

WASHINGTON Calling

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

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Anglo-American conservations among oil experts, now in progress here. It was because of the importance of these discussions that Petroleum Administrator Ickes asked senate's oil investigating committee to delay open hearings on the proposed Saudi Arabian pipe line. Committee agreed.

When Anglo-American experts reach conclusions, these will be submitted to committees for each country. American committee is headed by Secretary Hull, with Ickes as vice chairman. Observers think Ickes may be able to use his proposed trans-Arabian pipe line as a diplomatic club to win important concessions from the British in these discussions. If so, he'd be unwilling to tell all in a public hearing either about his pipe line or about British influence in the Middle East.

All Navy Men Don't Agree With Forrestal

ALTHOUGH Acting Secretary of Navy Forrestal opposes merger of armed forces, Woodrum post-war military policy committee will find some admirals favoring it if they are called to testify. This despite realization that the plan would cause many heads to be knocked together, army men favor merger more generally than the admirals.

RATE OF EXODUS is increasing among businessmen drafted by OPA to replace professional staffs ordered ousted by congress. Latest resignation is that of Bruce Church, chief of fresh fruits and vegetables section, who has returned to California to resume lettuce raising. War food administration, too, is having trouble holding industry men.

GEORGE BARNARD, Republican member of the Indiana public service commission and one-time law partner of the late Senator Frederick VanNess, has inside track for the interstate commerce commission vacancy caused by death of Joseph B. Eastman.

OWI Due for Congressional Battle

HOUSE CRITICS of office of war information are getting set for an all-out attack on the Elmer Davis agency when OWI appropriation bill reaches the floor; they will concentrate on "nonsense fringe" projects.

Republicans are out to trim down the \$64,000,000 sought for OWI overseas operations.

ACTING SECRETARY OF THE NAVY FORRESTAL seems the best bet to succeed late Secretary Knox.

SOME TWO THOUSAND local governments and tax-supported institutions may get first chance to buy surplus war materials such as trucks, tractors, draglines and shovels.

Surplus Property Administrator Clayton is urging states to set up state boards to do the buying for institutions within their borders. Property will be offered to the trade if public institutions don't take it all; foreign bidders will get last chance at it.

Hoover Indorsed Keynoter Selection

HERBERT HOOVER was consulted before Republican leaders picked Governor Warren of California as convention keynoter. He indorsed selection warmly, then helped to sell it to arrangements committee members.

Warren's position as vice presidential possibility, according to Republican insiders, is this: He would prefer that G. O. P. look elsewhere, has his eye on the supreme court, believes attorney generalship would be best stepping stone. But he is said to be prepared to accept second-place nomination if convention and presidential nominee insist.

ANTI-ADMINISTRATION congressmen are checking into food industry's contributions to current campaign to boost consumption of select list of low-point-no-point food items. Trade associations and food companies kicked in more than \$40,000 to finance printing of literature and posters for food stores, restaurants, hotels, after food administration found its own funds wouldn't cover campaign.

SENATOR MCKELLAR is hearing from home on his plan to have congress take charge of TVA revenues, and put TVA personnel on a patronage basis, and what he hears indicates it's the most unpopular thing he has done in his 33 years in congress.

Citizens of Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama, Virginia, Georgia, Mississippi and West Virginia have prepared joint petitions against McKellar plan; it cites coast-to-coast press support for TVA, opposition to McKellar's proposed change.

Senate Committee to Write Own Aviation Ticket

SENATE COMMERCE committee now holding lengthy executive hearings on post-war aviation policy will write its own ticket when it comes to legislation, won't follow McCarran bill. Members are determined to establish a policy to guide the executive branch, rather than let executive get the jump by delivering signed-and-sealed agreements for congress to approve. Hearings will continue for several weeks.

ODT IS TRYING to dissolve confusion caused by recent order giving political convention delegates, alternates and newsmen preference in travel to and from Chicago. ODT explains that special certificates will be granted only on special trains and extra coaches which railroads will be permitted to operate, not on regularly-scheduled trains. Both parties have agreed to discourage attendance at conventions by families of delegates and ordinary kibitzers. ODT won't permit use of sleeping cars in Chicago as living quarters.

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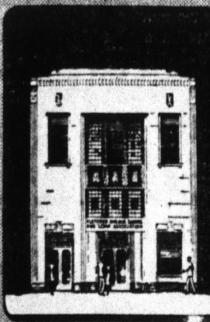
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BERLIN, TOULON MASS OF FIRE

3000 Yank Planes Smash At Reich Capital, French Port.

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Explosions marked the landing of the bombs on the targets.

Probably 1500 tons of explosives were dropped on Toulon shipping and submarine pens.

Oslo Is Bombed

The R. A. F. sent a small specialized precision force of four-engined Lancasters to Oslo last night for the first British night attack on Norway in four years. Flying 1200 or more miles round trip, they bombed the Kjeller airframe factory on the outskirts of the Norwegian capital by moonlight.

The Kjeller factory, which repairs enemy fighters and troop-carrying aircraft, was hit once previously by American Liberators last Nov. 18.

Twin-engined Mosquitos rounded out the night's offensive, in which one plane was lost, with a blockbuster attack on devastated Hamburg.

Some 2000 American planes, paced by three forces of four-engined bombers, made one of the heaviest and most widespread attacks yet on France yesterday, hitting harbors, air fields and other military installations from the invasion coast to Avranches, 130 miles south of Paris. Four bombers and three fighters were lost.

REPUBLICAN GROUPS COMPLETE SLATES

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Robert Lee Brokenburr, Roger G. Wolcott, Paul G. Moffett; Victory John W. Atherton, Robert Lee Brokenburr, Roger G. Wolcott, Walter S. Glass.

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

Regular—Katherine W. Atkins, Glen L. Campbell, Nelle B. Downey, Russell Fortune Jr., Wilbur H. Grant, D. Victor Griffith; J. Otto Lee, Tyler Ogleby, Rae Powell, Otto F. Suhr, Earl B. Teckemeyer; Victory—Otto Abshier, Harold O. Burnett, Marion Gatlin, Russell Fortune Jr., Fred J. Henry, Jessie Keyes Jacobs, Bert McCammon, Tyler Ogleby, Cyril S. Ober, Margaret L. Wyatt, Earl B. Teckemeyer; Surveyor—Paul R. Brown.

COMMISSIONER, 2D DISTRICT

Regular—William Basson Jr.; Victory—Samuel C. Walker.

COMMISSIONER, 3D DISTRICT

Regular—Ray D. Mendenhall; Victory—James H. White.

TILSON SCORNED BY G. O. P. 'REGULARS'

A resolution protesting the action of County Clerk A. Jack Tilson in giving the Republican Victory organization equal representation with the "regular" organization at the central count bureau was adopted by the G. O. P. precinct committee association last night at the Claypool hotel.

Some reports said that the resolution, which was not made public, was so strong as to virtually read Mr. Tilson out of the party. But Robert Hathaway, secretary who presided, said that was not the case.

The 239 committeemen attending voted to "go down the line" for all candidates listed by the regular county organization.

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Indiana WACs in North Africa



Like the petals of a flower are the faces of these pretty WACs, all from Indiana and all stationed in North Africa. Clockwise from lower left, are: Pfc. Emily E. Johnson, Martinsville; Cpl. Freda G. Goldsmith, Noblesville; Cpl. Theresa M. Pike, St. Anthony; Pfc. Lucille M. Bishop, Richmond; Pfc. Helen L. Marsh, Vincennes; Cpl. Ruthmary Woodrow, Bloomfield, and Cpl. Dorothy J. Bentz, Ft. Wayne.

Four Local Fliers Missing In European Theater Action

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son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Moffitt Sr., 218 S. Emerson ave.

Lt. Moffitt, who is 20, received his wings in June, 1943, at Stockton field, Cal., and went overseas Jan. 6, 1944.

He was graduated from school 82 and Technical high school and is a member of Englewood Christian church. A former carrier for The Indianapolis Times, Lt. Moffitt was employed by General Motors Corp. before enlisting.

His brothers, Pharmacist's Mate 2-c. Albert C. Moffitt and Pharmacist's Mate 2-c. William M. Moffitt, are serving in England and Trinidad, respectively. Another brother, James, and a sister, Betty Belle, are students at Howe high school.

S. SGT. HOWARD GRINDSTAFF

STAFF, a waist gunner on a Flying Fortress, has been missing in action since March 16 over Germany.

Recently awarded the purple heart for wounds received in action, Sgt. Grindstaff wrote home in his last letter that he had completed 18 missions.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Grindstaff, 1347 N. Kealing ave., and has been overseas since October, 1943. He worked at Allison division of General Motors Corp. before enlisting in the air forces in November, 1942. He is a graduate of Technical high school.

S. SGT. KENNETH A. DEVORE

19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Omer E. DeVore, 5607 E. 9th st., was lost on a raid March 16 over Germany.

He is believed to have been on the same bomber as S. Sgt. Howard Grindstaff, Indianapolis, and received the air medal at the same time as Sgt. Grindstaff last month.

Entering the air forces Dec. 3, 1942, he arrived in England last October. A native of Kirklin, he formerly attended Technical high school.

T. SGT. EARL F. BROWN

husband of Mrs. Betty M. Brown, Box 717, Indianapolis, is missing in the European theater.

FIRST LT. GILMORE W. REID

whose hobby for sketching trains was described by Ernie Pyle last year, has been wounded in action with the army engineers corps in Italy.

Son of Mrs. Walker E. Land, 4500 E. 62d st., Lt. Reid has received the purple heart and is recovering in a base hospital in Italy.

Since his first meeting with the Hoosier Vagabond, the 26-year-old engineer has visited with the famous columnist once again.

Lt. Reid was an artist in Chicago and graduated from the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts before entering the army Nov. 21, 1941. He went overseas in December, 1942.

THE WAR DEPARTMENT

today confirmed reports that the following men were missing in action:

Sgt. Robert Z. Haase, son of Mrs. Ada W. Haase, 3726 N. Meridian st.; T. Sgt. Robert D. Vaughn, husband of Mrs. Beulah F. Vaughn, 946 W. 29th st., and 2d Lt. Harry J. Daniels, son of Mrs. Mae E. Daniels, 1840 S. Keystone ave.

FIRST LT. ROBERT P. WILLS

an A-36 and P-40 pilot, has been awarded the air medal and four oak leaf clusters in addition to the presidential group citation with one oak leaf cluster.

Before he was caught, Owens had ransacked lockers at the Producers Leasing Co., 440 N. Illinois st., police discovered. He was charged with vagrancy and was taken to a base hospital in Italy.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Wills, 534 Powell pl., the 22-year-old lieutenant flew 71 missions in the Mediterranean theater and is now at Miami Beach, Fla., for reassignment.

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