

WASHINGTON *Calling*

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

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WAR MANPOWER commission's plans for after V-E day are:
1. Retain 48-hour week and other controls in war-producing and critical labor areas.
2. Redistribute war contracts to level labor supply between abundant and scarce areas.
3. Discourage migration from war centers by emphasizing overtime pay factor.
4. Administrator McNutt's order freeing returning veterans from all WMC employment controls was forced by Selective Service Director Hershey and veterans administrator Hines, who sided with congressional critics' contention that veterans' placement board, not WMC, should handle servicemen's job program. Board was created under G. I. bill of rights, with McNutt, Hershey and Hines as members.

Dewey's Currycomb to Throw Sparks
LOOK FOR Governor Dewey hereafter to go over administration's domestic and war management records with a currycomb that will throw sparks.

Having put himself on record on his Western tour for New Deal social reforms and for an international peace organization, he's got that behind him, is free to turn his attention to other things.

His research staff has been going through the record, item by item. And the Republicans have just begun with Senator Truman. The Democratic vice presidential nominee is going to hear his words in Truman committee reports read back to him constantly from now on by Dewey and others.

DEMOCRATIC STRATEGY is now being geared to offset possible loss of New York. Roosevelt handlers aren't conceding those 47 electoral votes but they're planning to intensify campaigns in Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Ohio, New Jersey, as "insurance."

F. D. R. can win they say, without New York. Dewey can't. But if Roosevelt loses New York, he'll need Pennsylvania and probably one of the other big doubtfuls.

Up G. I. Vote Estimate
ESTIMATES of soldier vote are being revised upward, with reports from overseas theaters that troops are showing more interest.

Another criterion: Airmail volume of applications for ballots coming in, and of ballots going out, is up.

THOMAS E. DEWEY, John W. Bricker, Clare Luce—that's the order in which requests for speakers are coming into Republican headquarters. Clare's the first woman to rate like that. She'll oblige, in spite of her own congressional campaign.

COMPLAINTS of "pampering" of German prisoners have caused war department to revise rules on dining-car service.

Prisoners hereafter will get meat tickets good for bus lunches and sandwiches to be eaten elsewhere.

Passengers had complained about having to wait while prisoners dined.

Post-War Radio
COMPETITION for post-war spots on radio spectrum is as brisk as that for aviation rights.

Federal communications commission tackled the apportionment job this week, has allotted the next months for hearing spokesmen in television, aviation, facsimile, police, education, international broadcasters, and others who want frequencies somewhere in the range of 30 million kilocycles.

OPA WILL shortly fix price schedules for new radio, production of which is scheduled to resume after V-E day.

Manufacturers here for conference with OPA price executives agreed that first sets will be in

Yank Invaders Extend Grip To Eight of Palau Islands

By MALCOLM JOHNSON United Press Staff Correspondent

PEARL HARBOR, Sept. 30.—American invasion forces extended their conquest to eight of the Palau Islands today while Southwest Pacific bombers intensified the offensive on shipping in the Philippines and the East Indies by sinking or damaging 12 more Japanese vessels.

Pushing north toward Babelthaus, main island of the Palau group, units of the 1st marine division swept through three more islands off the northern tip of newly-conquered Peleliu Wednesday and Thursday. Adm. Chester W. Nimitz said all were secured.

The marines, who landed under the cover of a heavy bombardment from cruisers, destroyers and carrier planes, quickly overran Negesus island. They encountered ineffective opposition on Kongauru island.

Nimitz' communique did not identify the third island, merely stating that it was near Negesus and

Kongauru and that it has been secured.

The German D. N. B. news agency broadcast a Tokyo dispatch today that "enemy units landed on the island of Gadoobus northwest of Peleliu" and that heavy fighting was in progress.

In occupying Negesus, which is connected to Peleliu by a causeway, the American forces obtained an aerial field within easy bombing range of the Philippines, 500 miles to the west.

Peleliu's big airbase, seized early in the invasion of the Palau, already is in operation.

The count of enemy dead has reached 8717 on Peleliu. On nearby Angaur, Japanese dead totaled 1055. Another 150 Japanese were captured on the two islands.

The invasion of three additional islands firmly secured the northern end of the allied line which Nimitz and Gen. Douglas MacArthur were tightening around the southern Philippines.

NEW RATE PLEA FILED BY STREET RAILWAYS
A new plea was filed by the Indianapolis Street Railways yesterday, objecting to the participation of Hugh M. Abbott, Indiana Public Service commission member, in the railway company's pending rate case.

The petition charged that Mr. Abbott disqualified himself to act in the proceedings last spring when he presented evidence before the commission concerning the railway company's property and depreciation of its holdings. Mr. Abbott was named chairman last month and has been a commission member two months.

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RUHR BOMBED AS BRITISH GAIN

Climactic October Battle Shaping on Entire Western Front.

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port center 70 miles east of Arnhem.

R. A. F. Halifaxes and Lancasters followed them, crashing a destructive bomb load on synthetic oil plants at Bostrop and Sterkrade.

American 1st army skirmishers and artillery harassed the Germans all along their front from the Echterbosch forest down to southern Luxemburg without important change in the opposing lines, while 7th army forces on the southern flank hammered out small gains in the mouth of the Belfort gap against furious German opposition.

The fighting in Holland, meanwhile, settled down into an unspectacular slugging match for possession of Hertogenbosch, which controls one of the main lines of supply—and escape—still open to the Germans west of the British salient.

Situation Deteriorates
The situation of the huge German force pinned against the coast appeared to be deteriorating hourly as the British pressed in on Hertogenbosch from the south and sent armored patrols stabbing through the Well-Meuse corridor from Nijmegen in an attempt to envelop the railway center from the north.

A front dispatch from United Press War Correspondent Ronald Clark said the patrols were near the Well-Meuse corridor, about 20 miles west of Nijmegen and barely 10 miles northeast of Hertogenbosch.

Simultaneously, a combined Canadian and British fighting team moved up into the German salient southwest of Hertogenbosch, driving beyond the Antwerp-Turnhout canal on a six-mile front and making steady progress.

Trap Not Yet Closed
The trap was not yet closed around the enemy but its jaws were tightening slowly and strengthening by the hour as fresh British troops and armor streamed up into the salient, jutting more than 40 miles into Holland from base along the Belgian border.

Clark reported that all the railway lines running through the 35-mile wide gap between Arnhem and the Zuyder Zee had been cut by allied bombers.

Everywhere on the British-Canadian front, however, the Nazis were fighting hard and skillfully, demonstrating their ability to make a unified battle force out of a rag-tag collection of service troops, trainees and remnants of knocked-out elite guard divisions.

Hint Bridge Destroyed
A roundabout report said the Germans had blown up the northern end of the Arnhem bridge, but there was no confirmation and official sources were inclined to doubt it.

On the American 1st army front, Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' troops carried out a local attack in the Hurtgen area, eight miles southeast of Stolberg, with undisclosed results, and made limited progress through the Siegfried line fortifications southwest of Prum. Eight enemy strong points were reduced in one attack.

Trying to Hold Metz
Apparently anticipating a full-scale American drive to knock out Metz and open the way to the Siegfried line 25 miles beyond, the Germans maintained a constant stream of mortar and small arms fire on the American positions west of that citadel.

The Luftwaffe came up in considerable force over the battle area yesterday, particularly in Holland where more than 300 enemy fighters were sighted. Thirty-one Nazi planes were downed at a cost of four allied fighters.

HISTORICAL BUREAU MERGER REFUSED
The state library and historical board yesterday turned down the proposal of President Herman B. Wells of Indiana university to place the state historical bureau under direction of a member of the I. U. history faculty.

Considerable opposition came from members of the Indiana Historical society on the grounds that such a setup would not be fair to the other schools of the state.

Members of the state board said bureau benefiting by close co-operation the effect Dr. Wells had sought by the merger, with both the university and the state historical bureau benefiting by close co-operation.

The board has begun the task of "sifting" 20 persons, including applicants and those whose names have been mentioned, for a new bureau director to succeed the late Dr. Christopher Coleman. The board will meet again in about three weeks.

CARD PARTY PLANNED
The ladies auxiliary to the Burns-West-Streibleck post of the V. F. W. will give a card party at 8:30 p. m. today in the post hall.

CHURCH GROUP MEETS
The executive committee of the Church Federation of Indianapolis will hold its October meeting at 12:15 p. m. Monday in the Lincoln room of the Y. M. C. A.

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JAPS DOOMED, MOSCOW SAYS

Pravda Article Viewed as Move to Prepare Public Opinion in Soviet.

By M. S. HANDLER United Press Staff Correspondent

MOSCOW, Sept. 30.—The official Communist party newspaper Pravda said today that Japan is facing "serious difficulties" in the Pacific war and made it clear to its Russian readers that nothing can save Japan from complete and crushing defeat.

Pravda said Japan's production is hopelessly outclassed by the enormous expansion of American industrial power which, it said, is the determining factor in war.

The article paralleled similar expressions by American observers and by Prime Minister Winston Churchill in comments this week, but its message, which will be read from one end of the Soviet Union to the other, is bound to have tremendous influence in preparing Russian public opinion for events in the Pacific.

No Amplification Filed
(Handler's dispatch, passed by Russian censors, did not amplify the reference to "preparing public opinion" for coming developments in the Pacific conflict, in which the Soviet Union thus far has remained neutral.)

The article was written by Pravda's military expert, Ruzhnik Zuhovkov, who repeatedly stressed the point that Japan's situation has become hopeless as a result of the "unprecedented speed-up in the military and industrial development of the U. S."

Zuhovkov, in effect, said Japan's conquests in the Far East are almost useless to her and that nothing could halt the inexorable advance of American land, sea and air power to Japanese soil.

"Possessing the shifting of military operations to the immediate neighborhood of Japanese territory, Japanese propagandists turn to history to raise the people's faith in the invincibility of their country," he wrote.

"They remind them that in the 13th century a typhoon dispersed an armada of 500 ships and saved Japan from a Mongolian invasion, but this appeal to a miracle which should occur again can hardly set anyone's mind at ease."

"The military situation in the Pacific is growing more unfavorable for Japan," Zuhovkov said.

Zuhovkov said Japan's attempt at "bliss" was failed and reviewed the succession of defeats inflicted on the Japanese by Anglo-American forces since Guadalcanal which forced them to accept Premier Tojo and reorganize their government.

INDIANA FIRE CHIEFS ELECT FULMER V. P.
F. T. WAYNE, Ind., Sept. 30 (U. P.).—Forrest Lauff, Cochen, yesterday was elected president of the Indiana Fire Chiefs' association at the final session of the organization's 1944 convention.

Harry Fulmer, Indianapolis, and Bradley Stinson, Anderson, were named as first and second vice presidents, respectively.

Other newly elected officials include George Hannan, New Albany, treasurer; Archie McCabe, Muncie, secretary-treasurer; and Robert Hamm, Indianapolis, chaplain.

All six men will serve for one year. The delegates also named Indianapolis as next year's convention site.

'Matron Saint' of Cab Riders Wages War on 'Hot Meters'
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the indiscretion to mention the word taxicab that she displays a fiery-eyed antagonism toward what she disdainfully calls "hot meters" that would make even a hardened cabbie wince.

IN THE EVENT you haven't already read about her exploits, she is Mrs. Maude Hobson, superintendent of weights and measures, who is, in effect, waging a one-woman war against taxi meter abuses.

While other municipal departments are hemming and hawing over the touchy "hot meter" issue, Mrs. Hobson is playing hob with the over-gauged gauges by sending her small three-man inspection force right into the "front lines"—the city streets.

YOU WOULD think, what with the lack of official support in her popular cause, Mrs. Hobson would become discouraged, but nay.

"Believe me, when I get my three new inspectors next year those taxicab fellows will know they've been in a fight."

Her great concern is over a general shoulder-shrugging tendency on the part of cab company officials who, she says, pass off the cheating business as an inevitable factor in the wartime employment picture. She wants to fingerprint every cabbie now driving, and investigate the background of all future cab license applicants.

AS A consequence of her determination Mrs. Hobson has had harsh words with taxi firm high-ups who are inclined to regard her as a stormy petrel.

It was through Mrs. Hobson's insistence that Traffic Engineer J. T. Hallett established not one but three meter testing courses located near the major cab company garages.

Purpose of this, she explained, was to expedite the annual check of 400 fare-recording machines.

HER CREWS gave the cabs a good once-over in June, finding 75 per cent of them set to over-charge.

The city-wide investigation whipped them temporarily into line. No action was taken in July and August.

"Then," she winked, "we came back at them unexpectedly in September." Fifteen out of 20

Astrologer Credited With Saving Hitler From Poison

By RALPH FORTE United Press Staff Correspondent

MADRID, Sept. 29 (Delayed).—A German citizen who arrived by plane from Stuttgart said today Adolf Hitler was saved from a second plot against his life recently when his private astrologer stopped him as he lifted a poisoned cup of coffee.

The informant, who also reported that the fuhrer, once a teetotaler, smoking cigarettes, claimed he got his information at Munich, straight from a gestapo chief attached to Hitler's Bavarian Berghof home.

He said the details, as given him by the gestapo chief, were: Hitler is very fond of strong, black coffee, heavily sugared, drinking as many as 30 cups a day. After a long session in the "Room of Stars," installed in his Berghof home, he called for coffee. As he lifted the cup his private astrologer, Cosetta, looked up from his book of hermetic sciences and shouted: "Main fuhrer, don't drink that coffee. It is poisoned."

Analysis Reveals Poison
An analysis revealed the coffee contained a potent but tasteless poison, the German said.

Investigation failed to disclose who poisoned the coffee but Hitler's Hungarian chef, Rudi Vanyor, formerly of the Adlon hotel in Berlin and an expert on vegetarian diets, has not been heard of since the incident.

The informant reported numerous details of the fuhrer's cloistered life, including his favorite pastime of watching birds at target centers by photographs of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill. He was said to prefer piercing the Churchill target.

He said Hitler spends much time at a small cottage, a little higher than Berghof, and also at the Berchtesgaden grounds where he goes to "meditate," often addressing the majestic Alps.

His fondness for music remains, the informant said. Recently he was reported to have become inspired with the idea of setting parts of "Mein Kampf" to music and suggested central themes to a number of composers.

Swastikas Everywhere
It was said that during this work he began slipping cocaine and smoking cigarettes.

Hitler was described as having an insatiable hunger for the swastika symbol. Throughout the Berghof home swastikas are embroidered on the rugs and tapestries and he has them on the blankets and his pajamas.

Berghof was said to be jammed with valuable paintings because Hitler fears their destruction by allied air bombings despite assurances of experts they would be safe in underground vaults in the countryside.

The informant said red was still Hitler's favorite color and that he had dozens of red silk handkerchiefs which he ran through his fingers as he listened to symphonies.

Often Feeds Birds
At Berghof he was said to have vast rows of cages of rare birds which he often feeds himself. When a bird becomes sick he becomes and if one dies he becomes weighed down by grief and holds a special funeral service.

Hitler was said to have started venerating the memory of his father, Alois, whose biography he said Hitler feared and hated as a youth. Numerous photographs of his father have been placed on the walls at Berghof.

The defense works at his home were described as formidable with special anti-aircraft batteries and machine gun nests and the grounds heavily mined. Heavily armed gestapo agents were said to lurk behind every tree and bush and a fool-proof alarm system protects every door and gate.

Wears Coat of Mail
The informant said Hitler always wears a coat of mail, even under his pajamas when he sleeps.

He was said to have a special shelter with an independent lighting system deep in a mountain and food supplies sufficient to withstand a six-months' siege.

When asked if he thought Hitler contemplated trying to escape abroad, the informant said: "Hitler, despite his fondness for birds and astrology, is still madly in love with what he considers the real Germany. He will never run away, but will always face the music. Whether he is caught dead or alive is another question."

PARLEY AT FRENCH LICK
French Lick, Ind., may be the site of an international civil aviation conference of more than 50 nations to be convened in the U. S. Nov. 1, the state department announced yesterday.

SECRET RUSS BASE IN U. S. REPORTED
SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 30 (U. P.).—The Soviet government is using a naval base on United States territory as a rendezvous port for shipment of cargoes and refueling of Russian warships, the Post-Intelligencer said in a copyright story today.

Quoting Rep. Warren G. Magnuson (D. Wash.), a member of the house naval affairs committee, the newspaper said operations have been conducted secretly at the port for more than 15 months.

Magnuson said the Soviet leases port facilities from an American company for \$400 a month. Location of the base was not disclosed.

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JACKIE COOPER TELLS OF PARTY

Former Film Star Takes Stand in Defense at Delinquency Trial.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Sept. 30 (U. P.).—Jackie Cooper made arrangements two days in advance for the party in a South Bend hotel room that culminated in the seduction of a 15-year-old girl last July 23, but no plans were made to include girls, the former film star testified at his trial on juvenile delinquency charges.

A naval V-12 trainee was on the witness stand today. He said that "nothing took place out of the ordinary" at their hotel drinking party July 23.

The trainee's name was withheld by Juvenile Referee Albert L. Boyie. The 22-year-old Cooper, who with three other defendants, is accused of contributing to the delinquency of two teen-aged girls, testified in his own behalf late yesterday before the case was adjourned. He resumes his testimony today.

Cooper, who rose to fame as a child movie star in the role of "Skipper," now is a naval V-12 trainee at Notre Dame university.

The other defendants in the case are George Bender, 24, naval trainee of Sheffield, Ill.; Pauline Frederick, 19, South Bend, a member of the hotel party, and Ole Lowery, Negro waiter. All entered pleas of innocent.

Fine and Jail Possible
Conviction on the charges under Indiana law carries a penalty of \$500 fine or six months imprisonment or both.

Bender is charged with having immoral relations with a 15-year-old high school girl at the party. Cooper told Boyie, that the party was planned in honor of a visiting friend who was detained in Chicago and failed to arrive.

Cooper said he had known Miss Frederick about three months prior to the night of the party. He also said he knew her parents and had been a visitor at her home several times.

The former film star, whose last movie role dealt with juvenile delinquency, displayed emotions as he told his version of the party, but choked up when he told of his mother's death three years ago.

Young Girl Testifies
The 15-year-old girl, whose identity was not divulged, said that she and a 16-year-old companion were "picked up" on the street by Miss Frederick and two sailors about 8 p. m. and invited to the hotel party. She accused Miss Frederick of being the first to insist that they join them.

She said she drank a Scotch and soda, Scotch and gingerale, straight Bourbon, a bottle of beer "and I don't know what else."

"What was the state of your intoxication when Cooper and Bender arrived at the table?" Deputy Prosecutor John W. Montgomery asked.

Her reply was a long "O-O-O." She said she and her 16-year-old companion later "went to the ninth floor of the hotel" with Miss Frederick where they were joined by Cooper. Bender and a sailor she knew only as "Bill."

Zsai Pitts, film and stage comedienne, who is appearing in a play at Chicago, testified in behalf of Cooper. She said that in Hollywood his "reputation as a morally spotted."

TYPE DESIGNER DIES
EVANSTON, Ill., Sept. 30 (U. P.).—Douglas C. McKurtie, 76, type designer and an authority on the history of printing, died yesterday at his home. McKurtie advised hundreds of typographical re-designing and had written many monographs on typography.

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