

WASHINGTON Calling

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a better chance of getting Ohio's electoral vote, with Bricker, than of getting California's vote with Warren.

CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICAN guessers on Capitol Hill say in letters sent back home that the only fairly certain victory as of today is control of the house of representatives. They predict a gain of 7 or 8 seats in the senate, which would bring their total to 44 or 45. Presidential contest, they say, is in the lap of the gods—war gods.

Willkie Makes Friends After Withdrawal

Since GETTING out of the presidential race Willkie has done more to improve his relationship with Republicans in Congress than ever before. He sent friendly letters of thanks to supporters and urged them to stand by the principles for which they fought. And, he indicated he'd have more to say on this subject as the campaign progresses.

U. S. FOREST SERVICE is hopping mad that du Pont took the lion's share of credit for discovery of a chemical process that converts soft woods into hard materials. Du Pont's announcement kissed off forest service with statement that Forest Products laboratory had conducted "parallel studies."

The laboratory, which calls its new product "uralloy," says it was holding up announcement of the discovery for "security reasons," but that du Pont has "stolen" the publicity. Forest Products says it has three basic patents on the process and a fourth pending.

SOUTHERN SENATORS say five Republicans, previously counted as favoring closure for the vote on anti-poll-tax legislation, have lined up against closure. It's enough, they say, together with absences, to give them victory and again prevent vote on poll taxes. Bill comes up after May 1, will be talked to death if this line-up holds.

INVASION NOTE: Army training programs now aim at turning out first-class infantrymen in 17 weeks for replacement troops overseas.

FARM SECURITY ADMINISTRATION will be continued another year, according to present outlook, while Congress studies reorganization plan proposed in Cooley committee bill. Senate agriculture committee has recommended this course, appropriations committee seems likely to agree.

Air Lines Get Planes to Move the Mail

REASON planes are being returned to air lines to prevent breakdown of domestic air-mail service. In a recent week 10,000,000 air-mail letters failed to get air transport; priority cargoes took all the room.

Lines probably will get 24 planes back shortly, more later. They have 190 in service now.

PROPOSED WHEELER-WHITE bill to amend radio law is bogged down, probably won't be heard of again in this Congress. One reason: Industry can't agree on what it wants.

Long hearings were held after first bill was introduced; measure was to be brought back in revised form. But weeks have passed, and there's no sign that it's coming.

REP. JIM McCORD will leave the house to be governor of Tennessee. He's candidate of Crump-McKellar machine; has no serious opposition.

EFFORT WILL be made in Senate to continue board of investigation and research on transportation, despite failure of house to give it funds for 1945. Senate appropriations committee is more favorable. Chief point of controversy: Two of board's three members wrote report favoring parity for South and West on freight rates.

PROMER JUSTICES Hughes and McReynolds may be summoned back to Supreme Court to decide aluminum and North American cases, pending for years because four justices have disqualified themselves and law calls for court quorum of six.

Congress turns a cold shoulder to Justice Department proposals that quorum be lowered to five. Substitute legislation is before judiciary committee authorizing use of retired justices when quorum can't be secured otherwise.

Absenteeism Plagues Coal Mines

JOHN L. LEWIS' demand for retroactive portal-to-portal pay for his miners isn't the only headache at solid fuel administration.

Faced with the job of getting out 260 million tons of coal this year with a limited number of miners, and with draft threatening younger men, officials are still plagued with absenteeism. Some mines report one-third of their forces absent at a time.

Usual reason advanced by managers is that miners are "making too much money," take time off to spend it. Union leaders have cooperated in the field to cut down absenteeism but with little success.

ALLIED PRISONERS of war will keep on getting food packages when invasion starts. British Red Cross has 20,000 tons of packages stored in Switzerland in case regular transportation routes break down.

AMERICAN "COWBOY DRIVERS" annoy British. Some 1000 damage claims are filed each week for personal injuries, property damage. Claims over \$5000 had to be sent to United States, for action by Congress, until recently. Delays added to ill feeling. Now lend-lease will take care of them. British taxpayers will settle for damage done by American soldiers; American taxpayers will meet claims of British subjects in America.

TAXPAYERS CASHED many government bonds to meet April tax installments. But records show that since Jan. 1 redemptions have been only 9 per cent of sales.

LAST JANUARY WPB said no cutbacks to permit civilian goods in 1944 unless war in Europe should end by June or July. And no one talks now about early ending.

NAVY MOTHERS TO MEET

The 17th Organized division, Navy Mothers club, will hold its monthly meeting at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow at the home of its president, Mrs. Paul Scherer, 2005 Barth ave. Hostesses are Mrs. Jennie Higenbotham and Mrs. Emma Tull.

INVASION JITTERS HIT PARIS NAZIS

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parently has become one vast system of defense. Barricades have been erected even in the streets of Paris and other capitals, and troops manning them ordered to be on the lookout night and day.

Meantime, listening to the French in England broadcast to the French in France has become more exciting than the most lurid spy tales. Part of the broadcasts is in ordinary French but much is obviously in code.

Here for instance is some of the jargon:

"Listen, friends, lobster a la Americaine is now a highly prized dish. Pushkine, be careful; a trip to the country is most beneficial. Attention, friends of Misinguette: Orchids keep much better in ice boxes. Havana cigars are good. I repeat. Havana cigars are good. I am fond of cauliflower. My little cigarette lighter: Today your eyes are tired, your cheeks are pale, the fox and the hare are pretty. The big elephant rides in a plane. The giraffe has a long neck. The sayer is married. Gregoire, wait, we will see you tonight."

And so it goes. Then maybe somebody will sing a strange, unexpected song. For example, Chopin's funeral march song lugubriously to such words as, "The Nazis march." The march of death. They are on their way to the grave."

Small wonder the waiting Nazis have a bad case of nerves.

YANK HEAVIES ATTACK REICH

Cross Channel in 4 Waves

After Medium Planes

Blast N. France.

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Italian west coast ports of San Stefano and Livorno (Leghorn). Large fires were reported to have been started at San Stefano and Livorno. The hull continued on the ground front.

A total of 37 German planes made four raids on the Anzio beachhead yesterday, but lost eight aircraft and possibly another.

Alled medium and light bombers yesterday pounded railway lines north of Rome, while Boston's raiders made an ammunition dump at Valsimone, east of the beachhead, and Baltimore hit another near Coriano, north of Rome.

Aircraft of the coastal air force swept the Dalmatian coast, bombing and strafing highways, shipping and enemy installations.

But the main blows continued to be concentrated against western Europe as the zero hour for the opening of a western front approached.

RUSSIANS MAY JOIN IN INVASION ATTACK

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promised at Tehran reached a point where the commanders in such sectors as Stanislavow are pouring in men and machines in an effort to reduce two and three way pressure.

The German radio broadcast a dispatch of the Voelkischer Beobachter, Nazi party organ, which said:

"Should an invasion be attempted this spring or summer, and should possibly at the same time the Soviets renew their attacks, then forces would meet armed as never before in history and battles would rage with a fury never known in history."

Other possible signs of a concerted offensive were the reported inspection of Black sea naval facilities by German Adm. Karl Doenitz and Nazi hints that they feared Italy would be used as a base for a major arm of the allied striking forces.

Base Prediction on Moon

The state of invasion rumors and propaganda feelings included speculation by the Madrid newspaper *Arriba* that the allies would land on the continent "between 10 p.m. of the 22d and 8 a.m. of the 30th," pointing out that allied landings heretofore have been made "during the phase of the new moon."

A National Broadcasting Co. reporter in Stockholm said a prediction circulated widely there was that the invasion would come before May 1.

Sabotage still the feeling of anticipation of "great events" in Moscow was not communicated to the Russian people by the press, and to the average Russian the western invasion "is going to come as a thunderous surprise."

The allied air offensive is reported routinely," his dispatch said.

The populace is not engaged in studying charts of the channel tides or phases of the moon."

5 HURT WHEN AUTO CRASHES INTO BUS

Five persons were injured today when an automobile driven by Spencer Rodgers, 2130 Wendell st., crashed into the rear of a bus at Fall Creek blvd. and N. Capitol ave.

Mr. Rodgers, who hit the bus when it was stopped at the stop-and-go sign, on Capitol ave. was taken to City Hospital, where his condition was reported fair.

Other automobile passengers treated at City hospital are H. Martha Fletter, 147 W. 22d st.; Fanny May Taylor, 2713 Highland place, and Samuel Newland, a soldier stationed at Ft. Harrison. Mr. Newland was moved from City hospital to the army station hospital.

COLUMBUS, O.—Rep. Clare Boothe Luce (R. Conn.) said last night in a speech to the Ohio Federation of Republican Women that Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt publicly had advocated peacetime compulsory military training, and added that this may indicate that the President anticipates another war "in the foreseeable future."

COLLEGE JITTERS HIT PARIS NAZIS

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The Marion college choir will be directed by Herman Baker in a concert at the Wesleyan Methodist church, Shelby and Hoyt st., tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Baker, who founded the college choir organization 12 years ago, has selected for presentation a program of varied range including old hymns, spirituals and anthems.

Oliver W. Pickhardt will direct and Mrs. Alice Teague will accompany the Pentaphila Masonic choir of Pentaphila Lodge 564 F. A. and M. in a program of sacred music for male voices tomorrow evening at the Southport Methodist church.

Compositions are from Bach, Schubert, Malotte, Richter, Macfarlane and others. The Rev. F. T. Taylor, pastor, has invited the public to attend.

CONCERT BY CHOIR SLATED AT CHURCH

Charter members will be honored at the initiation of Englewood chapter, 483, O. E. S., at 8 p.m. Monday at 2714½ E. Washington st.

Mrs. Mae Spencer is worthy matron and Ernest Spencer is worthy patron.

PROM BAND SELECTED

St. Paul's swing band will be featured at the Warren Central Gold and Black prom Tuesday night in the high school auditorium.

Senior class members will give a

floor show and proceeds will purchase the annual graduating class school gift.

Small wonder the waiting Nazis have a bad case of nerves.

Cpl. Fred Meyer Jr. Killed In Bougainville Air Combat

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wick st., and Mrs. Edna Kelly, 5909

Shelby st.

S. SGT. ROBERT B. REED, husband of Mrs. Mary K. Reed, 912 Arbor ave., has been missing since March 29 in North Africa.

An aerial gunner on a B-24 Liberator, Sgt. Reed wrote last March 28 that he had completed 10 missions and "was a fifth of the way toward coming home on furlough."

A graduate of medium high school, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Reed, 718 S. Capitol ave., and entered the army air forces on Sept. 4, 1942.

PVT. CHARLES A. McCARNAN,

army infantryman, has been missing in action in Italy since Feb. 23.

He is the son of Mrs. Eugene McCarnan, 3333 N. New Jersey st., and landed at Oran, North Africa, Sept. 3, 1943. He was later transferred to Italy.

Inducted March 15, 1943, Pvt. McCarnan took his basic training at Camp Wolters, Tex. A graduate of Shortridge high school, he was an R. O. T. C. instructor at Cathedral and Ben Davis high schools before entering service.

PVT. ALFRED ALYNE, son of

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Alyne, 1350 Commerce ave., is missing in action in Italy.

Serving with the army infantry,

Pvt. Alyne was inducted in February, 1943, and went overseas in October. Before enlisting he was employed as a machinist in a defense plant. He was graduated from Technical high school.

T. SGT. THURMAN D. GRAVES

JR., son of Mrs. Helen M. Graves, 636 S. Norfolk st., is missing in action in the Mediterranean theater.

SIXTEEN HOOSIERS outside Indiana are missing in combat in the Asiatic, European, southwest Pacific and Mediterranean war zones.

T. Sgt. Steve J. Grendik, brother of Miss Catherine Grendik, East Chicago, worked for his father, George Morris, at the Morris Printing Co. The senior Morris died Oct. 3, 1943, and since that time Mrs. Morris has moved to New Rochelle, N. Y.

A graduate of Shortridge high school, Lt. Morris attended Indiana university.

He has two brothers in service,

Ensign Fred Morris, serving with the coast guard in the South Pacific, and Pfc. George Morris Jr.

He is the son of Mrs. Agnes K. Carpenter, South Bend; S. Sgt. Joseph O. Lampkins, son of Mrs. Katherine M. Lampkins, Tell City; 2d Lt. Everett P. Musselman, son of Ralph Musselman, Terre Haute, and T. Sgt. Raymond E. Swick, son of Mrs. Gladys M. Swick, New Richmond.

Second Lt. Ernest R. Hedges, son of Mrs. Ida R. Hedges, New Albany, is missing in the Southwest Pacific.

Those lost in the Mediterranean zone are Pvt. Robert L. Aylor, husband of Mrs. Elberta J. Aylor, Lawrenceburg; Pvt. Joseph E. Beard, son of Mrs. Anna M. Beard, Attica; 1st Lt. Albert D. Byrne, husband of Mrs. Dorothy R. Byrne, Evansville; 1st Lt. John H. Godare, husband of Mrs. Eileen E. Godare, Vincennes; Pfc. John L. Howard, son of George E. Howard, Rosedale.

Others are T. Sgt. Charles C. Kendall, son of Mrs. Agnes Kendall, Greenpoint; Pfc. John E. Lang, son of Mrs. Anna Lang, Brookville; Pfc. Clemens A. Laugel, Evansville; Pvt. Bryan Linegar Jr., son of Mrs. Daisy Linegar, Evansville, and 2d Lt. Ralph E. Peck, husband of Mrs. Ralph E. Peck, Kokomo.

The first wave of bombers swooped down on the tiny target, dumped their explosives from low level and roared away. The time was 6:58—two minutes before the appointed hour.

By 7 o'clock swarms of warplanes were rolling over Sebang in a continuous procession.

The fleet wheeled in broad circles

under a tight umbrella of fighter planes. The Barracudas began re

turning and grinning crewmen clambered out to report a successful venture.

Within an hour all British air

craft returned undamaged, except for one Barracuda which was punctured by a shell burst.

Only one plane was lost, and of

the incident an American carrier

was damaged.

Hats off to the British submarine

which proceeded to a point two miles off shore and rescued one of our pilots under the fire of shore batteries."

DAWSON GETS START IN GOVERNOR'S RACE

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of the legislature last week

when he intended to make a formal announcement at the right moment