

WASHINGTON Calling

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

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Adding this would make the Dewey total for the state 1,608,000; the Roosevelt total 1,587,000.

By giving Roosevelt an even higher ratio of the soldier vote, say 65 per cent, the result still would be unchanged.

In a 51-49 Dewey state, Roosevelt would have to get slightly more than 65 per cent of the soldier vote to win a majority.

Don't bet your shirt on the house going Republican, either, if Roosevelt wins. Careful precinct by precinct studies indicate it's most unlikely unless Dewey wins. If Roosevelt wins, Democrats may increase their slim hold on the house.

Takers of polls and makers of forecasts admit their margin of error will be higher than usual; and in addition to the soldier vote to throw them off there's the silent vote.

Many people this year are refusing to talk. And some talk one way and will vote the other.

The Story of Gen. Chiang's Blow-Up

THERE'S MORE of a story in the China incident than has been told. Chiang Kai-shek's blow-up came not during negotiations with Gen. Pat Hurley, but afterward. Generalissimo had accepted Hurley's terms regarding conduct of the war against Japan.

Then something happened between Gen. Stilwell and Chiang, when suddenly new demands were presented designed to give Stilwell more complete control over Chinese armies.

Hurley, who had prepared to return to Washington, remained in Chungking to try to patch up the differences, but failed.

Reports of Chiang's lack of wholeheartedness in fighting Japan should be discounted in light of the record of China's long fight which he has led.

Chiang could make peace with Japan at any time and on favorable terms. Japs would like to disengage armies now busy in China, use all their strength against us.

But persons who have talked with generalissimo say he will never accept Jap armistice; they can't be trusted to stay out. China's only hope to become future big power of Orient is in crushing Japs now, while China has strong allies.

DEFEATED candidates Tuesday night will have to use ingenuity in congratulating winners. Board of war communications ban on congratulatory messages still stands. But as the nominating conventions proved there's more than one way around the dilemma.

Revise Pacific Strategy

STRATEGY of the Pacific war is being revised. Top navy men didn't expect the decisive naval battle would come at the Philippines, thought the Sunday punch would be delayed till they got closer to the homeland.

Result of that battle multiplies their opportunities, may shorten the war if they can take advantage of it.

Industry has been coasting

financially speaking, on war orders, but in post-war period, the old dog-eat-dog competition is expected to return.

So coal companies are getting ready for the battle, and mergers are a part of the readying process. One of the first big mergers will involve large Pittsburgh and Cleveland companies.

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DEFENSE PLANT CORP. is finding no market for bombers turned over as surplus by army and navy. It has 980 on hand, has sold one. Other types of planes are selling better.

Commercial lines have bought up more than 1000 transports, and only 205 are now left for sale.

D. P. C., with 31 aircraft sales centers now in operation, has sold 5183 ships. Has 12,848 still for sale. Present stock includes 910 transports.

NO Bomber Market

DESPITE the fact that Germans resorted to robot bomb attack on England when they were losing the battle of the invasion coast, army men still say Germans will not attempt to use gas when their backs are finally to the wall.

Best methods of spreading gas are by air and artillery. We have vast superiority in air, our artillerymen can outshoot Nazis. Also, if they should resort to gas, we have disengagement squads ready, as well as means to retaliate.

These squads can cut a path through a gas field faster than engineers can clear a path through mines.

May 'Inspect' War

AN "OFFICIAL" inspection of the war in Europe may be voted by the house military affairs committee when congress reconvenes.

Dewey on Air at 9:30 P. M.

(Continued From Page One) document his addresses with the care of a court room lawyer. Probably his use of quotations to cite authority set an all-time high for a presidential campaign.

Seeks to Rivel Points

Mr. Wilkie often talked broadly of philosophies and ideals and principles. Mr. Dewey seeks to rivel the case he makes with an example—cod fisherman or a farmer or a businessman, as it may be, who gets all wound up in government red tape.

A sure-fire speech line has been to reel off a list of federal agencies faced by the citizen who comes in contact with Washington.

Many in Mr. Dewey's political camp count the President's speech before the Teamsters' union the biggest "break" of the campaign for Governor Dewey.

It gave him his chance to get away from the scholarly and important, but unexciting, speeches on major subjects, and come out with what the "boys" called the "stern-winder"—the fighting Oklahoma City speech.

That was red meat for the local political leaders who must work

up enthusiasm for their candidates before organizations really get down to business. The Dewey speeches have provided plenty of it since.

As a campaign document, top Dewey advisers regard his San Francisco speech as perhaps the most important of the campaign.

That was the one in which the governor said there must be some degree of government intervention in the free working of our economic system—in labor, agriculture and money, for example—but warned of the danger of slipping "by stages into complete government control of our lives."

That speech, they believed, spelled out the fundamental differences between the Roosevelt and Dewey programs.

Avoids Prosecutor Role

Mr. Dewey, in the fighting speeches, could use his prosecutor's talents, but care was taken to keep away from any label of the "former district attorney."

Thus the addresses on taxes, agriculture, etc., always were blended with the hard-hitting attacks.

That Mr. Dewey's attack speeches were effective and that he gave better than he received in the direct dueling, some of the Dewey campaign people think, is shown by Mr. Roosevelt's recent retreat to the commander-in-chief role—or, as some of them put it, "climbing back up on Mt. Olympus."

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FDR SEES PLOT TO PANIC NATION

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"Party of Sound Money"

"The Democratic party, in this war," he said, "has been the party of sound money. The Republican party has been the party of inflation."

"If the Republicans had their way, all of us would have had our dollars cut down by inflation and higher living costs."

The most strenuous part of the President's campaign will end at Boston tonight, when he will climax his trip with a three-quarter hour speech starting at 8 p. m., Indianapolis time. The talk is expected to be the strongest of his campaign.

For the most part, Sunday will be a day of rest at Mr. Roosevelt's Hyde Park, N. Y., family home. Monday he will make what has become a traditional tour of the Hudson valley around Hyde Park, visiting Kingston, Newburgh, Beacon and Poughkeepsie, with talks at each stop.

Tuesday the President will make his usual trip to the white-walled town hall in Hyde Park village where the election registrars will ask his name and occupation and the President will reply, "Franklin D. Roosevelt, tree grower."

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At any rate, it will be, for practical purposes, Mr. Roosevelt's big campaign wind-up, and New England Democratic chiefs looked for a hard-swinging speech in the manner of the President's caustic campaign opener before the Teamsters' union in Washington in September.

Situation Obscure

The situation inside Budapest was obscure. A sensational Moscow dispatch published in London said a "revolution" had broken out in Budapest, while Istanbul reported mass peace demonstrations in the city. Radio Budapest itself acknowledged the city was jittery and called on the people to ignore "false rumors."

A Soviet naval flotilla was sailing up the Danube to join in the final assault. Its officers said scores of swollen enemy bodies were floating downstream.

Budapest, with a population of 1,162,000, is the eighth and largest European capital to be attacked by the Red army. Its fall would knock out the last big bastion on the Danube valley invasion route to Austria, Vienna and Germany itself.

Cites "Millionaire" Club

"If Mr. Dewey really believes that the people contributing \$1000 to the Democratic campaign are attempting to buy a wedge of the presidency, what does he think about the motives of the members of his millionaire club, each of whom is contributing at the rate of \$5000 to every of the many Republican committees?" Ickes asked.

Recalling that Mr. Dewey has advocated a labor leader for secretary of labor, Ickes said that the New York governor failed to appoint any commissioner of labor until after he had been in office nine months and then chose Edward Corsi, a Republican politician . . . who has never been identified with the ranks

of Republican committees.

He cited the actions taken in New York and Michigan.

He estimated that approximately 2,000,000 voters are qualified to participate in the election and that of this number 600,000 are producing essential war equipment.

Points Out Hazard

"It is unthinkable," he said, "that we should hazard our production record or limit a free exercise of suffrage if the same can be successfully avoided. It is heartening to know that the leaders of our two

parties are making every effort to insure delivery on time.

Find Flaw in WAC Dorothy's Story; Second WAC Sought

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Thorne Smith, and belonging to WAC Dorothy, was found in Cpl. Ridings' room following the murder.

Police are trying to find out whether Cpl. Ridings brought the book with her to the Claypool or whether it may have been brought there by WAC Dorothy.

They are wondering also why WAC Dorothy stated that she had remained in camp on the murder night when, actually, she was checked out for a trip to Columbus.

Second WAC Investigated

While an investigation into WAC Dorothy's private life was proceeding, city police were pushing their study of another one-time WAC who left the women's auxiliary army corps on Aug. 11, 1943, to resume civilian life in Washington, D. C.

The help of the army has been asked in locating this woman.

It has been learned recently that she was registered with Cpl. Ridings at Room 723 at the Claypool hotel on the night of July 23-24, nearly five weeks prior to Cpl. Ridings' murder.

Subsequent to her stay at the Claypool on July 23-24, it has been reported that Cpl. Ridings' companion was seen in Indianapolis in dark civilian dress.

An ex-WAC who is now assisting police in the investigation stated yesterday that the description of Cpl. Ridings' companion on July 23-24 "corresponds remarkably" to the description given by Bellboy Alfred Bayne of the woman in black he saw in Cpl. Ridings' room at approximately 4:48 p. m. the evening of the murder.

Police Hopeful

Police are hopeful of getting pictures of both servicewomen involved in the newest investigation so that the photos can be examined by Bayne before he returns to his naval post in Maryland.

He came here in mid-week to view Luallen's ex-wife shortly after the convict had blamed the murderer on her and had described her as the woman in black in Cpl. Ridings' room.

Bayne said the former Mrs. Luallen couldn't have been the woman Lillian Frankovitz, former vice president.

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SCREAMS SAVE TWO WOMEN FROM ATTACK

Two women reported that when they got into their car at Pennsylvania and 26th st. last night a man forced his way into the vehicle and threatened to kill them if they screamed.

Mr. Virginia Decker, 32, of 2823 Sutherland ave., said she and her companion, Mrs. Helen Cavenagh, 26, of 1238 N. Delaware st., ignored the man's threats and screamed any way.

They said the man fled from the car after striking Mrs. Decker a blow on the head.

Officers Named

BY JEWISH GROUP

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Nazi Counter Attack Slows Yank Push Toward Cologne

(Continued From Page One) occupied Sopel, eight miles north of the French-Italian border town of Menton, on the Mediterranean coast.

The American 3d army front around Nancy and Metz was quiet throughout yesterday. Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's headquarters revealed that the 3d army has captured 103,000 prisoners since it broke through at St. Lo in Normandy early in August.

Fighter-bombers supported both the American 1st army south of Aachen, and British and Canadian units on Walcheren.

Canadian forces were revealed to have thrust across the narrow channel between North Beveland island and Walcheren and established a 3000-yard bridgehead on the east coast of Walcheren below the causeway linking the two islands.

RUSS FORCE ENTERS BUDAPEST OUTSKIRTS

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between the Danube and the Tisza rivers southeast of Budapest had been shattered and broken up into isolated units, with only a few escaping toward the capital.

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