

WASHINGTON *Calling*

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

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ordered. While German rockets have been getting publicity, our naval bureau of ordnance has been quietly at work developing its own.

AMERICAN PLANES get into action against Nazis five days after they leave our factories, in some cases. It's no longer secret that they're flown over Alaska to the Russian front. This is one reason for emphasis on developing oil supplies in Alaska.

Surprised at MacArthur Rumpus

REP. A. L. MILLER of Nebraska says he's surprised at rumpus he kicked up with MacArthur letters. He didn't think they were news! But Miller has no qualms about publishing them, expects no protest from the general. Months ago, he says, he wrote MacArthur that he'd make no use of correspondence if the general preferred that he did not. Says he had no answer.

AMERICAN EXPERTS chosen to discuss international petroleum policy with the British here next week include experienced oil men, but some independent operators warn that unless they're on their toes they may get their pants traded off them.

Early discussions will center about our government's proposed Trans-Arabian pipeline. Talk eventually will cover whole field of Middle East oil operations, may include rationing of production and division of markets in that sphere of British influence, supplying India and Far East after the war, and international trade issues created by our great new synthetic-rubber industry.

Companies Have Far-Flung Interests

BRITISH DELEGATION includes Sir William Fraser, chairman of Anglo-Iranian Oil Co., in which British government holds majority interest, and Sir Frederick Godber, chairman of Shell Union Oil Corp. Their companies have far-flung interests in Middle East and in Netherlands East Indies, where both oil and natural rubber are produced. Also:

Sir Frederick's Shell Union is controlled by Batavian Petroleum, which is part of Royal Dutch. In addition he is one of the managing directors of Iraq Petroleum, affiliate of Shell Transport & Trading Co., which is associated with Royal Dutch.

AND: Among other owners of Iraq Petroleum is Near East Development Co., owned 50-50 by Standard of New Jersey and Socony-Vacuum, both American companies, both, opposed to our Trans-Arabian pipeline.

Sir William's Anglo-Iranian is half owner with Gulf Oil of concessions at the head of Persian gulf. And Gulf Oil is one of three (others being Standard of California and Texas Co.) which have agreed with our government on the Saudi Arabian pipeline.

NEW ATTEMPTS to amend anti-trust laws are being planned by an investors' group. Idea is that combinations in big and little business which have helped us break records producing munitions should be permitted in the peace to provide full-scale employment—but only if held by a disinterested agency to be in the public interest.

Idea may be advanced as the fifth freedom. "Freedom of private enterprise." But observers here believe any effort to change Sherman and Clayton acts will meet stiff opposition in congress unless it can be proved that only in this way can we win the peace on the home front.

Polis Show Wallace's Popularity

DESPITE ALL the things not in his favor, feeling grows in Capitol Hill that Vice President Wallace has a good chance to be No. 2 man on a fourth-term ticket. Reason: Polis showing his popularity, and the thought that he might gather in the nebulous labor vote and the confirmed New Deal vote. He has steadily advocated the New Deal, even after F. D. R. chucked the name out of the window.

SPEAKER SAM RAYBURN's friends say he brought back from Texas no important returns about his campaign for renomination in July primaries. The Democratic national convention opens in Chicago three days before the first Texas primary, and some think the speaker might be nominated for vice president before his renomination to the house.

POWER COMMISSION and WPB will resist congressional drive to repeal national daylight-time law. Leader of repeal movement is Chairman Cannon (D. Mo.) of house appropriations committee.

J. SIDNEY JOHNSON, advertising executive who organized war food administration's drive to promote use of no-point and low-point foods, will return to his old job in private industry about May 1. Campaign has been launched in 250,000 food stores, will start soon in hotels and restaurants.

GOP to Contribute \$3000 to Campaigners

REPUBLICAN campaign organization, fighting to win house control, plans \$3000 contributions to incumbents facing stiff contests and to candidates with chances to unseat Democrats.

AMONG FIRST recommendations to reach new house committee on post-war military policy will be one from naval affairs subcommittee urging allotment of naval vessels to friendly South American republics for joint hemispheric defense. Some members of policy committee are dubious.

IF THE STEEL and other campaigning unions break the little steel formula, look for United Mine Workers to ask for more pay despite the apparent victory they won from Ickes-Lewis agreement that ended last year's coal strike. The miners, working longer hours and more days for more "take home" pay, are viewing seriously the war labor board's argument that the settlement involved no raise in basic pay.

Coal for Householders to Be Scarce

COAL FOR HOUSEHOLDERS will be scarcer next winter. Administrator Ickes is preparing consumers for a chilly winter or the use of inferior substitute grades—by limiting purchases of scarce coals before Oct. 1 to 75 per cent of yearly requirements.

IN MANY CITIES householders will be required to file declarations of needs, supply on hand, type of equipment, etc. Ickes calls program "dealer control," since retailers will be enforcement agents, but aides concede it's "rationing without the name."

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE BERLE, back from London meetings with Lord Beaverbrook, probably will go before a senate commerce subcommittee on aviation early next week to report. He's said to be much more chary of British plans than when he started out, and he'll find listening senators determined to O. K. no foreign air agreements which give away big concessions to other nations.

North Side-Terrorized By Knife-Wielding Burglar

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bedroom window. When he shouted the man ran. Police found the screen pried out of the window.

About 5:15 a. m. Martha Persell and Marian Bey, 3630 N. Meridian st., Apt. 3, were awakened by a man entering their apartment. He held his knife at the throat of Miss Persell and said, "Don't say anything or I'll kill you. I've already killed two people tonight." They screamed, anyway, and the man disappeared for the third time through a window.

Hold-up Men on Rampage

Hold-up men were also on the rampage last night, taking billocks containing more than \$100 and a watch worth \$45.

When Dr. Dan R. Tucker, 3311 College ave., got out of his car at 30th and Illinois sts., two men forced him back into the seat and drove him to McClain st. and Boulevard pl. There they robbed him of \$50 and a wrist watch valued at \$45, put him out of the car, took one shot at him, and drove away.

A man in an automobile offered

KURILES ABLAZE AFTER ATTACKS

U. S. Bombs Start Fires From End to End of Jap Bases.

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enemy's Kurile bases. Heavy anti-aircraft fire was encountered but there was no aerial opposition and all of our planes returned undamaged.

Fires and explosions were caused in this morning's attacks by navy Ventura's on air installations at Suribachi, Khabarovsk and Kurabaki or Paramushiro.

Lt. Cmdr. W. R. Stevens, Salem, Ore., one of the navy pilots, reported he dropped two 500-pound demolition bombs and incendiaries on a large "H" shaped building at Suribachi. The bombs straddled the building which burst into flame, and Stevens said eight greenish explosions followed.

Army Liberators attacked the important airbase on Matsushima island early today and then ranged northward 250 miles to bomb Kurabaki.

Australians Take New Guinea Base

By UNITED PRESS

Allied forces, striking against the Japanese from land and air, carried an aerial offensive on the Kurile Islands in Japan's northern empire, into the fourth day, while 4000 miles to the south they captured Bogadjim, on the north coast of New Guinea, and were driving toward Madang, 16 miles away.

Yanks Blast Wewak

The Australian conquest at Bogadjim, protective base of Madang was coupled with new aerial attacks of the northern New Guinea coast, where American bombers blasted the Wewak, 200 miles north of Madang, with 250 tons of explosives, and strafed a 90-mile stretch from Wewak to Aitape.

Southwest Pacific bombers also hit Wakde Island, 110 miles west of Hollandia on the far northern New Guinea coast, and shot down a Japanese bomber 280 miles southeast of Palau, 550 miles east of the Philippines.

Hit at Carolines

Central Pacific forces continued their offensive against the Carolines, striking the main base of Truk on Wednesday and four of its protective positions on Thursday. The outlying targets were Ponape, 437 miles east of Truk, which was raided for the 22d time in two weeks; Pakin, near Ponape; Ulu, 150 miles northwest of Truk; and Kusaie, the easternmost Carolines base, 343 miles southeast of American-held Kwajalein.

Army, navy and marine planes of the Central Pacific attacked four isolated Japanese bases in the Marshalls both Wednesday and Thursday, while American airmen from Solomons bases carried out their daily raid on Rabaul.

King Says Japan Dodging Battle

WASHINGTON, April 15 (U. P.).—Adm. Ernest J. King, accusing the Japanese of "lack of co-operation" in staging a major sea battle with the United States navy, said today that the powerful new blows would be delivered during the next few months against Japanese bases, and against the Japanese fleet if it can be found.

Addressing the graduating class of the federal bureau of investigation's national police academy, the commander-in-chief of the U. S. fleet said:

"I think we could rightly define a major part of our policy with respect to the Pacific as 'seizure of opportunity.' So far it has been impossible, for lack of Japanese co-operation, to stage a major sea battle.

"We are willing, but the Japs do not seem to want to gamble with that type of battle. So we are seeking opportunities to strike when ever we can get within range of their warships or bases, and I think you will find within the next few months to come that we shall create more of these opportunities."

"For example," he said, "I have only to cite the recent successful attacks on Palau, Yap and Woleai islands." Palau is 560 miles from the Philippines.

Reminding that to date more than 600 Japanese merchant ships have been sunk, probably sunk or damaged by the Japanese air alone, King added that Japan "cannot stand such a rate of loss for any length of time and keep her empire together."

Objective Is Tokyo

He said that well over 2,000,000 tons of Japanese cargo tonnage has been sunk to reduce Japan's merchant fleet to not more than two-thirds of pre-war tonnage.

He reiterated that the American objective in the Pacific is Tokyo.

"But," he added, "we do not underestimate our enemies. We give them credit for determination and tenacity, skill and ingenuity, as well as a savage disregard for humanity and for lives—even their own."

King declared that as time goes on, the Japanese will learn that the United States is not relying on so-called orthodox methods of warfare.

Lt. Gen. A. A. Vandegrift, marine corps commander, told the graduates that the American soldier's faculty to think for himself and to make the right decisions constitutes one of the greatest advantages he holds over the Japanese fighting man.

YOCKEY IS APPOINTED

Harry Yockey, city OGD director, today was appointed by Mayor Tynan to represent the city on the Marion county tax adjustment board.

Complete Training TURKISH POLICY QUEER PARADOX

Concern for Future Viewed As Explanation of Aid to Reich.

By RICHARD MOWRE

Times Foreign Correspondent

CAIRO, April 15.—Turkish policy is perhaps the strangest paradox of the war.

During Britain's bad days, when the British were being driven out of Cyrenaica, out of Greece, and out of Crete; when they were being harassed by the Irak rebellion and compelled to wage a campaign in Syria; when they had their backs to the wall in Egypt while German armies were thrusting into the Caucasus; during the allies' gloomiest days, the Turks maintained not only their neutral policy but their friendly though negative alliance with Britain.

Today, when Germany's collapse appears inevitable, with the allies poised to open the second front and the Russians sweeping into the Balkans and Poland, the Turks not only maintain their neutral policy but favor the Germans by increasing shipments of chrome to them despite allied protests.

RAILWAY TO PAY BONUS FOR YEAR

Union Meeting Called on Whether to Accept New Scale.

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urer and business representative of the union, today would not comment on the possible decision of union members but indicated that he did not think employees would be "satisfied" with the 5-cent increase.

25 Cents Requested

Previously the union had asked for a 25-cent-an-hour raise but only an 8-cent increase was granted by the Chicago regional war labor board. The case was taken to the national labor board because the regional board had not been advised of the principles laid down by the national board in relation to wage stabilization for the transit industry.

Only transit employees who belong to division 1070 of the union are affected by the raise. Terminal building employees are not included.

HANNEGAN PREDICTS DEMOCRATIC SWEEP

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cause, they want the President to continue handling the war.

"It certainly does encourage us," The Democratic national chairman, a close personal friend of James A. Farley, said that he did not know what the former national chairman would do but that he felt that he would go along.

One of the scheduled guests, Lt. Gerry Kisters of Bloomington, winner of the congressional medal of honor, is unable to be present because he is undergoing treatment in the Nichols hospital in Louisville, Ky.

A. J. Heuring, Winslow publisher, was elevated from the vice presidency to the presidency of the Democratic Editorial association at the business session. He succeeds Ray E. Smith, secretary to Governor Schricker.

Hugh A. Barnhardt, Rochester, director of the state conservation department, was advanced from second vice president to first vice president and Robert P. O'Bannon, Corydon, third vice president, was advanced to second vice president.

GUZIK FREE AGAIN, BUT WON'T TALK

CHICAGO, April 15 (U. P.).—Jack Guzik, chief of what remains of the Al Capone gang, was back in circulation today, but he wasn't talking about his reported kidnapping.

A confidant of the gang leader told the United Press he talked with Guzik on the telephone last night, a little more than 24 hours after the gang leader was reported to have been dragged from his automobile in suburban Berwyn by three men.

"Guzik said he had not been kidnapped," the informant said. "But he didn't say where he had been."

The gambling czar's friend said he had called back to make sure the caller was Guzik and was convinced the information was "on the level." The call was placed from a drug store, he said.

Despite Guzik's denial that he had been kidnapped there was no doubt that he had been missing since he left the Willow Springs police court Thursday. And despite the telephone call he did not appear at his headquarters today.

DR. HULLAHEN DIES

WILMINGTON, Del., April 15 (U. P.).—Dr. Walter Hullihen, 68, president of the University of Delaware, Newark, Del., since 1920, died in Delaware hospital here yesterday.

Townsend Raps Politicians, Declares They Block His Plan

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rich, why shouldn't we have a tremendous expenditure in the time of peace by setting aside a certain percentage of our earnings and distributing it equally?

"It would be a leveling out process. We have no objection to big businessmen getting as rich as they like, but we want to see that all people have enough to live on."

"I do think the plan would slow down the race for riches. A person knew that he was insured against all the hazards of life and old age, he wouldn't be so anxious to pile up a fortune."

Lt. F. M. Bennett, Local Flier, Held Prisoner in Germany

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ford Times Mail before entering the air forces. He is 24.

His father, Jack Bennett, and his son, Jack, both live in Bedford. His sister, Lt. Jewell Bennett, is in the army nurses corps in Ireland.

Mrs. Bennett, who works at Curtis-Wright Corp., lives with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Robbins, of the Union st. address.

CONFIRMATION that four Indianapolis men were missing and one wounded was made today by the war department.

The missing are S. Sgt. Louis E. Znidarsich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis E. Znidarsich, 938 N. Ketcham st., in the European theater; T. Sgt. Robert M. Garnett, son of Fred Garnett, 3102 Madison ave.; Pfc. Donald H. Gille, husband of Mrs. Mildred Gille, 1234 N. Linwood st., and Pfc. James A. Hodges, husband of Mrs. Marjorie E. Hodges, 1203 N. Belle Vue pl., all in the Mediterranean area.

Sgt. Albert Merle Harmon, husband of Mrs. Carol Harmon, 3420 E. 26th st., was listed as wounded.

ENSLIGN ALFRED B. REED, son of Mrs. M. Reed, 5860 Lowell

ave., has been commended for outstanding performance of duty as officer in charge of the U. S. LCT-342 during the assault landings on the north coast of Sicily.

The commendation states that during amphibious operations in support of the U. S. 7th army, Ensign Reed led his ship under enemy gunfire and aerial bombardment from Aug. 3 to Aug. 16, 1943, in the ferrying of heavy mechanized military equipment to landing points around demolished bridges and tunnels.

He also "skillfully and expeditiously" discharged assault elements over the designated beaches behind enemy lines on Aug. 8, 1943, at Terranova, Sicily, and again on Aug. 11 at Brolo, Sicily.

LT. LLOYD F. HENRY, son of Mrs. Pearl-Henry, 1540 N. Meridian

st., and Lt. Charles F. Anderson, Gary, have been commended for operations over enemy occupied Europe from March 6 to March 23.

The Indianapolis flier recently started operational flights with the Mustang fighter group of the 8th air force. Lt. Anderson, who holds the air medal with one oak leaf cluster, participated in missions in

Dean to Address State Educators

CITY AND STATE EDUCATORS will hear Dr. T. R. McConnell, dean of the college of science at the University of Minnesota, speak next Friday and Saturday at Butler university.

Dr. McConnell will discuss "The Future of Liberal Education" Friday in the second series of meetings post-war education.

There will be other talks and forums during the two days with the program centering on education for veterans of world war II who return to school.

BEEES OUST GUESTS IN SOCIETY HOTEL

PALM SPRINGS, Cal., April 15 (U. P.).—A swarm of bees looking for a place to light caused a hasty evacuation of the Oasis, upper-resort hotel, yesterday.

The bees buzzed in one side of the lobby and the guests dashed out the other. No casualties were reported and the bees departed of their own free will.

Hitler Suggests That Pope Close Church to Fliers

By UNITED PRESS

THE CLANDESTINE radio Atlantic said last night that Adolf Hitler had suggested to Pope Pius XII that the church communicate "every pilot of Catholic faith who raids Catholic churches or other buildings sacred to Catholics."

"As most American pilots are Catholics," the letter was quoted as saying, "this measure would have the effect of preventing the bombing of Catholic churches in the future by American fliers."

The letter, which expressed regret over the destruction and damaging of churches "by the air terror of the allies," was given to the papal secretary of state by Baron Ernst von Weizsacker, German ambassador to the Vatican, the broadcast said.

Jittery Germans Fear 'Real Thing'

MADRID, April 15 (U. P.).—Reports from France said today that the Germans, fearing the real thing, called a general invasion alert for about three hours on the Brittany coast in northwest France Wednesday night.

The reports said that coastal batteries had fired for miles along the coast and that the action did not constitute maneuvers.

Reason for the alert was not disclosed.

(A German DNB news agency broadcast from Berlin yesterday said German troops recently held a test of defense fortifications along the French Mediterranean coast with live ammunition.)

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GROUNDED BONG ACHES FOR FIGHT

Acc Temporarily Out of Air; Wants to Keep Flying After War.

ADVANCED ALLIED BASE, NEW GUINEA, April 15 (U. P.).—Maj. Richard I. Bong, the shy and modest Poplar, Wis., farmboy, who became America's greatest air hero by shooting down 27 enemy planes, said in an interview today that he wants to keep on flying warplanes even after "the present conflict is ended."

Grounded temporarily, Bong said there was only one thing he wanted to do—get back to his job of flying more combat missions against the Japanese. When asked if he expected to be sent home to aid war bond drives and other civilian war efforts, Bong replied: "My God, I hope not."

MacArthur Praises Bong

Bong, who was a captain when he shot down two Japanese planes in the Hollandia area, revealed he was made a major the day after he broke Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker's world war I record. The promotion was in a congratulatory message from Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Lt. Gen. George C. Kenney, commander of allied air forces in the Southwest Pacific.

Bong, chunkily built, with brown curly hair and a snub nose, looks like any other average American small town boy. He speaks in a low, soft voice and uses words sparingly. When he was asked, for instance, if he felt nervous while fighting, he replied: "Hell, no."

Pressed, he explained that he did not have time to think of anything but the job at hand.

Bong Gets 'Shakes' When Fight's Over

LOS ANGELES, April 15 (U. P.).—Maj. Bong admits he gets "the shakes when it's all over," his sister, Nelda, 22, said today.

"You don't have time to get them when the actual fighting is going on, but I get the shakes when combat's over," Nelda said he told her while on a leave last December.

"Dick doesn't like to fight," Nelda said. "Repeatedly he has written her, 'the thrill is flying, not combat,'" she said.

Nelda is proud of her brother's record, but she smiles when she remembers their farmhouse back in Poplar, and how "cluttered it was with Dick's model airplanes."

Fascinated as Lad

Nelda recalls her brother's fascination when he saw a plane in the sky as a youngster.

"All he could think about was planes, and when a plane appeared in the sky he'd go into a sort of daydream until he couldn't see it any more," she said.

Nelda, a stenographer at the American President Lines headquarters in Los Angeles harbor, thinks Marge Battandahl, Dick's girl friend whose picture files on his P-38 Lightning, is "simply a swell girl and I'm all for my brother marrying her."

PLEDGES TO HELP MENTAL HOSPITALS

Rep. Earl B. Teckemeyer, candidate for renomination as state representative on the G. O. P. ticket, last night outlined the platform on which he is seeking office in an address at a fourth war rally.

He said that, if elected, he would work to develop an adequate patient treatment program for the inhabitants of the state mental institutions and would seek a strengthening and broadening of the state merit system law.

As chairman of the welfare legislative investigation commission, he said he would be returned to help pass the "modernizing" legislation he recommended to the 45 session by the commission.

BITTER PROTEST MADE

During the closing hours, the Democrats had entered upon the records of both houses a bitter protest against the "dictatorship" of the G. O. P. state committee which had kept the other measures they felt to be vital from being considered at the special session.

The Republican leadership made no attempt to keep this protest from being filed.

John Lauer, G. O. P. state chairman, issued a statement at the close of the session praising the legislators for keeping the session short.

3 COUNTRIES WOULD SHARE OCCUPATION

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Eisenhower unprecedented authority over Europe.

Under the proposed plans, it was understood, Russia would occupy Germany up to the border, running through Silesia and to the North sea at Stettin, while Britain would take over northwest Germany.

Plan Joint Occupation

All three allied powers would participate in the occupation of Berlin, reliable reports of the planning by the advisory commission said.

The Rhineland would be under joint occupation by the United States and Britain.

The British proposals were understood to have suggested that the Americans occupy Austria, but Russia was said to have favored a three-way occupation.

The first suggestions to the advisory committee from Russia, Britain and the United States were submitted about a month ago.

The first drafts of the British and Russian suggestions were understood to have been made, followed within a few days by those from the United States.

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PROTEST MARKS END OF SESSION

Democrats to Campaign Against G. O. P. 'Limit' on Legislation.

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new facilities will be needed by the American Legion, which is taking into its membership the veterans of the current war.

Closing Session Tense

There was tenseness as the session closed, the Republican leadership being determined to recess the legislature, which costs around \$4000 a day, if the Governor decided to spend the three days permitted to him for looking over the G. O. P. bills.

The Governor, however, signed the bills after a study of about three hours and both houses immediately adjourned.

The governor pointed out to a conference with some of the G. O. P. leaders that he had agreed to sign the bills but that he didn't want to sign them without first reading them over.

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