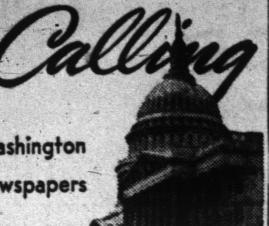


## WASHINGTON



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

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Wednesday's night foreign-policy speech and to attack weaknesses of Roosevelt foreign policy.

## G. O. P. Lacks Hatchetman Like Ickes

LACK OF a Republican hatchetman who can match Harold Ickes is cited by some topside G. O. P. planners as weakness of their campaign. They don't want Dewey to get down to mud-slinging with Ickes but think someone should return latter's shafts.

**ONE HINT** about home-stretch strategy: Republican Chairman Brownell indicates Dewey men have some moves up their sleeves that may appear startlingly original in American politics.

Indications are final days of Dewey campaign will be concentrated on eastern seaboard.

Both parties think real contest may narrow to New York, Pennsylvania. Republican headquarters, claiming 300-plus electoral votes for Dewey (266 needed to elect), is conceding only 17 states to Roosevelt.

Meanwhile, Dewey campaign is being kept flexible, with sizable gaps between speaking dates to permit returning Roosevelt's fire if President decides to make a campaign of it.

## Heavy Registration Cheers Democrats

DEMOCRATIC campaign managers are cheered by heavy registrations reported in most industrial states, think it favors them.

If final total reaches 42,000,000, they think they've won.

Money's started to come into Democratic headquarters too, though not in big amounts. Look for more F. D. R. newspapers to ask readers for funds if they want to hear more speeches by President.

**MIDWEST VOTERS** say little about politics, and, except for the professionals, stay away in droves from ordinary political meetings.

Republicans figure that is a good sign, because in his three other campaigns Roosevelt had the most articulate support.

Basic cause, however, is the war, with nearly every family working and worrying about it. Sons in service make ordinary political talk seem petty.

## Wisconsin for Dewey?

MORE DEWEY buttons in Wisconsin than any other Midwest state, observers report.

Liveliest campaign spots are the industrial cities, where P. A. C. has put pep into tired Democrats.

Greatest handicap to Republican chances of carrying the border state of Kentucky is its Governor Willis, says reports from there. He's busy talking up G. O. P. in other states while his own administration has bogged down, it's said.

**CONGRESSMEN** worry about war manpower commission recruitment of workers for far-off war plants, say their supporters are being taken where they can't vote before election.

One recent example: Boston workers being recruited for San Francisco shipyards.

**SOLDIERS** taking basic training in this country complain their busy schedules leave no time for voting; many have to stand in line for ballots, with limited time allowed, other chores assigned.

**Little Steel Issue**

LOOK FOR some effort by administration strategists to dissuade C. I. O. & A. F. of L. leaders from their announced determination to get the pay-raise issue on President Roosevelt's desk by next Saturday.

Or—if they do get it there—from pressing it too vigorously for a presidential decision before election.

Argument will be that a bad public impression might be created if F. D. R. ordered upward revision of Little Steel formula just before election; and that talk of a decision should be piped down so unionists will not be disappointed if it is deferred till after the balloting.

**NEW NAME** bobs up in speculation as to who will be secretary of labor if Dewey makes the appointment. It is that of George Meany, secretary-treasurer of A. F. of L.

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## 3000 AACHEN CITIZENS FLEE

Pass Into Allied Lines as Yanks Mop Up Nazi Garrison.

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ported shifting south from Holland toward Aachen for an expected counter-offensive while Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' troops began a new attempt to crack the half-mile-wide corridor into the city.

More than 200 American and British heavy bombers teamed today in a four-way assault on Cologne, Saarbrücken, Kaiserslautern and Duisburg, key German transport centers supplying the Nazi forces facing the allied armies on the Western front.

## Resistance Light

An Aachen dispatch by United Press Correspondent Jack Frankish reporting much of the eastern part of the city over-run in the first 24 hours of the assault said resistance was comparatively light this morning, and only one American casualty had been reported up to 11 a. m.

Frankish reported "tremendous destruction" in the eastern part of Aachen, with only one or two buildings in each block that could be called habitable, and they were heavily damaged.

Some 10,000 to 20,000 civilians of the city's normal 180,000 were believed still inside Aachen, and the garrison was estimated to number about 2000.

## Bulldozers at Work

Bulldozers were heaping the debris of Aachen in great piles as correspondents drove in today, clearing the way for military transport.

Maj. Thomas F. Lancer of Madison, Conn., who will be military governor of Aachen until the permanent setup arrives, said he and his staff were ready to move in. He was preparing to handle the problem of a water supply, which had been cut for three weeks, and had food and medical supplies ready.

To the northwest, Canadians on the south bank of the Schelde river advanced 2000 to 3000 yards on a narrow front between Biervliet and Savoyardsplaat against stiffening opposition, extending their bridgehead to within three to four miles of other troops on the north bank of the Leopold canal.

German counter-attacks halted a Canadian advance toward Bergen op Zoom opposite the causeway leading to the Beveland-Walcheren peninsula in the Schelde estuary.

(An unconfirmed Paris broadcast said the besieged German garrison at Dunkerque on the French channel coast had attacked the allied line, only to be repulsed and thrown back to its original position.)

## British Inch Eastward

The British 2d army continued to inch eastward through mud and woods toward Venray, 14 miles northwest of Venlo, in an attempt to widen the British corridor in The Netherlands. The forces had gained 5000 to 6000 yards since the attack began yesterday.

Supreme headquarters revealed that German pressure against the northern end of the British corridor before Arnhem was lessening as the Germans shifted some of their best troops, including those who hurled the British Red Devil paratroops back across the lower Rhine last month, toward Aachen for what may develop into one of the decisive battles of the war.

United Press War Correspondent Henry T. Gorrell reported from the front that the enemy forces massing northeast of Aachen were among Germany's best panzer outfits, specialists in counter-attacks.

## Moving in Daylight

The urgency of their mission was seen in the fact that they were maneuvering in broad daylight within easy range of massed American artillery and hovering swarms of planes. As fast as the enemy tanks were spotted, rocket-firing aircraft roared into the attack and American artillery batteries loosed concentrated "Monty barrages" on them.

More than 60 German tanks already have been knocked out.

The Germans put up comparatively strong aerial opposition for

## Ticket Agents in Station Were Eager, Refused to do Business When Strangers Were Around.

Total black-market take for the trip, \$25, plus a probable \$3 more—the first-class fare for which no receipt was given.

## Mississippi Now Taxes Black-Market Sales.

A new law imposes 10 per cent tax on gross proceeds of sales, retail or wholesale, of all tangible property or articles "the sale of which is prohibited by law." Mississippi's a dry state. How the law will be enforced no one seems to know.

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