

# WASHINGTON Calling

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

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Anglo-American conversations 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 pipeline. 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 pipeline 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 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 VanNuys, 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 MILLION 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 Keynote Selection

HERBERT HOOVER was consulted before Republican leaders picked Governor Warren of California as convention keynote. 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. looked 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.

# BERLIN, TOULON MASS OF FIRE

3000 Yank Planes Smash At Reich Capital, French Port.

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plosions 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-engine 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-engine Mosquitoes rounded out the night's offensive, in which one plane was lost, with a block-buster attack on devastated Hamburg.

Some 2000 American planes, paced by three forces of four-engine 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 Avord, 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. Moffitt; Victory—John W. Atherton, Robert Lee Brokenburr, Roger G. Wolcott, Walter S. Glass.

## STATE REPRESENTATIVES

Regular—Katharine W. Atkins, Glen L. Campbell, Nellie B. Downey, Russell Fortune Jr., Wilbur H. Grant, D. Victor Griffith; J. Otto Lee, Tyler Oglesby, Rae Powell, Otto F. Suhr, Earl B. Teckemeyer. Victory—Otto Abshier, Harold O. Burnett, Marion Gatlin, Russell Fortune Jr., Fred J. Henry, Jessie Keys, Jacobs, Bert McCammon, Tyler Oglesby, Cecil S. Ober, Margaret L. Wyatt, Earl B. Teckemeyer.

## JOINT STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Both factions—Nelson D. Jones.

## TREASURER

Both factions—Frank P. Huse.

## CORONER

Both factions—Dr. Roy B. Storms.

## SURVEYOR

Both factions—Paul R. Brown.

## COMMISSIONER, 2D DISTRICT

Regular—William Besson Jr. Victory—Samuel C. Walker.

## COMMISSIONER, 2D DISTRICT

Regular—Ray D. McDonnell. Victory—James H. White.

# TILSON SCORND 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's 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 slated by the regular county organization.

# 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. Bentze, 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, 1942, 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, 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. Keating ave., and has been overseas since October, 1942. 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 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 Kirklint, he formerly attended Technical high school.

T. SGT. EARL F. BROWN, husband of Mrs. Betty M. Brown, 717, Indianapolis, is missing in the European theater.

FIRST LT. GILMORE W. REID, whose hobby for schooling 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. Hase, son of Mrs. Ada W. Hase, 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.

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.

TWENTY-SIX HOOSIERS are missing following combat in the European and Mediterranean war zones.

Over Europe the missing are S. Sgt. Paul S. Biggart, son of Mrs. Mabel Biggart, Valparaiso; T. Sgt. Harry P. Blake, cousin of Mrs. Louis E. Moore, Elwood; T. Sgt. Bon E. Boswell Jr., son of Mrs. Grace V. Boswell, Marion; T. Sgt. Joseph Charachak, son of Mrs. Barbara Charachak; Gary; T. Sgt. Leo A. Chruby, son of Mrs. Josephine Chruby, East Chicago.

Others are 2d Lt. Robert A. Dwyer, husband of Mrs. Margaret B. Dwyer, Marion; Sgt. Eugene F. Gardner, son of Mrs. Bertha M. Gardner, Elwood; S. Sgt. Ora L. Harrell, husband of Mrs. Betty Harrell, Hammond; S. Sgt. James



First Lt. Gilmore W. Reid... wounded in Italy.



Joseph Moffitt H. D. Grindstaff Missing

F. Hay, son of Lewis A. Hay, New Castle; 2d Lt. Richard Lambiotte, husband of Mrs. Glenn A. Lambiotte, Mishawaka; 2d Lt. Frank C. Laver, husband of Mrs. Alice M. Laver, Elkhart.

Also 2d Lt. William J. Mills, son of William J. Mills Sr., Peru; T. Sgt. Earl S. Parker, son of Mrs. Ida M. Parker, Wadsworth; S. Sgt. Marion A. Porter, son of Mrs. Glenn A. Porter, Fairland; S. Sgt. Wilfred J. Schleich, son of Mrs. Schleich, Lafayette; S. Sgt. Richard D. Sherry, nephew of Mrs. June Taylor, Muncie; Sgt. Victor Stoffregen, son of Henry C. Stoffregen, Henryville; and S. Sgt. David G. Troup, son of Mrs. Annie M. Troup, Mishawaka.

Missing in the Mediterranean theater are T. Sgt. Paul H. Behm, son of Mrs. Elfrida S. Behm, Michigan City; Pfc. Harold W. Cotner, son of Mrs. Della Cotner, Mt. Vernon; Pfc. Willard Ely, son of Mrs. Mary Ely, Dupont; 2d Lt. Carl J. Kasper, husband of Mrs. Rita F. Kasper, Hammond; Pvt. Leonard J. Lustgarten, son of Mrs. Lillian Lustgarten, Gary; S. Sgt. Joseph Miazga, son of Frank Miazga, Gary; Pfc. Joseph J. Slacian, son of Mrs. Nellie Slacian, East Chicago, and Sgt. George L. Stine, son of Mrs. Mabel W. Stine, Elkhart.

## SUSPECT IN THEFT SERIOUSLY WOUNDED

Jewell Owens, who has been arrested 28 times on various charges, was critically injured last night when shot by police in a chase through downtown streets.

Owens, who is 21, was seen running around the side of a building at 428 N. Illinois st. when police yelled for him to stop. He failed to obey orders and Patrolmen Harry Whitaker and Joseph Gates fired at him as he attempted to jump a fence.

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 City hospital.

## Babe's in Town to Cheer Wounded Men at Billings

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strictly a world series date except for a farewell stint with the Boston Braves.

The Babe's activities now are centered around "doing what the government wants me to do to help build morale, and golfing and bowling to keep me at or this side of 250 pounds."

"I averaged 198 the last time I bowled. Pretty good hitting, eh?" Ruth recalled previous visits to Indianapolis. He had appeared at Victory field and at old Washington park. On one occasion when he played at the latter he had been in a terrible slump. That day he connected with one and it took off over the right field fence.

It was traveling so high, so far, that Mr. Ruth paused on his way

# INVASION HOUR IS SEEN CLOSE

Axis, Neutral Observers Point to Shipping, Air Attacks.

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quake-like tremors last night, presumably touched off by German blasting for underground defense works along the French coast.

The most optimistic prediction of the imminence of an allied invasion was published in the Madrid newspaper Arriba, which guessed the landing would come at 4:30 a. m. (Western European time) Sunday, when high tide coincides with sunrise.

A Berlin dispatch put the invasion between May 6 and June 7, while Stockholm suggested from May 2 to 17. Ankara's latest contribution was "in the next few days or weeks."

## Eisenhower Tours Allied Air Fields

LONDON, April 29 (U. P.).—Gen. Dwight Eisenhower has been on a tour of airfields from which allied expeditionary air forces operate against western Europe, giving pep talks to his air forces for "the great job ahead," it was announced last night.

Addressing pilots informally at one base he said: "Much as you have done in the past, more is going to be required of you. You are now members of a team and of that team you are an indispensable part. I hope you fellows can be just as enthusiastic about this business of team work among the three services and among all fighting forces as I am."

"I am extremely enthusiastic and I believe anyone who has had opportunity of working on this basis is just as enthusiastic as I am."

At various bases he talked to pilots individually and collectively. He was accompanied on the tour by Air Chief Marshal Sir Trafford Leigh-Mallory and Air Marshal Sir Arthur Coningham.

# CONVENTIONS EYED IN POLITICAL FEUDS

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claimed they already had a majority of committeemen regardless of the election outcome. They contended that 197 of their committeemen (more than half) have no opposition.

The Republican Victory committee, opposing the organization in a last-ditch primary fight for survival of the fittest, has pooh-poohed the organization claim of a majority of committeemen, claiming that most of the 197 unopposed candidates are on their side.

Thus squared away for the battle, the Victory committee leaders are grooming several possible candidates for the chairmanship at the Saturday convention.

Being mentioned as anti-organization chairman are Dailey McCoy, county infirmity superintendent; James Engle, an assistant city attorney; Addison Parry, president of the county council and Sherle Deming, president of the board of works.

There were no indications that the regular organization leaders were maneuvering to "ditch" Mr. Ostrom and put James L. Bradford, former chairman, back on the throne. Most of them agreed that Mr. Ostrom had the main track.

## Old Lineup Indicated

In the Democratic camp, the chairmanship will not be so bitterly fought, if at all.

The same factional lineup is expected to develop at the Saturday convention that split the party in 1942.

Chairman Russell Dean has not definitely decided to run again for the chairmanship. If he doesn't, his organization leaders are expected to put up Raleigh Burk, road contractor, and long-time Democratic worker as his successor to the chairmanship.

Opposing the regular organization in the chairmanship fight is the faction led by James Cunningham, county township assessor, and Daniel O'Neill Jr., the anti-organization candidate for the sheriff nomination.

Mr. Cunningham is expected to rally anti-organization forces to support Frank J. McCarthy, chairman of the Associated Railways of Indiana, for the chairmanship. An attempt to get Mr. McCarthy elected chairman in 1942 was beaten down by the organization faction led by Dewey Myers, then the party's candidate for mayor.

# Forrestal Seen Navy Head Until Conventions Are Held

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picture is cleared by the conventions. Forrestal, as undersecretary, concerned himself largely with production problems but he is familiar with other aspects of the navy's administration. Only a few months ago, he made an extensive tour of the Pacific battle areas to get a first-hand picture of the navy at war. He also worked very closely with Knox on many projects in which the secretary was interested. Forrestal supplied much of the driving power for the top-speed naval construction program.

A friend of President Roosevelt for almost 30 years, Forrestal was born 52 years ago in Beacon, N. Y., less than 25 miles from Hyde Park. In two respects, Forrestal's career paralleled Knox's. He began his career as a newspaper reporter and he served in the last war. After a year at Dartmouth, he went to Princeton, working his way through.

## Becomes Bond Salesman

Then, after a few years as clerk, and as a cigaret salesman, in 1915 he became a Wall Street bond salesman for the banking firm of William A. Read and Co., later Dillon, Read and Co. He served in the naval air arm during the world war and then returned to Dillon, Read and Co., and by 1938 had become president of the firm.

Forrestal first served in the present administration as liaison man for the President on matters affecting the national defense program. He had held that job for two months when the President named him to the newly-created office of undersecretary of the navy. When the United States entered the war, the President made Forrestal a part of his "inner war cabinet."

# ARMY ORDERED TO QUIT WARD'S Government Operator of Plant Explains Court Has Jurisdiction.

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plain what "preliminary steps" had been taken to obtain them. During a news conference, reporters asked Taylor about the large number of telegrams he reportedly had received in criticism of the government's seizure.

## Messages 'Amazing'

He said the number had not been very great and many were "very amusing." He added that messages received condoning the government's seizure had been "very rare."

"How's business?" a reporter asked. "I don't know because I haven't seen the books," Taylor answered.

The decision to withdraw the troops was made as the labor dispute which led to the government seizure of the company for failure to abide by a war labor board directive was being carried before the national labor relations board.

## Election Opposed

A trial examiner of the NLRB opened a hearing on the company's appeal for an election to determine the bargaining agent for the 9000 Montgomery Ward employees in Chicago.

The proposal for an election was opposed at the hearing before Examiner J. C. Evans by the United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employees Union (C. I. O.). A dispute between the union and the company over whether the C. I. O. organization represented a majority of workers led to a 13-day strike and subsequent seizure of the company's Chicago properties by the government.

The company contended that the union did not have a membership of a majority of the workers and refused to extend its contract pending negotiations for a new pact. When it defied a war labor board order to extend the pact, the President ordered the government to take it over.

## Decision Awaited

Meanwhile, a decision by federal Judge William H. Holly is awaited Tuesday on the company's plea for dissolution of the temporary injunction restraining the firm's officials from interference with government operation.

Company attorneys appeared before Judge Holly yesterday and asked for the dissolution on the grounds that the government's action in taking over the plant was a violation of the fourth and fifth constitutional amendments regulating search and seizure and taking of private property without compensation.

## Avery Is Re-elected

The company's right to continue the fight against seizure of its facilities was upheld by stockholders who gave Sewell Avery, chairman of the board, a vote of confidence and re-elected him at a meeting yesterday.

Avery, the \$100,000-a-year head of the nation's second largest mail order house who was evicted from his office by two soldiers Thursday, received a prolonged ovation when he entered the stockholders' meeting. Only two votes were cast against the resolution indorsing Avery's stand against the government.

## Only 8 Days Left to Have Your Photograph Taken for Mother's Day May 14th

Photograph Taken for

Mother's Day

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11 South Ritter Ave.

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