

# WASHINGTON Calling

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transportation facilities have been remarkably effective. They point to signs that Turkey will enter the war; to German peace feelers; to indications of German panic.

**SECOND SCHOOL:** Germany still has very powerful armies. They are taking a beating in the East, of course, but the Russian supply lines are being drawn out longer and longer. That's bound to tell on the power of the Soviet drive.

The time it took allied armies to capture Caen is proof of the Germans' fighting power. We have been in France a little over a month and are behind schedule in our drive toward Paris.

It may take from three to five months for allied armies to reach the French capital. We have Cherbourg, but our forces must have another deep-water port—say Brest.

They sum up: It will not be this year but well into next spring before Hitler falls—say April, May or June.

## Japanese Believed in Tough Spot

CONGRESSIONAL SOURCES, pointing out that in the Pacific we're not waiting for Hitler to fold, say our subs are sinking Jap ships in numbers far in excess of the enemy's ability to replace them. Jap forces are thinned and extended even more than Hitler's.

We have absolute domination of sea and air in the Pacific. The Japanese fleet won't or can't come out, therefore it cannot supply or protect its far-flung garrisons such as Saipan, where Adm. Nimitz's forces just took control.

Next move after Saipan? Guessers here guess as follows: Why not Guam and Palau, then on to the Philippines and Formosa? Gen. MacArthur can be presumed to want to try the Philippines first, but Adm. Nimitz is on record as aiming for the coast of China.

**DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION** next week will be livelier than the Republican, but the anticipated fight over the vice presidential nomination may turn out to be synthetic.

Odysseus now favors Wallace. (As of edition time Saturday.)

President Roosevelt's preference for the vice president as his running mate will be made known in a communication to one of the party chieftains, probably National Chairman Hannegan or Senator Jackson of Indiana, permanent chairman of the convention.

## FDR's Word Powerful

WHILE THE President is not expected to insist on Mr. Wallace . . . but to give the impression that the decision is up to the convention . . . it is believed his word will be powerful enough so that state leaders will hesitate to buck. Meanwhile, other hopefuls will get their trial runs, entertain their friends at fancy headquarters, get some fancy advertising, and have their vanity tickled.

The whetting of many ambitions probably will confuse the opposition, playing in Wallace's favor. It's Wallace against the field, and some think the President cleverly arranged it this way by letting the race apparently become wide open for a time. Wallace has some 300 delegates to start with, and strength elsewhere that will uncover itself if the bandwagon gets going.

The President is said to have ruled out all southerners on this theory: If a traditional conservative of the Old South were nominated, Negro votes would be lost in eastern strongholds; if a liberal southerner were selected, this would strengthen the southern revolt.

## South Is Big Worry

CONVENTION will have plenty of trouble with southerners in any case. They'll make platform writing a real problem when it comes to planks on poll-tax, Negro voting, etc.

Also there are the Texas and South Carolina delegation squabbles revolving about "white supremacy" and involving the complicated electoral-college problem posed by Texas.

Leaders are expected to try, while at Chicago, to work out some solution of this problem.

Best guess on Negro plank is that it will at least equal that of 1940, which said: "We shall continue to strive for complete legislative safeguards against discrimination in government service and benefits, and in the national defense."

## Bombers Flying Beer to France

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, A. E. F., July 15 (U. P.)—Thirsty airmen in Normandy look forward now to the frequent arrival of the beer barrel bombers.

To replenish meager supplies available at the front, pilots of nonoperating fighter bombers are slinging full beer barrels onto bomb racks and flying them across the channel.

The regular barrels as they come from the brewers are equipped with a special streamlined nose to cut down wind resistance.

## ROTORIANS TO HEAR COL. IRVIN TUESDAY

Indianapolis Rotarians will hear Col. George A. Irvin, infantry officer and region VI field officer for the war manpower commission, speak at 12:15 p. m. Tuesday at the Claypool hotel.

Chairman Charles J. Kenney of the Rotary sports committee has announced that the July frolic and golf tournament will be held Thursday at the Highland Gold and Country club beginning at 12:30 p. m. A dinner at 7 p. m. will conclude the festivities.

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## RUSS OPEN NEW POLISH DRIVE

**Push Toward Lwow; Nazis Warned 'Day of Great Storm is Here.'**

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new offensive, Karl Heinz Siegbold was warning his countrymen in domestic broadcasts that the "great storm" had arrived.

"For him," he said, "it is a question of 'do or die' now to end the war. We want to suggest to us that we are on our last legs. It is true that we have our anxieties and there are a good many things which we wish could be different from what they happen to be at the moment by force of circumstances."

"But we still are far away from throwing away the trumps we are holding in our hands, or even from showing the hand prematurely."

Luck was captured by the 1st Ukrainian army at the climax of its thrust deep into old Poland from Kiev last winter.

## Push Toward Brest Litovsk

The southeastern invasion route to Berlin runs from Lwow along the northern rim of the Carpathians to Krakow, Poland, and thence into Germany through Opole and Breslau to Berlin.

On the central front, the Russians launched the battle of the eastern frontiers with columns pressing directly along roads leading to Königsberg and Warsaw.

While three columns converged on Grodno, others pressed on toward Brest Litovsk in a frontal advance from liberated Pinsk that was expected to collapse the enemy's defense triangle before the Bug river, Moscow dispatches said.

(Reports reaching Madrid by way of Vichy said Adolf Hitler's supreme war council had decided to evacuate Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. London broadcasts recorded by FCC monitors reported that the Germans had begun to dismantle installations in the fort of Königsberg. Civilians are crowding East Prussian railway stations and blocking roads, the broadcast said.)

## Expect Grodno to Fall

WHO'S WHO shows that Senator Abe Murdock of Utah, who's scheduled to be chairman of the important credentials committee at the Chicago convention, is, in addition to being a Democrat, also a Mormon, an Elk, an Odd Fellow, a member of the Lions Club, and a resident of Beaver, Utah.

**MILLIONS OF DOLLARS' WORTH OF NYA WAR TRAINING EQUIPMENT HAS BECOME THE PROPERTY OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS THROUGH A NEW APPROPRIATION BILL.** Previously these tools were only lent to schools while NYA was being liquidated, with the armed services getting first call after that, the schools second call, and provision for public sales of any surplus. Schools now have permanent title.

## CITE ADMIRAL REEVES

WASHINGTON, July 15 (U. P.)— Rear Admiral John W. Reeves Jr., 56, has been awarded the legion of merit for his services as task group commander on the carrier raid on Truk atoll in February, the navy revealed today.

## Who's Who on Murdoch

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## HOSPITAL APPRENTICE 1-C ERNEST CHARLES BUHNEING

WAS WOUNDED WHILE SERVING ON AN INVASION CARRIER. His family has received no details of his injuries but yesterday he telephoned his aunt, Miss Carrie Buhneing, 2033 Shelby St., with whom he made his home before entering the service, telling her that he had arrived in Boston, Mass.

## Sgt. HENRY E. HAPNER

airborne infantryman who entered France on invasion day; received serious leg and shoulder wounds on June 10 and is in a hospital in England.

## Sgt. JOHN H. HILL

husband of Mrs. Wilma Jean Hill, Bloomington, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Zeke Hill, Charlestown, has been awarded the distinguished flying cross for outstanding achievement in aerial combat over Europe.

## Ensign and Top Turret Gunner

of a B-17, he has participated in many major 8th army air force bombing operations ranging from attacks on industries at Berlin to assaults on military objectives along the French coast.

## Before entering the service Sgt. Hill was employed by Kingman & Co., Indianapolis.

## Sgt. DOYLE L. BYERS

radio operator-gunner on an 8th army air force B-17, has been presented an oak leaf cluster to his air medal for meritorious achievement while participating in heavy bombing assaults in Europe.

## The son of Mr. and Mrs. Noble Biers, Bedford, Sgt. Byers was formerly employed by the Reliance Manufacturing Co., Bedford. His wife also lives there.

## Sgt. RALPH A. NILES

husband of Mrs. Betty Niles and son of Arthur Niles, both of Rockport, has been awarded the second oak leaf cluster to his air medal. He is a tail gunner with an 8th army air force Flying Fortress group.

## T. SGT. JOHN R. KNOX

engineer and top turret gunner with the 8th army air force B-17 group commanded by Col. William D. David, Calhoun, Ga., has been awarded an oak leaf cluster to the air medal for his part in bombing attacks supporting allied invasion forces in France.

## T. SGT. JOHN W. KINNAMAN

son of Mr. and Mrs. Porter Kinnaman, 2154 N. Illinois St., has been awarded the air medal for his participation in 7th army air force attacks against Japan. He is a nose turret gunner of a Liberator based in the Marshall Islands.

He has two brothers in the service. Sgt. Joseph Kinnaman is a member of the signal corps, and David is in the navy.

## S. SGT. WALTER S. PARK

who has been in India for more than six months as an armorer-gunner of a 10th army air force heavy bombardment group, has been awarded the air medal for meritorious achievement while participating in heavy bombardment missions totaling more than 100 hours.

Sgt. Park is the husband of Mrs. Kathleen Park, 342 Davidson St.

## SECOND LT. HENRY WEBB

co-pilot of a Flying Fortress, has been awarded an oak leaf cluster to the air medal for "exceptionally meritorious achievement" in combat operations over Europe.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Webb, 5142 Madison Ave., and the husband of Mrs. Viola Webb, also of Indianapolis, Lt. Webb has been in the service since Feb. 15, 1943. He was formerly employed by the Allison division of General Motors.

A brother, Seaman 2-c Lloyd W. Webb, is stationed with the coast guard in New York City.

## Two Indiana Men

listed as dead by the navy, and one was listed as wounded. The dead are Lt. (jg) Joseph Wayne Oberlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Oberlin, Butler, and Cpl. James R. Sedor, husband of Mrs. James R. Sedor, Lawrenceburg. Ship's Cook Donald Arthur Lee, husband of Mrs. Marguerite Louise Lee, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Rose Lee, Decatur, has been wounded.

## SEVENTEEN INDIANS

men, including in today's war department list of 776 U. S. soldiers wounded in action.

Those wounded while serving in the European area are 2d Lt. Charles R. Christian, son of Charles L. Christian, Lafayette, Ind.

The Nazis arrested him in Morocco and returned him to France.

## PLANE CRASHES IN N. Y.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., July 15 (U. P.)—An army C-47 transport plane crashed in a gully at Blockville, N. Y., eight miles west of here, today and several of the occupants were reported killed.

## FORBES TO AIR WAR AT FRONT

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of Mrs. Marie Dobrowolski, Whit-

ing; Pvt. Albert E. Fields, son of Charles Fields, Crawfordsville; Pfc. Ernest E. Lindstaedt, son of John Lindstaedt, South Bend, and Sgt. John R. York, son of Robert W. York, Hymera.

Listed as wounded in the Medi-

terranean area are Pvt. John M.

Malloy, son of Mrs. Mary E. Mal-

lory, Plymouth; Pfc. Kenneth L.

Manual, husband of Mrs. Mar-

sella Manual, Plymouth; Pvt. Arthur Ruiz, son of Mrs. Elodia Sa-

mar, East Chicago; Pvt. Roger K.

Sammons, son of Mrs. Pearl Sam-

mons, Munice; Pvt. Sylvester W.

Sayo, son of Mrs. Pauline Sayo,

Michigan City; Pvt. Edward S.

Varro, son of Mrs. Nancy Varro,

Knox; Pvt. James E. Wicker, son

of Mrs. Leah Wicker, Greenfield;

Pfc. Clifford J. Woodard, son of

Charles Woodard, Evansville, and

Pfc. Charles E. Woosley, son of Mrs.

Cora Woosley, Monon.

Those wounded in the South-

west are Pvt. John E. Fields,

son of Mrs. Anna Fields, Elkhorn,

Potter, and Pfc. John E. Fields,

son of Mrs. Anna Fields, Elkhorn,

Potter.

As the "For Rent" columns in the

newspapers shrunk to almost nothing, it became increasingly harder to rent apartments or homes where children were permitted. Landlords who profited were limited by rent ceilings wouldn't rent to families with children because maintenance costs were higher. The result was that many families had to buy a home to have a roof over their heads.

Jump at Chance

Others who had always wanted to own a home of their own, or to have a better one, but had always been a little short of cash, jumped at the chance to buy. Some figured they might break even, or better, by buying instead of paying rent, hoping to get out of their house as much or more than they put in it when the war was over.

Another source of demand comes from tenants who have had the houses they were renting sold from under them. Some of these were "spite" sales, done to get rid of a tenant. But many were traceable to the refusal of the OPA to allow the owner to raise the rent.

That many homes are selling for cash is shown in the number of mortgages being made. Although 1434 homes were sold this May, only 758 mortgages (under \$20,000 each) were recorded, a smaller proportion than earlier in the year.

What will happen here on

anybody's guess and few will

venture an opinion. The National

Association of Real Estate Boards