

WASHINGTON *Calling*

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

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Guadalcanal, they say, but we have two big advantages—more heavy equipment, artillery, than Japs.

GOVERNMENT SCIENTISTS plan expansion of experiments with jet propulsion for military aircraft. That's meaning behind budget bureau's request for additional \$3,900,000 appropriation for engine laboratory operated by national advisory committee for aeronautics.

Why Are We Short of Shells?

MAJOR CAUSE behind current shortage of shells is miscalculation by the army two years ago of the need for heavy guns in European operations, some interested congressional sources believe.

End of the war may turn up facts concerning the neglect of artillery as interesting as those having to do with circumstances at Pearl Harbor.

Indications are that effectiveness of bombing from air was heavily over-estimated. Not until our troops got in Italy was the necessity for heavy guns correctly appraised.

AS WE SAID before, look for the Little Steel formula to be bent, not broken.

In the steel wage case, outlook is for technical maintenance of the formula, but allowances for inequalities and sub-standards that will serve as a temporary palliative.

There is an important difference to union members: A raise in basic hourly rates apparently could not be made retroactive.

But allowances for the inequalities could be dated back to last December, thus producing a sizable payment for all affected workers.

Which might do much to sweeten any disappointment over continued holding-the-line on rates.

Watch for Threats

MEANWHILE, look for intermittent threats from spokesmen for both A. F. of L. and C. I. O. to withdraw their representatives from national war labor board if some kind of upping is not accomplished soon.

But Note: Roosevelt knew, before he asked public members of the board to stay on, that their cost of living report will largely sustain bureau of labor statistics, largely reject labor claim that cost has risen more than bureau's figures show.

NINE MALE members of house military affairs, leaving next week for first hand look at the war, tried to keep Clare Boothe Luce, also a committee member, from going along.

Army backed them, but they all lost and Clare's going.

Members will visit England, France, Italy and Africa; will try to find out what the G. I. thinks about compulsory military training in peacetime.

Meanwhile, deluge of mail against compulsory training has started to flood into congressional offices here.

It's organized, apparently by Quaker communities, and this week Catholic hierarchy lined up against action at this time.

Cigarettes and Labor

MAYBE the cigarette shortage can be helped this way: American Tobacco Co. and Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co., with large plants in Durham, N. C., are working with U. S. employment service to get employees of other industries willing to do an extra four-hour-a-day making cigarettes.

There's plenty of pressure on war manpower commission to change cigarette industry classification to essential to aid it in getting manpower but odds are against it.

Reason: It might open door to letting soft drink manufacturers and others apply for special consideration.

AUTHOR, PROFESSOR ON FORUM PROGRAM

Mrs. Rulka Langer, Vassar-educated Polish author, and Dr. Gabor de Besseney, noted scholar, educator and professor of history and government at DePaul university, will speak at the Indianapolis Catholic forum at 8 p. m. tomorrow in the war memorial auditorium.

The program will be a panel discussion and the public is invited.

Mrs. Langer will speak on "Poland" and Dr. de Besseney on "Russia's Frontiers and the Peace of Europe."

Mrs. Grace Golden, director of the Children's Museum of Indianapolis and chairman of the Indianapolis Committee for the Aid of Poland, will preside. She studied in Poland in the summer of 1938.

Dr. de Besseney, born in the Balkans, has been in this country since 1924. He formerly was on the staff of the New York Times. Mrs. Langer, author of several books, including "Maid and the Messerschmitt," went through three months of the Polish blitz with her two children.

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JAPS WONDER WHAT HIT THEM

Navy Reports 14 Enemy Warships Sunk in Sea Battle.

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anese battleships, four carriers, six heavy cruisers, two light cruisers and an undetermined number of destroyers.

Furthermore, it said, one battleship, three heavy cruisers, two light cruisers and seven destroyers were "so severely damaged that they may have sunk before reaching port, and in any event removed from action for from one to perhaps six months."

"Damaging hits," it said, were noted on six battleships, four heavy cruisers, one light cruiser and 10 destroyers.

The U. S. fleet lost six ships sunk. Other American ships were damaged, the navy said, but because "the Japanese are still wondering what hit them," it is impossible at this time "to identify the composition of our naval forces or to describe the damage—other than losses—suffered by us."

"All damage, however, was remediable and some of the United States ships hurt in the fight are already back on duty," it said.

The communiqué told how the preliminaries to the MacArthur-led invasion of the Philippines and the great sea-air battle there began about Sept. 1, when Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher's carrier task force of the 3d fleet undertook a two-week series of raids which "kept the Japanese forces off balance while whittling down their aerial strength by about 900 planes."

The second step, it said, came in mid-September with American landings on Pelelieu and Morotai islands southwest of the Philippines. These successes, it said, "indicated the feasibility of advancing the date for the invasion of the Philippines" and the date for that move was set for Oct. 20.

It recounted how, beginning on Oct. 9, surface and carrier forces began raiding widely-separated Japanese islands, with "the Japanese defenders... caught off base each time."

The climax, it said, came when a fleet appeared in the enemy's own back yard, off the island of Formosa, from which the aerial attack against the Philippines had been launched by the Japanese three years before.

The "effrontery of the attack on Formosa from the sea," the navy said, "provoked the Japanese into immediate counter-action."

Jap Planes Attack
Bomber and torpedo planes began moving down from the Japanese homeland to attack the American force, it said.

"While these units were dispersed by carrier-borne fighters two Japanese planes broke through and 'found targets in a couple of United States medium-sized ships, which were damaged by torpedoes but which successfully retired to the eastward.'"

The next step, the communiqué said, constituted "one of the most fantastic chapters of the war."

Japanese aviators, who reached home "reported an amazing victory, and Tokyo was quick to claim—for the fifth or sixth time—that the naval strength of the United States had been rendered puny."

The fantastic part, the navy said, was that "this time the Japanese believed their own propaganda."

Halsey Gets Ironie
A task force was seen leaving Japanese home waters to "give the American fleet its coup de grace," but, the navy said, when the force's fighters saw the size of the surviving U. S. fleet the enemy fleet fled.

"Adm. Halsey ironically observed that his ships sunk by Jap raid announcement had been 'salvaged,' the navy commented, and were 'retiring at high speed toward the Japanese fleet.'"

Of the three-day battle itself, which began on Oct. 23, the navy told how three separate Japanese forces were sighted moving in the general direction of Leyte Gulf—one from the south, another from the west and the third from the north.

Its story of the ensuing action was substantially that previously related by Gen. MacArthur and Adm. Chester Nimitz.

When the battle was over, it said, "the enemy fleet had sustained losses and damage which materially weakened their over-all naval and air strength against the final drive of the United States forces against the empire."

Reinforcement Possible
"We must not, however," the communiqué added, "allow ourselves to feel that this victory effectively prevented any reinforcement of the Jap forces on Leyte and Samar, because he can still, by the very nature of the geography of the islands which afford protection and hiding places for short, fast transportation runs, continue his reinforcements at a continuously diminishing rate."

"He cannot, however, prevent our reinforcement and supply of Gen. MacArthur and his gallant troops. Our naval and air forces will continue to insure the control of these sea approaches to the Philippines and the effective support and supply of our troops."

Yanks Drive Wedge Into Jap Pocket
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Nov. 18 (U. P.)—The American 32d division wedged deeply into the Japanese pocket at Limon in Northwest Leyte today.

Complete annihilation of the trapped remnants of a force once estimated at 3000 appeared imminent.

Other American forces 900 miles

Why 'Mercy Is as Vital as Guns'



Two Hoosiers, fresh from campaigns at opposite ends of the earth, stick together at Wakeman general hospital, Camp Atterbury. Lt. Alice Black of the army nurses Corps, just back from the Fiji Islands, tends T. 5th Gr. Leroy Kenworthy of Lynn, Ind., an army scout car driver, who was wounded in Italy.



TWO YEARS in the Fiji Islands with the army nurses corps convinced Lt. Alice Black, 1307 Spring Hollow rd., that mercy is as essential as guns.

Appealing for nurses corps recruits, Lt. Black, now a nurse at Wakeman hospital at Camp Atterbury, says: "To see young Americans, sick and alone, so far from home, and to be able to comfort them was reason enough for me to be glad I joined."

She served for 26 months in an army general hospital at Suva, Fiji Islands, where she cared for casualties from Guadalcanal and other early South Pacific battle grounds. She urged nurses eligible for army service to register with the Indianapolis Red Cross recruiting committee at 220 Chamber of Commerce building, or to call LI. 1441.

Report Wall of Silence and False News Sustains Hitler

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creasingly alarmed over his condition.

Any bad news was said to cause a severe nervous reaction in the fuhrer, varying from hallucinations to outbursts of maniacal rage.

At the same time, Swiss dispatches said Nazi authorities had ordered censorship of all domestic mail in Germany, presumably in an effort to prevent the spread of unrest stirred by the military reverses in the West and Hitler's continued silence.

Local Nazi party organizations have been assigned the task of censoring letters circulating within the country, an Exchange telegraph dispatch from Zurich said.

A Bern dispatch to the London Daily Express said a V-2 rocket bomb had gone astray during a test and crashed near Hitler's Bavarian retreat at Berchtesgaden. Hitler was not believed present at the time, however.

Whereabouts of Reichsmarschal Hermann Goering also remained a mystery. A Swedish report said he had arrived at Lisbon on an unexplained mission, while Zurich asserted he had gone to Ludwigshafen for a conference with Luftwaffe chiefs.

Other Zurich reports asserted She said fresh reductions in food rations were expected, with butter disappearing entirely for civilians. The staple German diet was described as bread and potatoes, and she believed the political situation would become critical if potatoes disappeared altogether.

"Nearly every available room is being used as a bedroom in Berlin," the nurse said. "Refugees are continually arriving from the East and West and many have taken up quarters in bombed buildings with little more than the walls standing and holes stopped up with carpets, wooden planks and cardboard."

Bertita Harding Deplores Razing of Tourist Meccas

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Franz Joseph, cousin of the Archduke Otto and a removed pretender of the Hapsburg throne, and his wife, Maria.

"The Lost Waltz" is the story of this couple in exile in a gardener's cottage of the Alpa Gould estate in Tarrytown, N. Y., and of other members of the Toscana branch of the Hapsburgs.

Mrs. Harding also is the author of "The Phantom Crown," "The Golden Fleecce," "Hungarian Rhapsody," and "The Amazon Throne," all biographies of the Hapsburgs, with whom she grew up.

"I believe that the cycle of history will eventually restore the dynasty to a federated or parliamentary monarchy, but not in our time," she predicted.

A naturalized American, she asserted that "Europe has seen its best days and so has royalty. Although nobility instinctively clings to the past, it embraces democracy as a means of survival; this daily makes them see the impossibility of absolute rule."

Mrs. Harding was born in Nuremberg, Germany, and was christened Bertita Carla Camille Leonard. She fell heir to the Magyar title of countess and as a small child accompanied her father on his mission to Mexico to return the Austrian crown jewels from Maximilian and Carlotta to Austria.

to the southeast finished the mop-up of the southern half of Brass Island in the Mapia group off northwest New Guinea in a small-scale action.

Nearby Pegun Island was cleared Thursday, only 24 hours after the American landings in the Mapia group to knock out enemy air warning stations.

Smash 3 Jap Ships
Gen. Douglas MacArthur's bombers sank or damaged five coastal vessels off Boaton island in the Dutch East Indies.

They dropped 182 tons of bombs on six enemy airfields in the Philippines.

Three airfields at Davao on Mindanao, southernmost of the Philippines, were rendered unserviceable by 120 tons of explosives. Two others on Cebu and one on Negros also were hit hard.

Encirclement of the enemy regiment at the northern end of the Ormoc corridor on Leyte was completed by the 24th division Thursday with the establishment of a strong road block across the Ormoc-Limon highway three quarters of a mile south of Limon.

Another 300 Japanese were killed within the pocket as they thrashed about seeking means of escape.

PATTON PUSHES INTO GERMANY

Enters Metz as Nazis Show Sign of Weakening in Aachen Area.

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where in that sector troops were advancing through open, rolling country—an indication that they had burst out of the upper Hürtgen forest and were on the rolling Cologne plain.

The German radio said a strong U. S. tank column struck northeastward of Aachen along the road to Julich and heavy fighting developed below Hogen, seven miles from Aachen and some two miles ahead of the last reported battle positions in that sector.

French in Belfort Gap
At the southern end of the front, the French 1st army captured the enemy stronghold of Montbéliard and plunged into the historic Belfort gap. They were within 25 miles of the Rhine and Bavaria.

British 3d army forces, holding down the northern sector, cleared the west bank of the Meuse river before Roermond in southeast Holland. They carved out two bridgeheads across the Derivation or Zig canal to raise a new threat to Venlo, 14 miles northeast of Roermond.

Patton's vanguards pushed across the border into Germany's Saar basin in the vicinity of Perl, one mile inside the Reich near the junction of the French, Luxembourg and German borders.

Strength of Crossing Vague
Front dispatches did not make it clear immediately whether the 3d army yet had crossed the frontier in strength. However, strong forces of both tanks and infantry were within a few miles of Germany all along a 12-mile front south of Perl yesterday.

Perl lies eight miles northeast of Koenigsmaier, where the 3d army crossed the Moselle for a drive into the Saar earlier this week, and 80 to 85 miles south of the American 1st army front inside Germany near Aachen.

Merschweiler, a mile south of the border and two miles southeast of Perl, fell to the Americans yesterday.

United Press War Correspondent Robert Richards reported from the front that Patton's forces launched a "great, climactic assault" to capture Metz by storm early this morning.

During the night, he said, patrols of the 9th and 5th divisions had penetrated the city's inner defense ring from the north and south.

A bloody fight appeared in prospect. The 3d army already had thrown a ring of steel around the three sides of the city and reduced the escape corridor on the east to five miles of bullet, bomb and shell-torn terrain, however.

Follows Bitter Fighting
The final assault followed bitter fighting last night on a small airfield southwest of Ft. Priyat, a mile south of Metz, last night.

Heavy rains stalled Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's 9th army during the night on the front extending north of Gresslinch to Gellenkirchen. The attack was getting under way again with clearing skies this morning.

The Germans mounted three armored counter-attacks against the 9th army yesterday, but all were beaten off with losses to both sides. At least eight of 45 German Mark V and Mark VI tanks, the latter weighing 60 tons, were wrecked.

Mrs. Harding declared this book is the last of her biographies of the Hapsburgs, but said her future subject is still undecided.

9 FIRMS SUSPENDED UNDER OPA ORDERS
Eight Indianapolis food dealers and an Evansville filling station operator were suspended at OPA hearings held yesterday in the Federal building.

Local food merchants against whom suspension orders have been issued include Roy Cogill, 1924 W. Michigan st., suspended 15 days from dealing in rationed foods and meats; Extra B. and Elizabeth Kennerly, 2244 W. 10th st., suspended indefinitely from dealing in rationed food until their grocery is properly registered; Charles A. and Selvin Dugger, 9730 W. 10th st., suspended indefinitely from dealing in rationed foods and meats until their grocery is registered.

Others were Thomas Lee, 730 W. North st., suspended from dealing in sugar until his registration has been completed properly; Charles Duncan, 918 Riley ave., also suspended until his registration is completed as a dealer in rationed food and meats; Dean Dugger, 418 N. Warman ave., suspended 15 days from dealing in rationed foods and meats; John Reese, 368 W. 28th st., suspended one month from dealing in sugar and rationed foods and meats; and Charles Beard, 1354 N. West st., suspended from dealing in rationed foods and meats until his registration is completed.

Ed Birtcher, Evansville, was suspended for the duration from dealing in gasoline. He was charged with several violations of mileage rationing regulations.

HOLLYWOOD FUNERAL FOR BOAKE CARTER
HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 18 (U. P.)—Funeral services for Harold T. H. (Boake) Carter, 46-year-old news analyst who died Thursday 12 hours after finishing his regular broadcast, will be held here tomorrow.

Rites will be conducted by Rabbi S. M. Neches. Mr. Carter's body will be entombed in the House of Peace Mausoleum here, his widow said.

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"I LOVE JAM!" he said, as he wiped his sticky lips with his tongue. He looked at me and smiled.

"Why don't you drink your tea?" he asked.

"I will," I said, "as soon as you go on with your story."

His neighbors sent him to partisans who were operating in the neighborhood, he continued, and for a time they made him do kitchen duty.

Later, they made contact with the Russian army and Viktor was taken to Stalingrad. There he was made the mascot of his present division and given the rank of honorary sergeant.

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HE HAS already had five years of schooling, and as soon as the war is over, he plans to go back to Tulsa and enter the technical high school there to prepare for a course in automobile engineering.

Then, he says, he will look for a girl as pretty as Judy Garland to be his wife.

Leyte Lactate



Milk from a coconut larger than her head tastes mighty good to this little Philippine girl, and she's going to get that last drop. The native treat topped off a meal supplied by Yanks on Leyte.

Another resolution was approved providing for the exemption of disabled veterans from certain existing conditions relative to government loans. The resolution further urges that compensation due to these veterans not be cancelled against government obligations they may owe, or withheld in payment toward such debts.

American Legion posts and officials are requested in another resolution to be on guard against so-called veterans' charitable organizations that may or may not be soliciting funds for rehabilitation work.

Other resolutions request a joint rehabilitation conference between officials of the Legion and veterans' administration, the time and place to be decided later, and another conference on rehabilitation by the Legion standing committee on that subject to be held at Washington in February.

Many Found Eligible
Gen. Hines in his address further disclosed that of the veterans applying for additional schooling, 17,723 had found to be eligible.

A total of 5881 of those who have applied already were enrolled in schools throughout the country, the general added.

A dinner will be given at 7 p. m. tonight in the Indianapolis Athletic club by National Commander Edward N. Scheiberling for members of the national executive committee.

SPURS OUTPUT OF PENICILLIN

Invention Assures Steady Rate of Speed.

CHICAGO, Nov. 18 (U. P.)—Dr. George H. Brown, Princeton, N. J., research engineer of the Radio Corporation of America, announced today that he has invented an all-electric drying unit which in one month can exceed the combined monthly production of all the penicillin plants operating in the U. S. six months ago.

Dr. Brown told an audience at the national chemical exposition that ready-to-use ampules of the drug can be obtained at the rate of 220,000,000 Oxford units an hour from a single electronic installation requiring 400 square feet, less floor space than the average business office.

He said the system, based on the electronic science of radio-frequency heating, reduces the concentrated penicillin solution to a dry state for shipment. It was constructed principally from a rotator, a vacuum chamber, metal belts, electronic plates, a revolving table and radio heat chambers.

Cheaper to Operate
"The whole setup works on a push-button arrangement and may be started or stopped at will without endangering the drug under process," Dr. Brown said. "But its great advantages are that it affords a continuous production at a fixed rate of speed, necessitates only a fraction of the floor space required by the conventional freeze-drying systems and operates at a cost far below that of the other systems."

Charles F. Ketterling, vice president of General Motors Corp., in charge of research and engineering, told the conference last night that schools should begin teaching science of chemistry in the second grade.

Chemists, he said, should translate their science into common everyday language in order that the child may learn early the rudiments of chemistry instead of spending years regarding it as a mystery.

Mr. Ketterling also said that the United States should not scrap its synthetic rubber industry after the war, since improvements have made the present synthetic product the equal of natural rubber.

SENTENCE 50 TO PRISON
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 18 (U. P.)—Fifty Negro navy enlisted men, found guilty on one specification of mutiny by a court martial for refusing to load ammunition shortly after the Port Chicago explosion, have been given sentences ranging from eight to 15 years, the 12th naval district announced today.

TRAVELERS AID HERE TO DISCUSS G. I. AID
Means of aiding war veterans in their travel problems when they return from the war will be discussed by the Indianapolis Travelers Aid society at its annual convention Tuesday at the Columbus club.

The principal speaker will be Col. Haskett E. Conner, commander of Wake-man hospital at Camp Atterbury, who will outline the problems incident to the reconditioning of military personnel.

Increasing aid being given by the society's two service desks at the bus station and the Union depot will be discussed. Evan B. Walker, society president, will preside.

8TH AIR FORCE ACE PRISONER OF NAZIS
LONDON, Nov. 18 (U. P.)—Capt. John T. Godfrey, Woonsocket, R. I., highest scoring fighter pilot of the 8th air force, is a prisoner of war in Germany, the U. S. strategic air force announced last night.

Capt. Godfrey, who shot down 18 German planes and destroyed 18 on the ground, was listed as missing several months ago.

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24,000 G. I.'S SEEK SCHOOLING

Hines Says 17,723 Found Eligible Under Bill of Rights.

Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, administrator of veterans' affairs, told members of the American Legion national executive committee in opening session today that over 24,000 veterans already have applied for additional schooling.

Provisions of the G. I. bill of rights include an education program for which this number has made application to Oct. 31, the administrator reported.

A number of resolutions submitted by six standing national committees were approved at the session today.

One resolution urges the veterans administration to provide funds for enabling veterans to remove educational deficiencies. Such education would be provided by local grade and high school units.

Loan Measure Passed
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