene at the peace conference in favor of retrocession of the whole of Transylvania to Rumania.

6. Until the end of the war with the Reich, some Rumanian towns are to be occupied by Russian troops.

7. The Soviet Union will not demand war reparations but will ask the restitution of machines and installations exported by the Rumanians into regions occupied by them, as well as the extradition of persons guilty of cruelty to Russians.

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VERMONT FIRST TO RATIFY SOLDIER VOTE

MONTPELIER, Vt., March 18 (U. P.)—The Vermont legislature, in the first action of its kind in the nation, yesterday adopted a law which would permit Vermont citizens in the armed forces to use any federal ballot which is approved by congress and the President.

The law provides that Vermont servicemen and women may vote in the coming election no matter where they may be stationed. It provides for advancement of the state's election machinery to enable overseas servicemen to cast their votes in time to be counted in the election.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN SPONSOR CARD PARTY

The Wayne Township Republican Women's club will sponsor a card party at 1:30 p. m. Friday at the home of Mrs. Alice Evans, 70 N. Addison st.

Byrum Carter, Mrs. Charles Peever, Mrs. William Crim, Mrs. William Garabrandt and Mrs. Cora McPeely.

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QUICK ACTION ON TAXES SEEN

New 'Simple Form' Would Become Effective Next Jan. 1.

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to 91 per cent and substitute for the present victory tax a new 3 per cent normal tax.

The plan provides for a "presumptive" deduction of 10 per cent of gross income up to \$5000, to cover such present deductions as interest, taxes, and so on. Thus, the maximum presumptive deduction would be \$500. Persons claiming more than that sum would be required to list them, as at present. Persons with less than \$5000 income claiming more than 10 per cent deductions also would be compelled to list them.

The new normal tax would be computed on the basis of 3 per cent of taxable income—gross income minus the presumptive deduction and a \$500 personal exemption.

Individual Deductions In computing surtaxes, the individual would find his taxable income by deducting the 10 per cent presumptive deduction and \$500 for himself and each dependent. Thus a single person would have only a \$500 exemption. A married person with no children would have a \$1000 exemption, and a married person with two children a \$2000 exemption.

From this basis, the plan contemplates three methods of reporting income and taxes due:

1. A taxpayer with less than \$5000 income, no more than \$100 of which was from sources not subject to withholding, and who does not claim more than the presumptive 10 per cent for deductions could take the withholding receipt he gets from his employer, list any dependents on the reverse side of the receipt and send it to the internal revenue collector. The collector then would make the necessary computations to determine whether the taxpayer's withholdings covered what he owed. If additional taxes were found due, the collector would mail him a bill. If his taxes were found to be overpaid, the taxpayer would get a refund.

2. The taxpayer with income less than \$5000 who claims more than the presumptive 10 per cent for deductions or who has more than \$100 income from non-withholding sources would file a one-page return. He would list his income, deductions and taxes withheld and compute from an accompanying table the amount he owes.

3. Persons with more than \$5000 income would use a new short form which the committee said would be even simpler than tax returns used prior to the advent of victory taxes and the withholding plan.

METZ WINS HIGH NON-COMBAT HONOR

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erator wing commander who recently received the congressional medal of honor.

Capt. Metz has been in service since June, 1942. He had been a member of the Indiana national guard for 13 months.

The captain's wife, Helen C. Metz, is a section manager at L. S. Ayres & Co. and resides at 1320 N. Delaware st.

ARMY NURSE WEDS SOLDIER PATIENT

PORT MORESBY, New Guinea, March 18 (U. P.)—Second Lt. Frances L. Trempus, American nurse of New Kensington, Pa., and 1st Lt. Carl Yoder, Elkhart, Ind., were married tonight at a sunset service.

The Catholic wedding service was performed by Capt. M. McEnroe, Australian army chaplain.

The marriage took place seven months to a day after their romance started when Yoder, an officer in the 5th fighter command, became a patient in her hospital.

FDR MAY REVEAL VOTE SURVEY SOON

WASHINGTON, March 18 (U. P.)—President Roosevelt hopes to have by Monday a compilation of governors' replies to his questions on the soldier vote bill, but an unofficial report showed today that out of 25 replies only six states have answered unequivocally that their laws permit the use of federal ballots for servicemen.

LAST OF ARGENTINE QUADRUPLTS DIES

BUENOS AIRES, March 18 (U. P.)—The last of the quadruplets born Thursday to Mrs. Maria Ganchino de Angani—a girl—died yesterday while still in an incubator.

The girl, last of the quads to be born, lived exactly 24 hours. The other children—two boys and one girl—died yesterday afternoon.

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IT'S NEW

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Wehrmacht Beginning to Feel Pinch of Manpower Shortage

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front lines, as shown by the chart which disclosed that during the five months of the winter campaign 23 German generals and two ad-mirals were killed in action or died in hospitals of wounds received on the Russian and Italian fronts. The chart shows there were the obligatory notices of more generals killed in action than majors or colonels.

Half Killed in Russia Of every hundred German soldiers killed in action or civilians killed in air raids during January and the first half of February 55 were killed on the Russian front or died in hospital behind that front; 3 were killed in fighting in Italy; 7 died in air battle; 3 at sea; 3 lost their lives to partisans or "bandits" as the paid advertisements said in the guerrilla fighting of French, Serbian, Dutch, Belgian and Norwegian patriots.

The remaining 24 were killed in air raids of "military accident," which included railroad wrecks of military trains, chiefly due to air attack or guerrilla sabotage. Of the air raid victims, there were more women than men, but that can be explained by the absence of 13,000,000 men in service.

Many Generals Killed When I arrived in Germany in January, 1943, there was seldom more than two columns of paid notices. Stalingrad's 300,000 casualties spread the obituary advertising from two columns to a full page and it has seldom been less than a page in the major Berlin dailies ever since.

Since the advertisements are comparatively expensive, about 250 marks for a single insertion, only a small proportion of the casualties are announced.

A higher proportion of deaths of officers than of enlisted men is a natural consequence of that high cost. Yet the chart provides an equitable basis of study of ages and arms of service of the war victims.

Hitler's generals fight in the

PFC. JOHN PEARSON WOUNDED IN ACTION

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mother, Mrs. Leona M. Pearson, 111 N. Arsenal ave. She has five other children in the service.

The 21-year-old veteran of two years action wrote his mother that he is convalescing from leg wounds and expected to be sent home this summer.

He entered the service about two and a half years ago and received training at Three Rivers, N. C. He attended school in Franklin.

Other persons in the service are Capt. Don L. a regiment commander at Hensley field, Tex.; 2d Lt. Thomas W. in school at Ft. Benning, Ga.; Chief Petty Officer Darrell, in the Southwest Pacific; Seaman 1-c Robert Eugene, awaiting active duty orders in the East, and Cpl. Margaret Ruddick of the WAC at Camp Wheeler, Ga. Mrs. Pearson works at RCA.

PVT. VERN L. WILLIAMS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Williams, yesterday was reported missing since Feb. 6 in Italy.

The 19-year-old infantryman listed in the army last May and went overseas in November. Before moving to Italy he was stationed in Africa.

A former Technical high school student, he worked at Ermet Product before entering service. He received his army training at Camp Shelby, Miss.

His brother, Danny N. Williams, is a first class petty officer in the navy and now is taking advanced training in Chicago. His sister is Mrs. Pauline Radcliff, 2271 N. Dearborn st.

SECOND LT. FINO V. ALANDER, husband of Mrs. Betty T. Alander, 1644 Montclair st., has been awarded an oak leaf cluster to his air medal for five combat missions over Europe as co-pilot of a flying Fortress.

L. Alander formerly was a mechanical draftsman and attended Indiana university extension.

KILLED FIVE INDIANA soldiers were listed today as killed. They are: Tech. 3d Gr. John A. Bushnell, son of Peter Bushnell, Gary, in the Central Pacific, and Sgt. Fay L. Cleek, brother of Robert M. Cleek, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Miller, Logansport; 1st Lt. Clarence E. Michael, husband of Mrs. Rillery Marie Michael, Edinburg, and S. Sgt. Ralph E. Scholl, son of Mrs. Estella Scholl, Union City, in the Mediterranean area.

MOTOR MACHINISTS MATE 3-C MAX D. HASLER, husband of Mrs. Esther F. Hasler, Elmore, is listed as missing by the navy department.

FUMES MAKE WOMAN, THREE CHILDREN ILL

Mrs. Olive Stone, 2619 E. Pearl st., and her three grandchildren, Maryann Johnson, 8; Dana Gean, 6, and Beverly Ann, 5, were made ill today by gas fumes from a coke stove. They were treated at home.

Mrs. Stone said that before they became ill a pet dog fell down sick and that a pet cat ran crazily through the house.

AMERICANS TO GET MAIL FROM ITALIANS

NAPLES, March 18 (U. P.)—Italians in liberated areas will be able to send letters to relatives in the United States and South America beginning Monday, the allied military government announced today.

The mail will be limited to letters and post cards.

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RUMANIA FEARS GERMAN PLOT

Report Iron Guard Called to Form in Reich Haven.

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at Cairo and also the fact that the premier has refused to part with his vice premier, Mihail Antonescu, who is not popular with the Germans. It is believed that Mihail's resignation has been refused by the premier, who is his distant cousin and bears the same surname.

Viewpoint Changes

Meanwhile Budapest reports state that Rumanian ships at Odessa have been ordered to leave immediately. Orders have been given to Bucharest for the complete evacuation of Moldavia, the province lying between Bessarabia and the Carpathians.

Moldavia is inhabited by 1,500,000 Rumanians, for whom shelter must be found. It appears, however, that a large number