

WASHINGTON Calling

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

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MEANWHILE REPORTS from Pacific indicate morale slumped there when Byrnes' plan for reconversion to consumer-goods production was announced.

Fighting men in the Pacific, who have always felt neglected, think reconversion will mean a longer war for them.

Talk of discharging men from army in other theaters adds to resentment.

B. L. Y. M. Furor Hits Army

THE B. L. Y. M. is causing some consternation in army ground forces.

It's the Ben Lear youth movement, and it draws its name from Lt. Gen. Lear, new head of the ground forces.

Lear's determined to get all available army men under 45 out of the cushy jobs in this country and into the fighting in Europe or the Pacific.

B. L. Y. M. is about to start operations in Pentagon building. Also, young commanders in the field are learning—sometimes to their sorrow—that when Gen. Lear comes around on inspection he expects them to know the men in their outfits by name.

DEMOCRATS are organizing what is tentatively known as the Thousand Dollar club—a thousand members at a thousand dollars each. Plans were discussed at the Midwestern states meeting in Chicago this week.

It is designed along the line of the \$100-a-plate Jackson day dinners, except that the fee is 10 times as great. If it goes over it will give Democratic Treasurer Ed Pauley a million for campaign purposes.

One rich Democrat who has already given in his thousand said he understood a buffer supper at the White House was part of the pay-off.

They'll Take More

IF IT develops that more than a thousand want to join, the membership list will be lengthened—with gusto.

First to be let in will be West coast Democrats. National Chairman Hannegan and Pauley proceeded there from Chicago.

Meanwhile Democratic women more modestly talk about \$1.50 from each precinct, mile of dimes, and fruit-and-pecan catchers.

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT will preserve truce with war contractors by withholding many of its domestic anti-trust suits until after the war.

But Trust-Buster Wendell Borge is ready to shoot now with court actions aimed at breaking up international cartels.

War department explains this does not mean that any effort is being made to get men to mail in the application or to vote.

The soldier-vote law requires that each service man be given the application card; procedure followed is intended to see that the law is carried out, officers explain.

Scotch Kaiser Rumor

DISREGARD RUMORS that Henry J. Kaiser will take over War Mobilizer Byrnes' job.

Kaiser plans to be too busy creating post-war jobs. Among his latest production enthusiasms—helicopters, dishwashers, bricks out of smoke (condensing silicate from fumes).

DONALD NELSON's trip to China may deal with other matters than the war, according to Capital Hill reports.

One plan believed under discussion is to transport semi-obsolete machinery from U. S. mills, particularly textile mills, to China.

This would accelerate industrialization there, and give American manufacturers an expanded domestic market for new machines.

FOURTH-TERM managers are disturbed by vigor of attacks on C. I. O. Political Action Committee by other labor organizations, and are trying to keep P. A. C. alliance at arm's length. That's why Democratic Chairman Hannegan denied F. D. R. ever told him to "clear everything with Sidney (Hillman)."

Democrats had hoped G. O. P. would forget that catchphrase, and they ignored it until Bricker repeated it in Indiana speech.

G. O. P. Factions Unite Here, Name Committee on Policy

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Tyndall took the helm at city hall and made his own selections for city jobs. The breach grew wider. Friction developed between city and county departments, broke into open wrangles between County Prosecutor Sherwood Blue of the county organization on the one hand and Safety Board Chairman Will Remy and Police Chief Clifford Becker, both Tyndall appointees on the other. It had other repercussions, and it continued, in spite of various efforts to bring the two groups together.

Democrats in Marion county, in fact, have based their chief hope of victory this year on the belief that these two Republican factions would destroy each other, leaving the Democratic candidates a divided opposition up to the very day of election.

Republican leaders last night were enthusiastic about the new setup. It not only brings together, in a single, unified group the top leaders of the two factions, but it provides a new vigor into the party here they said.

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YANKS AIMING FOR COLOGNE

Pour Through Widening Gap In West Wall; Patton Assaulding Metz.

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Belfort through Mountbellard, Villersel, Vesoul and Langres.

On the opposite wing of the allied front, Polish patrols struck 2½ miles into Holland in a four-mile advance to the area of Hulst, 16 miles northwest of Antwerp.

Westward 22 miles, Canadian assault forces seized a new bridgehead over the Leopard canal in the region of Seekoo, and tanks rumbled across the barrier before the Dutch frontier to support the infantrymen.

Secretary Vell Gains

The supreme headquarters amplification of field reports on the breaching of the Siegfried line did not identify the positions taken by the Americans beyond the fortified belt, when Hodges' vanguard was less than 30 miles from Cologne, industrial capital of the Rhineland and Germany's fourth city.

The breakthrough was described officially as not yet on an extensive scale. But indications gave promise that it might be soon. It was regarded as doubtful whether the

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 16 (U. P.)—The Danish freedom council has proclaimed a general strike throughout Denmark beginning at noon and lasting until noon Monday, the Danish press service reported today.

Germans were in any shape to effect an elastic defense in sufficient strength to stem the American advance.

Congressional critics say WMC, through U. S. employment service, is requiring some veterans to look into congressional complaints that war manpower commission has pre-empted the board's functions.

Headquarters released no new word from the 1st army front beyond the Aachen sector. A German broadcast said the allies had crossed the Our river on a broad front. One stretch of the river forms the border between northwestern Luxembourg and Germany.

A Nazi-ruled Berlin dispatch of the Scandinavian telegraph bureau reported violent street fighting in the suburbs of Aachen, and said the battle had "entered its decisive phase."

On the Americans' northern flank, veteran British troops streamed across their Albert and Escourt canal bridgeheads into Holland in a fast-developing threat to the relatively weak Siegfried forts along the North Sea coast.

To the south, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's 3d army forces rolled eastward in great strength from captured Nancy and Epinal, threw an armored hook against the fortress city of Metz, and struck down toward the Belfort gap to join with the American 7th army in a drive against that gateway to southwestern France.

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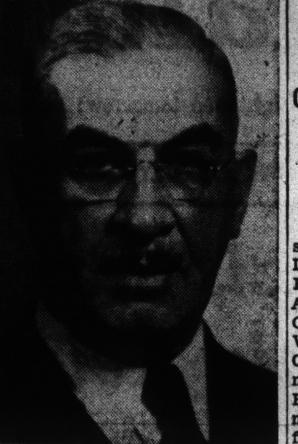
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They'll Decide County GOP Policy

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Attorney Joseph J. Daniels.


Mayor Robert H. Tyndall.

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These four men are members of the new Marion county G. O. P. policy committee, of which Guy Wainwright is chairman.

V-Day in October? That's What 'Spidergraph' Says

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that occurred in 1917. But more of that later.

Mr. DeRee was pruning his garden last week when, lo and behold, he sighted what he thought was most assuredly a web with a message. In the silken strands of the large net (the spider, a yellow-striped character, was dozing in the middle) was embroidered:

"WWII October."

ANYWAY, Mr. DeRee is pretty sure that's what it said. This cryptogram he interpreted as a portent that V-day is due either next month or some October following.

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CLUBS PLANNED BY DEMOCRATS

Organization in Each County

In State Given Sendoff At French Lick.

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state's 11 districts were Hurley Dorman, Gary, 1st district; Hugh Barnhart, Rochester, 2d district; Aaron Huegenard, South Bend, 3d; Clarence E. McNab, Ft. Wayne, 5th; Ben Clifters, Lebanon, 6th; Joseph Kimmel, Vincennes, 7th; Carl Gray, Petersburg, 8th; Ivan C. Love, Seymour, 9th; Gilbert Winslow, Greenfield, 10th, and George F. Dailey, Indianapolis, 11th.

Many party leaders believed that the Schricker-Jackson club would have the same beneficial results as did the independent Willkie clubs of 1940 for the Republicans.

Senator Samuel D. Jackson, who arrived here this morning from Washington, told Democratic editors at a business meeting that the feeling among Democratic leaders in the capitol was that Mr. Dewey hasn't gotten up nearly as much steam as Mr. Willkie had at the same time four years ago.

The senator said that he had been promised by Senator Harry F. Truman, Democratic vice presidential nominee; Governor Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma and Vice President Henry Wallace that they would come into the state if they were wanted and needed to make campaign speeches. Mr. Wallace, Senator Jackson reported, said that he would either go from county to county talking to farmers or would make one major address.

Predicts Party Victory

State Chairman Fred F. Bays, in addressing a business meeting of Democratic editors here this morning, predicted a Roosevelt victory in Indiana.

"The Indiana Democratic organization is all out for President Roosevelt and the state ticket," Mr. Bays declared. "We feel that it would be a political tragedy to make a change in the White House at this time."

"Increasingly I find all over the state that the people are coming to the conclusion that Governor Dewey is too young, too inexperienced and too indecisive to assume the great responsibilities of carrying on this war and of representing this country at the peace table."

Big Registration Halted

Referring to the heavy registration of voters that is now taking place in the industrial areas of the state, Democratic national committeeman Frank McHale said, "a heavy registration is always a Democratic registration."

Many of the party leaders said that the registration was due more to the activities of county chairmen and precinct committeemen than to the activities of the C. I. O. Political Action Committee.

James Beatty, Marion county chairman, claimed that the Democrats would carry Marion county this fall.

He said that a poll of 48,000 voters in heavily Republican precincts gave the Democrats a majority of 18