

RECONVERSION SPEED ASSURED

Military Authorities Tell Local Industrialists Of Progress.

Post-war army and navy contract termination plans were outlined before more than 400 Indianapolis and Indiana war manufacturers here yesterday, as high ranking service officers conducted a conference school on contract termination and allied problems at the Claypool hotel.

James S. Watson, vice-president of Link-Belt Co., and chairman of the manufacturers' committee of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, presided at the luncheon. The school, one of a series being conducted at key production points over the nation, was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, the Indiana Manufacturers Association and the Jeffersonville Quartermaster Depot.

Big Gen. Guy L. Rowe, commanding general of the Jeffersonville depot, asserted that the army is seeking a complete conversion from war to peacetime production as rapidly as possible. Speaking on "Problems in Industrial Readjustment," he said war contracts approximating \$12,000,000,000 have been terminated, against a total of \$8,000,000,000 which existed at the conclusion of world war I. Termination in Indiana has kept pace with the national increase.

Another army spokesman, Lt. Col. H. R. Eichenberg, director of the industrial demobilization division of Jeffersonville depot, said contract termination will not be an impossible job.

Describing the termination as "procurement in reverse," he said disposal of property will be carried out in an orderly and systematic fashion and will not interfere with a healthy reconversion schedule.

MONTH-END WAIVER SET ON EXTRA GAS

Appeals for supplemental transport gasoline rations for the current quarter will not be processed by the office of defense transportation here if they are received during the last seven days of the quarter, George F. Burnett, Indianapolis district manager of the ODT, disclosed today.

The new procedure will become effective in this quarter, he said, meaning that appeals received during the week beginning Sept. 24 for additional gasoline for the quarter ending Sept. 30 will not be processed.

Regular requests for adjustments not involving the third quarter will be handled in the usual manner in the last week of the month, Mr. Burnett said. Reason for the change is that appeals filed in the last week of the quarter too often are not completed until after the period in which they were valid has expired, he said.

500 SERVICEMEN'S YULE KITS IS GOAL

The Active squad of the Christian Men Builders class of the Third Christian church will send more than 500 Christmas boxes to men of the armed forces this autumn.

The first C. M. B. Christmas boxes sent to servicemen in 1943 numbered slightly over 100. By 1943 the more than 300 C. M. B. members in the service received the boxes. This year is to be the climax of Active squad efforts.

To be a member of the squad, a member of the C. M. B. must write one or more letters each week to a serviceman, assist with mailing of the Active squad paper and the Christmas boxes, or make a gift to the squad operating fund.

WAR DEPT. NEEDS TAILORS

An urgent need for tailors has been announced by the war department through the board of civil service examiners. Tailors not in essential war work are asked to apply at room No. 524, federal building.

ZOUAVE DRILL MEET SET

The Indianapolis Zouave drill team will hold their regular business meeting at the home of Cora Brown, president, 2424 N. New Jersey st., at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday.

Up Front With Mauldin



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"I beg yer pardon, I didn't know ya was a captain at Homeview Academy."

Hoosier Heroes: Kramer Killed in Action; Maclean, Johnson and Timmons Wounded

Pvt. Rex Kramer, son of Mrs. Bessie Kramer and husband of Mrs. Kathryn Kramer, 1417 Oliver ave., was wounded Aug. 6 in France and died the following day.

Pvt. Kramer, who was 28, was a native of Linton and a graduate of Linton Stockton high school. Married Jan. 20, 1936, he moved to Indianapolis in March, 1941, from Linton and worked at Stewart-Warner. He was inducted into the army Oct. 25, 1943, and took his basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla., before going overseas in April. He received the purple heart in July.

Also surviving is a brother, August, Indianapolis.

Electrician's Mate 3-c Charles Edward Breeden, son of A. Howard Breeden, 6112 Estate st., and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Burrows, 657 Eugene st., was a member of the crew of the Robalo, a submarine reported missing by the war department.

A graduate of Broad Ripple high school, Electrician's Mate Breeden enlisted in the navy Dec. 12, 1941, and served 18 months convoy duty before volunteering for submarine service. He received his submarine training at New London, Conn., and then was assigned to the Robalo.

Pvt. John M. Maclean Jr., a member of an infantry medical detachment, was wounded Aug. 10 in France. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Maclean, 2816 N. Illinois st., were notified yesterday through the American Red Cross.

Pvt. Maclean was wounded in the head and knee and according to the Red Cross nurse writing the letter will return to the United States for treatment.

A graduate of Shortridge high school, he is 23 and formerly was employed by Armour & Co. He entered the army in September, 1943, went overseas in April, 1944, and entered France about two weeks after D-day, June 6.

Cpl. Paul W. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Johnston, 1432 College ave., was wounded in France Aug. 10 and is convalescing in a hospital in England.

A technical high school graduate, he spent his 22d birthday in the hospital Aug. 22. He enlisted in February, 1943, and went overseas with an armored division in September, 1943.

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A graduate of Manual high school, he is the brother of Mrs. Timmons.

PICKERING ADVANCED BY WELFARE BOARD

Perry R. Pickering, formerly with the field staff of the state welfare department, has been named director of the division of public assistance of the state welfare department, T. A. Gottschalk, administrator, announced today.

Mr. Pickering will succeed Arthur W. Potts, who resigned to accept the post of welfare supervisor with the United National Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

In addition to his work on the field staff, Mr. Pickering served as administrative assistant; division of public assistance, in charge of the old age program. He attended DePaul university, Indiana university training school and University of Chicago, and is a native of Spiceland and a member of Spiceland Methodist church and Spiceland Masonic Lodge.

FIDELITY REVIEW MEETS

A pitch-in quarterly birthday dinner will be held by Fidelity Review 140, W. B. A., at noon Wednesday in the Castle hall building. A public card party will follow at 2 p. m.

Mrs. Lulu Burgess, Mrs. Cora Brown, president, 2424 N. New Jersey st., at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday.

ROBOT FALLS NEAR PARIS

PARIS, Sept. 9 (U. P.).—A German flying bomb fell near Paris early today, killing four persons and injuring 12 others. Authorities gave no other details.

State Deaths

AKRON—Ray O. Hoover, 62. Survivors: Son, Charles; sister, in the family.

HARTFORD CITY—Mrs. Clara Leonard, 62. Survivors: Husband, Charles; daughter, Mrs. Vera Dutton; son, Herbert; brothers, William, Harry and John King; sisters, Mrs. Ciel First and Mrs. T. J. Stansel.

LINTON—Antoine Milton, 76. Survivors: Son, Antoine; daughter, Mrs. Rosalee Parola; brother, Joseph Milton; sisters, Rosalee Landas and Jean Vlas.

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DR. W. O. WOOD, 78, DEAD HERE

Watertown, N. Y., Native Practiced Osteopathy for 35 Years.

Dr. William O. Wood, for 40 years a resident of Indianapolis and for the last 35 years a practicing osteopath, died yesterday at his home, 1454 E. 10th st. He was 78.

Born at Watertown, N. Y., Dr. Wood came here from Chicago. He was a member of the Unity Truth center of the Church of Practical Christianity.

Survivors besides his wife, Inez of Indianapolis, are a son, Charles O.; a daughter, Mrs. Ruby Anderson; a brother, Edward; a sister, Mrs. Grace Morrison; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild, all of Chicago.

CHRISTIAN F. BECKER

Services for Christian F. Becker, who died yesterday on his 77th birthday, will be at 2 p. m. tomorrow in the Penton Evangelical and Reformed church. Burial will be at the cemetery.

Mr. Becker, who was a farmer near Fire Point, was born and had lived all his life in the same house. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary Becker, and four sons, Arnold, Arthur and Edward, all of Indianapolis, and Wilbert of Lebanon.

CPL. GEORGE SORTWELL

The Rev. Herbert Eberhardt will conduct memorial services for Cpl. George Sortwell, who was killed in action in Europe, at 3:45 p. m. tomorrow in the Wheeler City Rescue Mission.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Sortwell, 541 Milroy ave.

MRS. CARRIE LOWES

Friends in Indianapolis have been notified of the death in San Francisco of Mrs. Carrie Marie Lowes, a former resident of this city. She had moved to Portland, Ore., in 1939, where she was employed by the Southern Pacific railway.

Services and burial were held in Portland. The only survivors are two half-sisters, Mrs. Esther Burgoyne and Miss Dorothy Lowes, both of Portland.

JACOB PETROVITSKY

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a. m. Sunday at the Aaron-Ruben funeral home for Jacob Petrovitsky, who died Thursday in New York. Burial will be in Indianapolis Hebrew cemetery.

DEGREES AWARDED

Two Indianapolis students at the University of Chicago were awarded their masters degrees yesterday. They were Mrs. Ruth Mitchell Deeds, 3968 Kenwood ave., and Miss Mary R. Hosier, 2230 Central ave.

Capl. James C. Brown, son of Mrs. Ona Brown, has returned from service outside the U. S. with the distinguished flying cross, air medal and 11 oak leaf clusters. He is being processed for re-assignment through the army air forces redistribution station at Miami Beach.

Capl. Brown was stationed in England 13 months, during which time he flew 67 missions as a B-26 pilot.

T. Sgt. Philip D. Miller, R. R. 20, B-26 radio operator and gunner, holds the distinguished flying cross, the air medal and several oak leaf clusters, won during 13 months in England.

Sgt. Miller now is at the army air forces redistribution station at Miami Beach.

The war department today confirmed the report that Pfc. Fred N. Poland, son of Mrs. Nellie Poland, 3670 Rockville road, was wounded in action with the marines.

The following Hoosiers were included in the war department's casualty list:

George Richard Ellison, naval reserve, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Ellison, 2225 N. 10th st., died of wounds received in action, Sept. 1, 1944.

Stanley I. S. Kinel, marine, 2009 N. Boston ave., died of wounds received in action, Sept. 1, 1944.

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HAPGOOD CALLS CAPEHART NOISY

P. A. C. Aid Says His Remarks Were Distorted By GOP Nominee.

Describing Republican senatorial nominee Homer T. Capehart "as noisy as the juke boxes he manufactures," Powers Hapgood, Indiana state chairman of the C. I. O. Political Action Committee, yesterday issued a denial of Mr. Capehart's charges against the P. A. C.

"Mr. Capehart's statement that the ultimate aim of the P. A. C. is to take over the New Deal and Jeffersonian wing of the Democratic party and merge them into a national Socialist party is a completely inaccurate report of a statement made by me Wednesday at a meeting addressed by Norman Thomas, Socialist candidate for President," Mr. Hapgood said.

"His statement is typical of the G. O. P. politicians who always smear something they do not understand," he said.

"P. A. C. Non-Partisan"

Mr. Hapgood reiterated that the aim of the P. A. C. is non-partisan and that its purpose is to support candidates, nominated by major parties, whose record has been fair to the people.

"I indicated that it was far better for members of minority parties to co-operate with a great people's movement like the P. A. C., than to branch out into little political parties whose platforms might happen to appeal to them more than that of a larger group."

He denied that he had said a labor party with aims similar to the Socialist party was the aim of the P. A. C.

"While I did say that thousands of members of minority parties were now in support of the P. A. C., the fact of the matter is that the C. I. O. Political Action Committee is composed not only of a few thousand former members of minority parties but of 15,000,000 or 20,000,000 Democrats and Republicans."

NEED UNITY FOR JOBS; CAPEHART

Sees Problem as Task of Business; Gates Also At Vincennes.

VINCENNES, Ind., Sept. 9.—"The business of providing jobs is a job for business; a job which will require the united effort of industry, of labor, and of agriculture," Homer E. Capehart, Republican nominee for U. S. senator, told a Knox county rally here last night.

"It will require the ability and experience of men who have provided jobs, who have met payrolls, to restore the civilian industrial capacity of this nation, and keep labor gainfully employed."

Mr. Capehart also strongly criticized Selective Service Director Lewis Hershey for "planning to hold up demobilization because it was about as cheap to keep men in the army as it was to create an agency for them when they were discharged."

Gates on Program

Speaking on the same program, Ralph F. Gates, G. O. P. gubernatorial candidate, said that much of the direction of a rehabilitation program for serving men would come from mayors and municipal governments. He pointed out that nearly 70 per cent of the people in Indiana live in cities or towns.

Mr. Gates also announced plans for conferring with "representative citizens from various branches of government" so that the state government would be prepared to furnish the overall pattern that could be modified to meet local circumstances.

RICOCHETING SHOT HITS MAN IN CHASE

Police in a cruising car discovered a dice game in the rear of 623 S. East st. last night but the men scattered and ran.

Police Officer Todd, while chasing one man, fired four shots into the air. One of them blanced off a brick building and hit Hollie Lawrence, 50, of 442 E. Merrill st., in the leg.

Lawrence was reported in fair condition at City hospital today and was charged with disorderly conduct, resisting an officer and vagrancy.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

Nicholas, Patricia Ann Penech, at Methodist.

Robert, Gloria Ritter, at Methodist.

Albert, Evelyn Stuffer, at Methodist.

Charles, Roseline Zarakos, at Methodist.

Boys

Leonard, Francis Wechsler, at St. Vincent.

Charles, Ruby Hunter, at Coleman.

Paul, Katherine Gaines, at Methodist.

London Strategists Foresee War's End by November

The following dispatch was filed at Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters last Sunday and was released only yesterday. The fact that the dispatch went through American censorship indicates that it was approved although the conclusions are not attributed directly to Gen. Eisenhower or any official source.

By HOWARD COWAN
Representing Combined American Press

GEN. EISENHOWER'S HEADQUARTERS, Sept. 3 (Delayed).—The continued retreat of the German armies and their failure to make any kind of organized stand since the allies pushed them across the Seine leaves but one conclusion—that Hitler has lost the war in the west.

It is most likely that the last big battle of the war on the western front already has been fought. Armored pincers will simply keep on stabbing first here, then there, until Germany itself is overrun—just as Northern France and Belgium have been overrun in the past few days.

How long this will take is a matter of the least concern to the allies. Most think the jig will be up by early November.

This includes some conservatives who a few weeks ago wouldn't even guess at all.

Gen. Eisenhower himself went before 100 newsmen in London last week and repeated a statement he made in Algiers last Christmas: That the Nazis would be licked in '44 if everyone does his part.

It is no secret that the speed of the allied advance is governed only by the time it takes for supplies to catch up with the gasoline-devouring tanks.

Allied commanders are cheered by the progress which they say would have been absolutely impossible except for Hitler's blind strategy of holding and choosing to slug it out until his withdrawal turned into first a retreat and then a rout.

It is to be expected that isolated pockets of resistance will be encountered here and there and the allies are ready for them. The Nazis may try to stand on the Siegfried line, but this is causing no great concern.

Though peace feeler rumors began to fly during the past week as allied armies neared the border of Germany, one can say with absolute certainty that nothing of a nature serious enough to require the attention of the military has been received to date.

FBI AGENT TO SPEAK

Part of the story of the FBI's part in the undercover war against the axis at home will be told by Percy Wyly, special agent in charge of the Indianapolis office, at a Rotary club meeting Tuesday at the Claypool hotel.

STRAUSS SAYS: WHAT'S COOKIN'?

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Dear Fellows—

MORE RAIN and cool weather. . . . We could have used some of this rain to advantage during July when the crops were sizzling, but it's still welcome. . . . High wind accompanied a rainstorm Monday afternoon. . . . The wind damaged three planes at the Sky Harbor airport, 8500 E. 21st st. . . . One of the planes was torn from its mooring, lifted to the top of the hangar, then dropped and wrecked beyond repair.

Quite a wind. . . . Hampered a bit by showers, the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus gave three outdoor performances at Victory field. . . . Attendance at the Tuesday night performance totaled 11,000 persons. . . . Hundreds of nearby residents got a free show from their front porches since the aerialists could be seen for blocks under the spotlights. . . . Bob Shank, veteran aviator and for years operator of Hoosier airport, has taken an option on 152 acres of land for a new airport, to be operated in addition to Hoosier. . . . It's west of U. S. 52 (the Lafayette road) about three miles farther out than Hoosier. . . . The new airport is planned in anticipation of an aviation boom here after the war.

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We're Over a Half Million—

ONCE MORE, the home folks have started packing boxes of Christmas gifts for their loved ones overseas in the armed forces. . . . It still seems odd to see people doing Christmas shopping early in September, instead of December. . . . Let's hope we're back to normalcy by next year. . . . Labor day was observed quietly. . . . The usual celebration was passed up, and our workers stayed on the job. . . . The only major plant not working was Allison, which was down for inventory. . . . You'll be interested in knowing that Marion county's population is over a half million, now. . . . The OPA reports that slightly more than 500,000 ration books were issued in the eight months ending in June. . . . That's a gain of almost 40,000 over the county's 1940 census. . . . The Indianapolis Committee for