

WASHINGTON *Calling*

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

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1944, another indication we're far from the end of the road.

Navy is ready to place orders for nearly half the new tonnage, will keep the rest as a "working balance" against operational losses, expected to be much heavier in future.

POST-WAR PLANNERS, talking reconversion of industry, are being quietly warned that our military production agencies must be kept at top form for an indefinite period. This is why:

Germany has already indicated that the next time she is ready to make war (if we allow her to rise again as a military power) she will strike first at the United States, recognizing that defeat in the last war and the present one have come because of fresh American troops and heavy American production, ready at a crucial time.

THIS MEANS U. S. may never again have three years or even one year to mobilize for war.

Platforms of both political parties will be written before delegates hit Chicago and before resolutions committees are officially organized. Republican platform will be largely compilation of planks prepared by Mackinac conference delegates, who were assigned specific topics. Democratic leaders favor shortest possible platform (one proposes 500-word limit), which will say in effect: Our policies are well known, we stand on our record.

Both parties plan to curtail pre-convention platform "hearings," conducted heretofore for special pleaders whose advice rarely altered a syllable in final product.

Forget Dies?

FEED-BOX TIP is that Dies committee will be allowed to die with present congress, and retirement of committee ringmaster. Election casualties of committee have made membership uninviting. Most congressmen feel Dies' withdrawal offers good excuse to forget the whole thing.

AT LEAST TWO anti-New Dealers will be absent from Democratic convention. Senator Wheeler has notified party leaders in Montana that he doesn't want to be a delegate, and Senator O'Daniel of Texas has announced he won't be a candidate "under any conditions."

EDDIE RICKENBACKER may be picked by Republicans to run for congress against Rep. Marcantonio, aggressive American Labor party member from New York City.

Fifty-ninth st. section, where Rickenbacker lives, was transferred in New York's reapportionment to Rep. Marcantonio's East Harlem district, which is otherwise largely Italian and Puerto Rican, with some Negro voters.

C. I. O. Vote Drive

C. I. O. POLITICAL action committee is organizing a thorough registration campaign for New York City to get out the labor vote for F. D. R.

Some 5000 workers will be assigned to the city's 3000 precincts, to talk to workers in factories during registration week (the first in October). They will urge workers to get after hours to register, and will have transportation facilities waiting outside buildings to take those with no other means of going.

Herculean efforts will be made to turn out a big vote in the city for Roosevelt, to offset an expected big majority upstate for Governor Dewey.

NOTE: Republicans see some solace in C. I. O. political action committee's apparent success to date. They hope it will stir A. F. of L. chiefs to activity (which would be without political effect) on the G. O. P. side.

Allies Wreck Soerabaja, Big Japanese Naval Base in Java

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battled, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz and Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Shipping, naval installations, airfields and a key oil refinery in the vicinity of the former Dutch naval base were damaged heavily by the nearly 100 planes which took part in the dawn carrier strike and night land-based bomber raid, a spokesman for MacArthur said.

Ten Ships Are Hit

Ten Japanese ships totaling 35,000 tons received direct hits in the surprise dawn assault. One exploded and others possibly sank, the communiqué said. Two floating drydocks and other naval installations were badly damaged, and the Braut naval engineering works demolished.

Other carrier planes completely destroyed the Wonokromo oil refinery.

Nineteen Japanese planes were destroyed on the ground at Malang and Tanjungs Perak airfields, many others were damaged, and two were shot down in the air. The allied forces lost three planes.

The Japanese navy did not challenge the American and British carriers and supporting warships, and no surface action was involved.

All Return Safely

Australian-based Liberators, making their seventh 2500-mile round trip flight to Soerabaja, followed up the carrier raid Wednesday night, causing extensive damage to rail yards. All the Liberators returned to bases safely.

The fact that only 10 ships were attacked in the harbor, and that only a few enemy planes were caught on the ground or shot down, indicated that the Japanese have not concentrated naval or air strength at the pre-war Dutch "Pearl Harbor."

The co-ordinated attack by the Moutbatten, MacArthur and Nimitz forces also demonstrated that Pacific commands from Co-

COUNTY PERIL CITED IN FEUD

Council Charges Commission With Hiding Reports On Court House.

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of collapse, threatening the lives of many persons using the court house corridors.

Addison J. Parry, the council president, charged that the commissioners never once mentioned the fact that they had a letter from a city building engineer warning about the danger of the skylight.

"No commissioner offered to appear before the council this week to explain the reasons for their request for the \$14,000 appropriation," Mr. Parry said.

County Policy Stressed

"The commissioners are well aware of the council's policy against appropriating any money unless officials requesting it are sufficiently interested to present reasons for the request."

"The commissioners were either not sufficiently interested in the appropriation or they had other reasons for not making an appearance before the council to explain reasons for their request to eliminate court house hazards," Parry continued. "The council is always ready and willing to make a study of every request if officials explain reasons for it."

Charles E. Bacon, structural engineer in the city building department, declared in his letter that if the skylight should collapse during office hours some persons would be in danger of being badly hurt or killed.

Shop Condemned

The commissioners had requested \$8900 to replace the skylight with another type structure and also asked \$5900 to remove the carpenter shop from the fourth floor to the basement. The state fire marshal's office several months ago had condemned the carpenter shop as a dangerous fire hazard.

The commissioners also revealed today they had another letter from the state fire marshal's office demanding that the county abandon within 90 days the Marion county juvenile detention home quarters at 938 W. New York st. on the ground that it is a serious health hazard and a fire trap.

Commissioners for more than six months have been making plans to remove the detention home from the West New York st. building to 25th st. and Keystone ave, where remodeling work has been under way for three months.

Suit Blocks Transfer

However, this project was temporarily blocked by an injunction suit brought by 21 residents living in the vicinity of 25th and Keystone declaring that the use of buildings there as a penal institution would depreciate residential property values and interfere with community life.

The junction suit was scheduled for last Wednesday but it was postponed until June 6 at the request of County Attorney Victor Jose Jr., representing the commissioners and Frank Beckwith representing the petitioners.

Councilmen charged that commissioners agreed to a test suit on occupancy of the county-owned building and that they further agreed to delay hearing on the suit.

Mr. Jose explained that a continuance of the case was necessary in order to have time to prepare evidence sufficient to defend the county's position.

One county councilman declared that "No public official has any right to use a children's institution to play politics."

SERVICES MONDAY FOR MRS. L. L. TALL

Dr. Roy Ewing Vale will read the funeral service for Mrs. L. L. Tall at 11 a. m. Monday in her home, 3146 N. Illinois st. Burial will be in Crown Hill.

Mrs. Tall, who was 81, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Topp, was born on the present site of Methodist hospital. She was a member of the Tabernacle Presbyterian church.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. John H. Jefferson, and a grandson, William Tall Jefferson, both of Indianapolis.

FIRE RUINS GARAGE, CAR

Fire destroyed the garage and automobile of Harold Ferguson, 1645 S. Sherman dr., yesterday. The loss was estimated at \$1000.

Dies Threatens New Deal Exposure

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June, the congressman said, and will be "the most important story ever to be told in this country, involving the cabinet, and other ranking government personalities."

Expects Retribution

"I naturally expect the cabinet officers, the President and Mrs. Roosevelt to answer the facts which I propose to give to the nation," he said.

Dies said the fact that the report would be made a month before the Democratic convention was not significant, stating that it would have been made earlier except for "limitations of other members" of his committee for the investigation of un-American activities, "my position as chairman of the committee and by the fact that I wanted the committee continued."

"My challenge is this: For six years I have been telling the people that a group of men who don't believe in our form of government have entrenched themselves in our government, undermining it, and seeking to destroy it," he said. "Now I propose to tell the whole story to the people."

Dies asked that the press "lay aside its prejudice against the committee and read the evidence" which will be submitted to it.

The reaction may come immediately or be delayed.

A slight sense of unreality, which may make the person feel insanity, a loss of warm feeling toward other people, a tendency to isolate himself from social activities, are other features of the condition.

Sometimes the grief reaction comes at the time of separation when the beloved one goes overseas, in anticipation of and as a safeguard against the notice of death.

2 Former Shortridge Pupils Die When Transport Sinks

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operator on a bomber had been overseas five months.

MISSING

T. Sgt. Roy Modglin, 1818 Lawrence ave.,

PRISONER

S. Sgt. Robert N. Mitchell, 22 Parkview ave.,

Lt. Robert H. Miller, R. R. 1, Box 589.

CPL. JAMES O. ADAMS, previously reported missing in action, was killed in the sinking of a transport April 20 in the Mediterranean area, according to a war department telegram received by his mother, Mrs. Donald Kolloch, 1413 W. 31st st.

An aviation mechanic with the army air forces, the 21-year-old soldier entered the army Jan. 28, 1943. He attended Shortridge high school and formerly worked for the Link Belt Co.

CPL. ALBERT J. GANTZ, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gantz, 4311 N. Keystone ave., also was killed in the sinking of the transport in the Mediterranean area April 20. He previously was reported missing.

The local airman, who was 21, was assigned to a photo reconnaissance squadron of the army air forces. He left for overseas in March after completing his training at Will Rogers field, Okla. A graduate of Shortridge high school, he was employed by L. S. Ayres & Co. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Gantz, Washington.

S. SGT. ROBERT N. MITCHELL, missing since a raid over Germany April 8, is a prisoner of war in Germany. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Mitchell, 22 Parkview ave. The 21-year-old radio

clusters. Lt. Miller was graduated from Southport high school and attended Indiana university.

His brother, Richard L. Miller, is starting gunnery training with the army air forces at Denver, Colo.

NAZIS RETREAT TO FINAL LINE

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through thick clouds to bomb airfields and other targets in northern France this morning.

Called 'Luckiest Raid'

American crewmen said they flew through several heavy anti-aircraft belts to reach three airfields, but encountered no German fighters.

It was the luckiest raid I have ever been on," Maj. Donald L. Weiss of Denison, Iowa, a Marauder squadron commander, said. "The whole continent seemed to be covered by a cloud. We saw just one hole on the entire trip—and that was right over our target."

Thunderbolt fighter bombers attacked unidentified objectives in northern France this afternoon.

Report Big Night Raids

Many big formations crossed the channel in a non-stop parade by daylight today after some 750 British bombers dropped destructive loads on the French transport centers of Tours, Orleans, Le Mans and Boulogne. The R. A. F. also jabbed at Cologne and mined enemy waters at a total cost of seven planes.

United States headquarters announced that Flying Fortress spearheading the 1500-plane attack on Berlin and Brunswick yesterday dropped bombs squarely into the heart of Berlin.

Soon after midnight German coastal batteries fired about 10 rounds across the straits, but British guns did not reply.

Twenty-six heavy bombers and 19 fighters were missing in yesterday's Berlin attack.

LONDON, May 20 (U. P.).—An official German broadcast recorded in London, said today that 200 persons were killed in yesterday's allied raid on Berlin.

Chief Helmut Suendermann said that buildings damaged included the old imperial palace, in the center of the city at the eastern end of Unter den Linden.

Other Charges Pending

The defendants still face at least one other state or federal charge in connection with their practice of polygamy and four of them face two charges.

Joseph Musser, leader of the sect, is also charged with state and federal conspiracy and has been indicted by the U. S. government for mailing allegedly obscene literature.

A federal conspiracy indictment charges the 12 members of the fundamentalist "priesthood group" with mailing obscene literature. A government appeal of a federal judge's ruling to quash this indictment is now pending before the U. S. supreme court.

Verdicts and sentences for nine other defendants charged with white slavery and kidnapping are expected to be announced soon by U. S. District Judge T. Blake Kennedy of Wyoming, who will judge each case on the basis of written stipulations without a jury.

JAPS BEING DRIVEN FROM MYITKYINA HUB

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India division—15,000 men—and their full equipment was flown 230 miles from the Arakan fighting front into the Imphal plain without the loss of a man or a plane. It was the first time an entire infantry division had moved from one front to another by air.

Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, commanding the north Burma offensive, arrived at the newly-captured Myitkyina airfield Thursday for a front-line conference with his subordinates and to see for himself the progress they have made.

Frank Hewlett, United Press war correspondent, reported in a delayed dispatch from the airfield that the Americans and Chinese completed the mopping up of the outskirts of Myitkyina Thursday morning and by that afternoon had seized part of the town itself.

A southeast Asia headquarters communiqué said the enemy garrison—the remnants of the 18th division—which conquered Singapore—was being squeezed out of the town by Brig. Gen. Frank Merrill's forces attacking from three sides.

GERMANS ALERT UNITS ON COAST

Gigantic Allied Concentrations Sighted at Corsica, Lisbon Reports.

By ROBERT DOWSON

United Press Staff Correspondent

LONDON, May 20.—German gas-rigons on the south coast of France were alerted following reconnaissance reports of troop movements and gigantic ship concentrations at Corsica, a Lisbon dispatch in the Stockholm newspaper Alleanza said today.

The dispatch added that the Germans were convinced that the allied offensive in Italy was only a prelude to further extensive operations in the Mediterranean. Corsica is an island lying about 100 miles off the southern coast of France.

A dispatch in another Stockholm newspaper, Aftonbladet, reported that all leaves for German troops in Holland had been canceled.

Ready to Flood Holland

The dispatch said that a traveler confirmed reports that the Germans were prepared to flood vast parts of Holland as an anti-invasion measure.

(The OWI reported that the Berlin radio, in a short-wave broadcast to the United States, had interrupted a program with an "invasion" bulletin, purporting to be from "general headquarters." Using an American accent, the announcer said "the invasion of the continent has begun." The OWI said the broadcast likely was designed to start a flurry of rumors, to lay the basis for psychological let-downs.)

Meanwhile, London military observers interpreted the recent announcement of German appointments to meet the invasion as evidence that the German army high command and the Nazi party had buried the hatchet to form a united front to oppose the allies in the west.

May Be Over Rommel

Some observers were of the opinion that German infantry Lt. Gen. Johannes Blaskowitz was now on at least an equal footing with—if not above—Marshal Erwin Rommel.

The Express recalled that Blaskowitz "once called Hitler a fool to his face" and that Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt also was not fond of Hitler. Both men previously had been retained.

(The Russian radio said that the Bulgarian government had ordered a general mobilization of troops and that German forces were concentrated in Sofia and its suburbs as well as in the Bulgarian Black sea ports of Varna and Burgas.)

JUDGE CONVICTS 15 SECT POLYGAMISTS

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sentences after defense attorneys asked for time to prepare motions for a new trial. If the new trial is denied, the defense plans to appeal the convictions to the state supreme court.

Found guilty were: Dr. Rulon O. Allred, six plural wives; Louis A. Kelsch, J. W. Musser and C. F. Zitting, five wives each; John V. Barlow, Oswald Brach and Morris Q. Kunz, four wives each; Albert E. Barlow, Edmund F. Barlow, Ianthus W. Barlow, David Bringham Darger, Joseph Lyman Jessup and Heber K. Cleveland, three wives each, and Arnold Boss and Alma Adelbert Timpon, two wives each.

Judge Van Cott assumed responsibility for both verdict and the forthcoming sentences when the polygamists waived trial-by-jury and submitted their cases to him on the basis of written stipulations.

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Bankers' Guest STOCKARDS BEING CLEANED

Hogs All Gone, No Hint Given When Embargo Will Be Ended.

The hog market at the Indianapolis stockyards today was nonexistent, inasmuch as all hogs were sold yesterday and the embargo prevented any further receipts.

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