

## HINT KING SHIFT TO HAWAII NEAR

Fleet Chief May Go to Pearl Harbor to More Actively Direct Offensive.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4 (U.P.)—Naval experts believed today that Adm. Ernest J. King, commander-in-chief of the U.S. fleet, soon may establish his headquarters in Pearl Harbor to take more active direction over the growing naval offensive against Japan.

They said that Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, Pacific fleet commander, most likely would transfer his headquarters in that case to newly won Saipan to put him virtually "on the scene" of Japan's final destruction.

These observers contend that there is less actual need for King's presence in Washington since most over-all strategy—the planning phase—has been completed for both the Pacific and European wars.

Many of his duties as fleet commander and chief of naval operations already have been taken over by Vice Adm. R. S. Edwards, who, the navy disclosed last night, has been appointed to a newly created post of deputy commander of the U.S. fleet and deputy chief of naval operations.

### King Needs Deputy

The navy's only explanation of the shift was that the "expansion of naval activities" necessitated delegation of some of King's duties to a deputy.

Nimitz and King recently conferred in San Francisco with other top navy officials, including Secretary James V. Forrestal, to map new blows against the Japanese.

The navy, in announcing the meeting, gave no detail beyond saying that it concerned "aspects of the campaign against Japan."

But it was believed that King, who sat in on the Roosevelt-Churchill conference at Quebec, outlined to his ranking commanders details of the Quebec plan for Japan's total destruction.

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