

WASHINGTON Calling

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

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Europe will be the most tragic of the war. There will almost certainly be widespread disorder, revolt, civil war. People will freeze and starve.

WATCH FOR Italy to go Bolshevik. The Reds are ruthless, disciplined, and know what they want.

The Anglo-Americans are too "soft" to impose order on conquered peoples, even for their own good.

And watch for Tito to organize the Balkans into a Sovietized federation under the guidance of Moscow.

London expects this, doesn't like it, doesn't know what to do about it.

ASIA: War in the Far East will last longer than most people expect.

The Japs are profiting by Hitler's mistakes. The Nazis extended their lines too far and held on too long.

The Japs also spread themselves too thin, but are now pulling back and consolidating their strength within a much reduced defensive area.

So don't be surprised at "surprises." The Japs may be much stronger on land, sea, and in the air than optimistic publicity has led us to believe. Habit of playing up goods news, soft-pedaling the bad, may let us in for disillusionment.

Don't Rely on Getting Russ Bases

RUSSIA: At Quebec, Roosevelt and Churchill discussed the question of a springboard big enough to accommodate the huge Anglo-American war machine now ready to descend on Japan.

But don't rely on Russia offering us Siberian bases immediately after Germany folds up.

Russia's said to hold that she won the war in Europe and that it's now up to the Americans and British to win the war in the Pacific.

Sooner or later, however, she will come in. She hopes to gain much from an allied victory over the Japs and to get everything she wants, she must intervene—eventually.

ABOUT WHO'S going to be secretary of labor: Administration sources forecast appointment of John G. Winant, now ambassador to Great Britain, if the President is re-elected. Leading labor men have been consulted, don't oppose the idea.

And if Dewey is elected, don't promise to pick a secretary from the rank of labor, to choose John L. Lewis.

For one reason, John L. has had a good job with United Mine Workers (\$25,000 a year and a big expense account). However Lewis undoubtedly would like to be consulted on the appointment if Dewey makes it.

Hutcheson Also Out

ELIMINATE, also, from the running Bill Hutcheson, the most prominent Republican in the A. F. of L. hierarchy. If the Republican nominee liked the cut of "Big Bill's" tie job he'd have named him by this time to head a labor division in the Republican national committee.

None has been created and there are indications the G. O. P. will get along without such a division.

Probable Dewey course would be to choose a man from the railway brotherhoods—source of former labor secretary William Doak.

FURTHER CUT in the production of premium grades of motor gasoline is in the offing. Reason: Short supplies of tetraethyl lead, the stuff that imparts the anti-knock quality.

PROSPECTS INCREASE for old-style, hard-hitting finish for Roosevelt's re-election drive, with plan not to campaign "in usual sense" tossed into the junkpile.

F. D. R. advisers say he must show himself outside Washington; they're waiting his answer.

Major speech is likely in New York's Madison Square Garden, with others urged for Boston, Philadelphia, Cleveland.

Oil Policy Problem

NOTE TO Senate foreign relations committee or Senate oil policy committee: Justice department is ready with an answer if either body is curious about its views on the effect of the pending Anglo-American oil treaty on international oil cartels. Justice experts have made a study of this question.

WINTER POTATOES

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BRITISH ATTACK ARNHEM BRIDGE

Reach Final Obstacle Before Circled Sky Army; Fighting Severe.

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the airborne commander in Arnhem said the morale of his troops was high and that they would hold out in their "Patch of Hell" until relieved, but observers believed relief must come quickly.

Elsewhere on the long front, the battle of the German border was going well. American 1st army troops captured the ruined German factory town of Stolberg, six and a half miles east of Aachen, after one of the bitterest house-to-house fights of the campaign.

Defeat Nazi Tanks

On the American 3d army front to the south, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's tanks and tank destroyers inflicted a smashing defeat on a powerful German armored force that attempted to throw them back from the Meuse river line.

United Press War Correspondent

Robert Richards reported from the 3d army front that the battle of the Selle today as the Germans took advantage of rain and mud to dig in all along the latter, tiny river. No Americans yet have crossed the Selle, approximately five miles east of the Moselle.

Richards reported that the Nazis broke off the battle this morning after losing at least 80 tanks in the past 24 hours, running their losses well above 320 panzers for the last 10 days.

But the allies' main bid for a swift and decisive breakthrough into Germany was being made on the Dutch lowlands at Arnhem, and the fate of the entire offensive rested momentarily on the courage of the dwindling band of paratroopers and the British tank men.

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are making their most determined effort on the western front there, because on its outcome depends their chief hope of prolonging the war into the winter.

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the Rhine from the Belgian frontier.

If that is accomplished, the path will have been opened for an armored and mobile infantry sweep into the northern German plain leading to Berlin.

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extending all the way to the Swiss Alps, would be flanked and its further defense made futile.

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THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

Only a Bridge Blocks Rescuers



This map shows where the British armored columns have reached the Lek river (the north branch of the Rhine), and only a bridge stands between them and the trapped sky army in the Arnhem area, called the gateway to the Reich. The fighting continues on a furious scale and the situation is described as "touch and go."

WAR ANALYSIS

Germans Battling at Arnhem To Extend War Into Winter

By LOUIS F. KEEMBLE
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