

# WASHINGTON *Calling*

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

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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 knocked out forest service with statement that Forest Products laboratory had conducted "parallel studies."

The laboratory, which calls its new product "ursalloy," 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 absentees, 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 likewise 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 is 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 185 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.

FORMER 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 fuels 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 co-operated 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 Scherrer, 2005 Barth ave. Hostesses are Mrs. Jennie Higgenbotham and Mrs. Emma Tuill.

## 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. Pushbike, be careful; a trip to the country is most beneficial. Attention, friends of Missingette: Orchids keep much better in ice boxes. Havana cigars are good. I repeat. Havana cigars are good! Important message for Maxim: Jean is fond of cauliflowers. 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 satyr 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.

## College for Jack

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# 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 toll continued on the ground fronts.

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

Allied medium and light bombers yesterday pounded railway lines north of Rome, while Bostons raided an ammunition dump at Valmontone, east of the beachhead, and Baltimore hit another near Cortona, 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 Stalinslawow are pouring in men and machines in an effort to reduce two and three way pressure."

The German radio broadcast a dispatch of the Volkskrieger 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 effort were the reported inspection of Black sea naval facilities by German admiral 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 feeders 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.

Sailors said 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, 2139 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 Hilda Polk, 2347 N. Capitol ave.; Martha Fletcher, 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.

# CONCERT BY CHOIR SLATED AT CHURCH

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

Mr. Baker, who founded the college choral 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 Pentapha Masonic choir of Pentapha 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.

# O. E. S. CHAPTER SETS INITIATION MONDAY

Charter members will be honored at the initiation of Englewood chapter, 483, O. E. S., at 8 p. m. Monday at 2714 E. Washington st.

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

# PROM BAND SELECTED

Stout field'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.

# Cpl. Fred Meyer Jr. Killed In Bougainville Air Combat

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wick st. and Mrs. Edna Kelly, 5900 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 Manual 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 later was 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, 836 S. Norfolk st., is missing in action in the Mediterranean theater.

SECOND LT. WILLIAM H. MORRIS, son of Mrs. Amy B. Morris, formerly of 4325 Winthrop ave., is a prisoner of war in Germany.

Lt. Morris, a member of the army infantry, worked for his father, George Morris, at the Morris Printing Co. The senior Morris died Oct. 3, 1943, and since that time Mr. 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 Pte. George Morris Jr., stationed with the army.

LT. (j. g.) JAMES B. GREGORY, who recently was reported doing a "bangup job" in landing marines on the Williams peninsula beach, New Britain, has been awarded the silver star for gallantry.

His wife is now residing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Waldo, 3834 Ruckel st.

The citation, signed by Vice Adm.

# Short Shorts

NEW ORLEANS, April 22 (U. P.).—A navy blimp from the Houma, La., lighter-than-air base crashed Wednesday into the Gulf of Mexico and killed nine members of its 10-man crew, the 8th naval district headquarters announced today.

LONDON.—Half of the whole area of Frankfurt, German inland harbor and industrial center, was destroyed or damaged by four recent American and British bombing attacks, R. A. F. reconnaissance photographs revealed.

LONDON.—The London Daily Sketch said that the chiefs of the German army, navy and air force forced Adolf Hitler at a recent pre-invasion meeting to accept an advisory committee of "interpreters" to scrutinize his orders before they are sent to fighting fronts.

MIAMI, Fla.—Teodoro Picado, president-elect of Costa Rica, is in Miami for a brief visit as the guest of the United States.

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 peace-time compulsory military training, and added that this may indicate that the President anticipates another war "in the foreseeable future."

S. SGT. WILLIAM H. CASSELL of Kokomo, a field artillery liaison plane pilot, recently was awarded the silver star for flying his unarmed grasshopper plane over enemy territory and aiding in the destruction of four enemy artillery guns.

Son of Mrs. Inez Cassell of Kokomo, S. Sgt. Cassell volunteered to fly the battalion observer 2000 yards over enemy-held territory to get the necessary information.

# How, When and Where Allies Drop 17,000 Tons on Europe

LONDON, April 22 (U. P.).—An estimated 10,000 American and R. A. F. bombers based in Britain dropped some 17,000 tons of bombs on axis Europe in the five days and four nights ended at dusk yesterday, the heaviest and most concentrated air assault ever made.

Though full statistics have not been announced for all individual raids, the timetable comprised:

Date	No. of Planes	Types	Targets	Bomb Tonnage
April 17	....	U. S. Liberators and escorting fighters	Northern France	....
April 18	2000	R. A. F. Mosquitoes U. S. Fortresses	Cologne	....
April 19	2000	Liberators, Fighters U. S. Marauders and Havocs	Berlin, Orlanburg, Rathenow, N. France	....
April 20	1500	R. A. F. heavy bombers	Paris (outskirts)	4480
April 21	300	R. A. F. Mosquitoes U. S. Fortresses, Liberators, Fighters	Berlin, Torgau, Kassel, Eschwege, Passern, Gueslosh, Lippstadt, Werl, N. France	....
April 22	1500	U. S. Marauders, Havocs	Northern France	....
April 23	300	U. S. Fortresses, Liberators, Fighters	Northern France	600
April 24	1100	R. A. F. med. bombers R. A. F. heavy bombers	Cologne, Paris (outskirts), Lens, Ottignies	5040
April 25	300	R. A. F. Mosquitoes U. S. Marauders and Havocs	Northern France	500

# 'LIKE SWATTING GNAT WITH BAT'

Writer Describes Sumatra Attack—'Japs Caught With Kimonos Up.'

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ships in the harbor with gunfire, and set fire to two destroyers.

Fifteen parked planes were wrecked, and three destroyers at another field (Altogether 22 Japanese planes were destroyed, an earlier communique reported.) Bombed fuel tanks caught fire and smoke rose 7000 feet.

The task force of battleships, cruisers, destroyers and carriers sailed from Ceylon Sunday. The destination was secret.

The next day it zigzagged through the bay of Bengal in open battle formation, with Catalinas constantly on watch overhead.

On Tuesday a carrier commander said: "With luck, Wednesday will be the day we have been waiting for some time."

That same day Somerville set the moor for the dramatic strike with a preliminary statement signalled to the fleet:

"The target for our allied aircraft tomorrow is Sabang. Thus far we do not appear to have been spotted, and as the Japs have regular habits, I hope to catch them with their kimonos up. Once our presence is known we must expect attack, and we must give a good account of ourselves."

# Strike Two Minutes Early

The planes began revving up for the first strike scheduled at 7 a. m. Against a glowing tropical sunrise the squadron of Barracudas, Dauntless dive bombers, Avengers, Corsairs and Hellcats took off from American and British carriers.

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 Sabang in a continuous procession.

The fleet wheeled in broad circles under a tight umbrella of fighter planes. The Barracudas began returning and grinning crewmen clambered out to report a successful venture.

Within an hour all British aircraft 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 signal said:

"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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sion of the legislature last week that he intended to make a formal announcement at the right moment.

"I am now a candidate for the office of governor and expect to make a public announcement in a few days," Mr. Dawson wrote in the letter being mailed out today. "For some weeks past many of my friends have been insisting that I let my name be presented for the office of governor."

"During my four years as lieutenant governor I have conducted the affairs of my office with only one thought in mind, to do the best job possible so that at the end of my regime I might retire to private life."

"With this thought in mind, I have made no attempt to build a personal organization, but I'm now being told that I can't quit during this wartime emergency."

Mr. Dawson is a member of a pioneer Marion county family. He served four terms as Washington township trustee before becoming lieutenant governor in 1940.

# PORTUGAL-U. S. KNOT LINK

WASHINGTON, April 22 (U. P.).—Portugal and the United States will shortly increase their recognition of one another by raising their diplomatic posts in Washington and Lisbon to the status of embassies, it was announced by the state department last night.

# Pyle Sends Hello By Local Traveler

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said Mr. Oliver, until everybody was talking, not about the war, but home.

"When he found out I lived in Indianapolis, he got all hopped up. He was on his way to England for a rest and he certainly did look all tuckered out."

"I had never met him before though I always read his column which appears in the Stars and Stripes. He was just like I had imagined him to be."

"He's just a little fellow in a rumpled British battle jacket, no tie, G. I. shoes and G. I. pants," said Mr. Oliver. "And he can sleep anywhere. I guess he slept about half the trip curled up on the floor or sprawled out over a pile of mail sacks."

Travelled Together

"We made a stopover in Algiers and Ernie and I jumped out for a spam sandwich. We were together all the time, even though he slept half of it."

Mr. Oliver went overseas 17 months ago as a technician consultant for the air forces and went into Italy last fall.

Associated with Allen's for the past four years, he feels that the experience gained in seeing what airplane engines can do under combat conditions cannot be matched in this country.

Mr. Oliver lives at 6352 College ave. with his wife and two boys.

# COMPILERS OF STATE WAR HISTORY NAMED

(Times Special)

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., April 22.—Organization of the Indiana war history commission, created by the 1943 legislature to compile a record of the state's participation in the current war, has been completed by Dr. Herman B. Wells, Indiana university president and chairman of the history commission.

The commission's work will be divided into six divisions, each headed by a chairman as follows: Economic changes, Louis Ruthenburg, Evansville; agricultural developments, Dean Harry J. Reed of the Purdue university school of agriculture; armed forces, Dr. Christopher B. Coleman, state historical bureau director; governmental and political changes, Dr. Ford D. Hall, Indiana university department of government; social forces, Clyde E. Wildman, president of DePauw university; libraries and museums, Harold P. Brigham, state library director.

# Still Time to Enter Your Freak Squeak in Contest

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for the barn ahead of a rain squall. Without stopping, he leaned over the side of the tractor, reached under the fuel tank to turn the valve. Just then a wheel of the tractor struck a twig. The vehicle lurched; Mr. Knuckles fell.

"I tried to get up quickly," he recalled, "but the lugs on the wheel started pulling me down and I braced myself for the crushing weight that was coming."

"Just then the motor died and the tractor stopped. . . . When I examined the throttle, I found it closed to the last notch. Just how that throttle came to be closed, I do not know, but it is my belief that as I went over the side my leg caught under the throttle . . . and closed it."

However, he takes no more chances. Now when he adjusts a machine of any kind, he stops it first.

You still have time to enter your Freak Squeak in the contest. It may bring you some of the \$100 prize money.

Here's what to do: Tell in your own words about your Freak Squeak. Then in 25 words or less complete the following sentence: "My Freak Squeak taught me this safety lesson . . ." in not more than 25 additional words.

4. You may submit as many entries as you wish, but each must be based on a separate and distinct accident.

5. The Times and the National Safety Council may use any entry for whatever purpose they desire.

6. The decision of the judges is final.

7. Everyone is eligible to enter the contest except employees of The Times, the Chamber of Commerce Safety Council, the National Safety Council, paid safety workers and members of their families.

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# JAP ARMY HEADS FOR CHINESE HUB

Planes Provide Dawn-to-Dusk Cover for Drive on Chenghsien.

CHUNGKING, April 22 (U. P.).—Japanese bombers and fighters, flying unchallenged over Chinese battle lines, provided a dawn-to-dusk cover today for an estimated 60,000 Manchuria-trained Japanese troops battling for possession of the rail junction city of Chenghsien, dispatches from the front reported.

No allied planes rose to intercept the raiders as the Japanese air force mustered its strength for the developing battle in central China—which the army newspaper Sao Tang Pao described as China's "final struggle" before the collapse of Japan.

An artillery duel roared on the rim of Chenghsien itself. The Japanese were attempting to cut the Chinese-held portion of the Peiping-Hankow railway in Honan province.

Enemies 'Closing In'

"Japan, in the eighth year of its war with China, has found its enemies closing in from all directions," Sao Tang Pao said today.

"The Japanese are most anxious to consolidate a foothold on the China mainland. Therefore they are attempting to break through the Peiping-Hankow railway to add one more land route for moving troops and resources."

Japanese air formations penetrated deep behind Chinese lines, striking at Hanchung and Ankang in Southern Shensi.

On the ground, the Japanese had not advanced far. Target cities of their new offensive, including Chenghsien, Kwangsu, and Hsien, still were in Chinese hands.

# PURDUE HONOR ROLL LISTS 19 FROM HERE

Nineteen Indianapolis students at Purdue university have won the "distinguished student" rating for maintaining an average of 90 during the winter term.

They are James D. Barnes, Harold L. Bretz, Shirley A. Cohen, Jean Houston, Theodore E. Kline, Ruth A. Levin, Robert R. Ludlow, Marilyn E. Mueller, John D. Pardee, Patricia J. Pfeiderer, Lucinda R. Redwyne, John W. Seales, John P. Snyder, Suzanne M. Steffen, Marjorie A. Thomas,