

WASHINGTON Calling

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

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they need to keep on fighting Germans, underground newspapers disclose. This may be important factor in winning support later for De Gaulle government. If large numbers of Frenchmen hold these promises they'll be apt to vote for a government that will make them good.

F. D. R., Hopkins May Go Abroad

LOOK FOR Harry Hopkins to go abroad soon. If F. D. R. goes he'll probably go with him; otherwise he'll go alone.

Friends of President are sorry Hopkins is back in Washington, think he's political liability. If he's not to stay at a sanitarium, they think a trip overseas is next best.

But Hopkins, who represented F. D. R. at 1940 convention, won't go to Chicago this year. Fourth-term maneuvering will be handled by Robert Hannegan, national chairman, and Ed Flynn, ex-chairman, who's still national committeeman from New York.

SPEAKER RAYBURN has slight edge on vice presidential nomination today, insiders say. Theory is his selection might help him in party in Texas.

Otherwise, politicians approach vice presidential problem on negative basis: Who'll do least harm to ticket? They think Wallace would harm it most. Wallace's only strength today, in party council, is failure of conservatives to agree on one man to make the race.

Rocket Reprisals

U. S. MILITARY and naval personnel are on the qui vive about new place of rocket bomb in warfare, but German rocket bombings are considered primarily Britain's problem and one on which she has shown some sensitivity.

Hence it's likely that if and when big counteracting or reprisal measures are taken, impetus will come from Britshers. U. S. will follow, of course.

Official position is that, as aerial warfare, rocket bombs are still second to regular bombing, with its longer range, heavier volume and greater accuracy. Nobody wants to talk about what this government has been doing in self-propelled aerial weapons, but there's evidence the military scientists haven't been asleep.

After the War—

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS committee will fall heir to one of the biggest post-war jobs.

A member, just returned from swing around the country, put it this way: "You never say such facilities as both army and navy have; there's a great deal of overlapping which probably couldn't be avoided in wartime."

"But when the shooting's over it'll be our job to scale down appropriations for both services, end overlapping as much as possible, and still keep our fight forces in near-top form, making sure they

Dewey Sheds Big City Gilt To Pitch Hay and Hukum

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Looking at the two men, it was a little hard to imagine either one with a straw lying honestly athwart one ear.

The two of them kidded the hukum and yet there was something friendly and American and neighborly about the reception given by several hundred of his townfolk and farmfolk who gathered in the little park back of the butcher house here on the main stem.

Under its sheltering trees were some men, more women, and lots of children who looked with natural envy at the two slicked-up Dewey boys, Tom, 11, and John, 7, who sat on the porch overlooking the park with their mother and father.

It was a thing to warn the governor's heart and to be remembered, as an antidote, when the photographers gathered as usual today, in their greedy and domineering fashion, to put the Dewey family through their paces for the newspapers and the magazines.

Lowell Thomas emphasized the non-partisan nature of the welcome home, how Democrats, too, were included, and once he had opened the subject, a couple of Democrats made themselves known — both drunk. They caroled on an undertone of comment from the sidelines. Their champion, Squire Roosevelt, lived also in Dutchess county.

Mayor Bert Green, who presided at the welcome-home ceremonies, told about how neighbor Dewey and his beautiful wife had gone off to Chicago and came back with something really handsome for a Pawling citizen, but he said they in Pawling liked to think of the governor as the farmer who keeps his buildings and fields in good order.

The governor fell in with the mood of the occasion, and paid tribute to the folks here who had been so nice to him. The druggist who had to leave off mixing sodas

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Resort to Desperate Acts Linked to Goebbel's Dire Warning.

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compelled to leave the scene of his terror, we will shan the door so hard that the universe will shake and mankind will stand back in stupor.

These utterances throw light on German behavior in these fatal days. The German leadership at present is striking as wildly and as deadly as a trapped and wounded but still powerful animal.

The robot or flying bomb is an illustration of last moment German fury and desperation. It is a weapon exclusively against British civilians.

Only a regime as desperate and as unmindful of the future as that portrayed by Dr. Goebbel's in the above quotations would resort to such a weapon.

Green Worries G. O. P. SOME REPUBLICAN congressmen with strong labor vote in their districts worry about William Green's outspoken disappointment over G. O. P. platform.

They'll ask Dewey to say something calculated to bring part, at least, of labor vote back into Republican fold. And Green has indicated he'll be listening.

Republicans had discounted C. I. O. vote but thought they could count on strong support from A. F. L.

TOWNSEND PLAN discharge petition needs only 10 more signatures to bring it to house floor for a vote. Townsend plan promises almost certain passage. But house rules are complicated when it comes to discharge petitions.

Votes can be had: Only after petition has been signed by 218 members and has been on calendar seven days; only on second and fourth Mondays of each month; only if date is more than six days before adjournment. Irregular meetings scheduled for fall may circumvent plans for quick vote.

Allies Prepared

Allied commanders have long been prepared for such German frightfulness. Our troops in France are all supplied with gas masks and have been taught how to take care of themselves in case the enemy employs gas against them. Our techniques of decontamination are highly perfected.

We have not been negligent in the study of the use of gas as an offensive weapon as well as in the study of defensive methods against gas warfare.

Robert Casey radioed from the Normandy front this week that the Germans appear to be running short of cannon fodder as well as cannon.

It is now clearly established that German military operations on all fronts are seriously handicapped by diminishing German fuel oil supplies.

Luftwaffe Rationed

Gen. H. H. Arnold said July 3 the air force has definite information that the German fuel supply is only 30 per cent of normal as a result of the bombing of German oil centers. The Luftwaffe and other German mechanized forces are rationed, Arnold said, raising doubt as to whether the Luftwaffe may ever fight effectively again.

British and American economic warfare experts have been selecting the targets for American daylight and British night bombings of German oil production and distribution centers for many months.

Our bombings have been so brilliantly conceived and executed that today Germany's reserve oil stocks do not amount to more than three months' supply as contrasted with the year's supply formerly kept in reserve.

German gasoline shortage is also a tremendous factor in the operations on the eastern front, where, because of the limited number of railroads, most movements must be made by gasoline-propelled vehicles.

So acute is the German gasoline shortage on the Russian front that equipment is often abandoned because there is insufficient gasoline to take it away.

Russ Routes Optional

The Russian attack is progressing admirably in the direction of Vilna and Warsaw. From Vilna the Russians immediately can push to the east, Warsaw, home of so many German generals, or first move northward towards Riga and the Baltic sea. This more conservative military move would enable them to cut off probably 20 German divisions. If they struck as far as Memel they might catch an additional five divisions and obtain valuable territory and positions.

But there is also great Russian strength for the south whose presence may compel Germany to start withdrawing from the Crete-Peloponnesus and other exposed Greek positions even before it gets into action.

Every airfield we establish in that part of the world makes the bombing of the Romanian oil fields that much easier. Our military advances in Italy give us similar military advantages.

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Farmers Reaping Huge Wheat Crop

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approximately 70,000,000 more than were forecast June 1.

Throughout the county farmers are more than pleased with the weather that has brought the bumper crop.

The sun was hot, the air dry, the wheat was cutting easily for Harold Schilling, R. R. 5, Box 453.

"This is the best year I've had in a long time," he said. "I had 27 acres in wheat and averaged from 22 to 25 bushels an acre. That's from two to five better than I've done in the past."

"And it's testing awfully good," said his brother, Wilbert Schilling, R. R. 5, Box 448. "Mine tested the best of any I have had for years."

The crop of Elmer Wampner, R. R. 10, Box 270, is not the best he ever has had, but it is yielding close to peak.

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STATE-RAILROAD STOCK TO BE SOLD

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CHICAGO, July 8 (U. P.)—Investment underwriters have contracted to purchase 249,558 shares of common stock of the Chicago South Shore & South Bend railroad for offering to the public, Joseph H. Briggs, executive vice president of the railroad.

The common stock, having par value of \$12.50 per share, will be purchased by Byllesby & Co., Doyle, O'Connor & Co.; Cruttenden & Co. and Otto & Co., from Clarence A. Southerland and Jay Samuel Hart, co-trustees of the estate of Midland Utility Co.

The income statement of the company, as adjusted to give effect to its present capitalization and depreciation policy, available for dividends on the common stock for the year ended Dec. 31, 1943, showed gross income of \$5,147,258, operating expenses and all taxes of \$4,523,033, and net income of \$624,225.

Creditors File Claim

The creditors of the Van Sweringens, chiefly Ohio banks, claimed they were entitled to 55¢, or the Van Sweringens' share through the option of the profit the Ball foundation made on the sale of stock.

Judge Baitell upheld this and the Ball Foundation was found to owe \$3,500,000. Interest had increased this amount but the \$400,000 reduction made yesterday by the Chicago court brings the total to nearly \$3,500,000.

Hoosier Heroes: Lt. Mann Killed in France; 3 Injured

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July 16, is a prisoner of the Germans. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Ross, 1244 S. Talbot St., were notified by the war department yesterday after receiving three cards from their son last week.

The son of Mrs. Willis Balsen, Marie Carter, O., formerly of Indianapolis, he had lived here from the time he was 8 until he entered the service. He was formerly employed at the U. S. Rubber Co.

Besides his mother, survivors are two sisters, Mrs. Florine Huddleston, 515 English ave., and Mrs. Helen Alberto, Fletcher ave.

Solemn high mass will be held at 2 a. m. Tuesday at the Holy Cross church.

THE WAR DEPARTMENT today confirmed the reports that the following Indianapoli men have been wounded: T. 5th Gr. Richard E. Baker, husband of Mrs. Daisy M. Baker, 3427 W. North St., and 2d Lt. John R. Wright, son of Mrs. Jean H. Wright, 1301 N. Alabama St.

SEAMAN 2-C CHARLES RICHARD HOWARD, son of Lawrence Wilson Howard, Veedersburg, was wounded in action, the navy announced today.

TWENTY-THREE HOOSIERS were included in today's war department list of U. S. soldiers wounded in action.

They are Pfc. Donald R. Austin, son of Mrs. Hazel A. Austin, Michiganian, 804 E. 49th St., has been wounded twice, the second time in May, and holds the purple heart for wounds received in April.

His mother received a letter from him yesterday that he is back on duty.

ENTERING THE service two years ago, he was sent to North Ireland six weeks after his induction and has taken part in the North African and Italian campaigns.

He was formerly employed by the Sanborn Electric Co.

PFC. HARRY H. MILLER, brother of Mrs. Andy Donlan, 6102 E. 10th St., was wounded during the invasion of Normandy, and is in a hospital in England. A veteran of the African and Italian campaigns, he entered the army in March, 1942, and has been overseas 16 months.

PVT. MAURICE G. WEBB was listed today by the war department as wounded in the Mediterranean area. His mother, Mrs. Myrtle W. Greene, formerly of 1850 E. 10th St., has moved to Dallas, Tex., and no details of his injuries could be secured.

PVT. DONALD BOWLES, son of George H. Bowles, 1524 E. Tabor St., was seriously wounded in Italy when hit by a German shell.

His father received a letter written by a soldier in the same hospital and a war department announcement, but hasn't had a letter from his son since he was injured, May 24.

FIRST LT. ERNEST R. GREY, Lafayette, has been awarded the air medal for participation in the sinking of two Jap guard vessels off Paramushiru during May.

He was one of 11 members of two bomber crews credited with the sinking of four Jap vessels and damage to a fifth. His crew sunk its ships the same day.

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The naval base also is important because it is a center for submarine and destroyer construction.

PROMPT ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE latest raid indicated a policy by the 20th air force headquarters to forestall Japanese efforts to "steal" headlines with exaggerated, if not false, claims.

OTHER MARAUDERS during the morning clobbered two more German transportation bottlenecks. They reached inland to smash one railway bridge at Nogent-le-Loi, which crosses the Eure 70 miles southwest of Paris, and another over the Loire river at Saumur.

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The army promised that "more details" would be released today.

SIGHTSEERS were barred last night from the scene of the tragedy—a forested gorge, split by a mountain stream and rimmed by 150-foot cliffs—and the area was under constant patrol of military police.

AS IN ALL SUCH CATASTROPHES, THERE were many individual accounts of bravery, but Pvt. Alva M. Hanna of Columbus, O., was called the "real hero" by his companions.

Hanna, a tall, dark-haired buck private, organized a group of the uninjured from one of the eight cars which stayed on the steep hillside into the icy waters of Clear river, where they rescued many of the wounded, strewn along the banks and in the water itself.

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Farther westward other U. S. forces seized all high ground south and southeast of La Haye-du-Puits, sealing the doom of that western anchor of the German defense line.

Driving on beyond St. Jean, they joined another column pushing down from the north, and both forces now are well over six miles southwest of Isigny, the hinge position at the southwest corner of the Seine bay.

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Three Pullman porters from Indianapolis were injured in the wreck but their families have received no word regarding the extent of the injuries. They are William Eugene McAnulty, 370 W. 26th st.; Sherman Polley, 1081 Sheffield ave., and Thomas E