

# WASHINGTON Calling

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

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faster than we were knocking them down. So we're starting where we did with Germany so long ago.

Note: There's more bad news for Tokyo on Consolidated-Vultee's assembly lines. Off these lines are now coming the new B-32's. Consolidated's new—and some say better—counterpart of the Boeing B-29 Superfortress.

Butter, they think, because in the B-32's have been incorporated changes in design and equipment dictated by battle experience of the Superforts.

The new B-32's will be known as "Dominators."

## The Facts About Top Cabinet Post

HERE ARE the facts about the top cabinet post—secretary of state.

There will be no change unless Cordell Hull decides to retire.

If that happens, Undersecretary of State Stettinius would have the inside track, with War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes a second choice.

In either event, but particularly if Stettinius is selected, F. D. R. would continue to be his own foreign minister.

**THE MIDDLE WEST**, whose abandonment of isolationism was highlighted by the big majority Illinois gave Scott Lucas, will gain in representation on the senate foreign relations committee in the next congress. Lucas will be selected to fill one of three democratic vacancies.

Another may be filled by Senator Hatch of New Mexico. Decision has not been reached as to whether the third will be filled.

On the Republican side, if selections are made by seniority, posts will probably go to Senators Bridges of New Hampshire and Gurney of South Dakota, neither isolationists.

But Taft of Ohio is a contender, and the Republican committee of committees is still dominated by that school of thought. Senator Bell of Minnesota, who supported F. D. R. for re-election, one of the B-29 group, seems to have little chance.

## Committees in House

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS** absorb house members, too.

Early under-the-surface scrap in the new congress will be attempt by conservative Democrats, working with Republicans, to maintain themselves in key posts in the house.

Conservatives particularly want to control rules committee, appropriations, ways and means.

## Universal Training

**CONGRESSMEN** favoring universal military training, as advocated by the President and the war department, have a reservoir of strength behind them, as yet untested.

It is composed of state directors of the selective service system. Meeting here recently, they discussed the proposal, all approved.

These are the men who actually operate the draft, probably know more about public reaction to it than any others.

Only differences of opinion at conference here were over the age at which universal military training should start, the point at which a young man's education should be interrupted.

## The Phone Strike

**WAR LABOR BOARD**'s plan to create special panel to consider grievances of phone operators at Dayton, O., where recent strike originated, would establish pattern for handling similar disputes on industry-wide basis.

Issue is now in WLB experience: the payment of subsistence bonuses to workers transferred to war centers from other localities.

Panel would be responsible directly to board here, circumventing time-consuming procedure of handling by regional board.

## The Upton Close Case

**SPECIAL HOUSE** committee investigating federal military commissions will decide next week whether to inquire into release of Commentator Upton Close, who says he was dropped

## Loading the Mails

WHILE POSTOFFICE department worries about the Christmas rush, postal employees, seeking to make their \$400 raise permanent, have already loaded the mailmen.

Thousands and thousands of letters are delivered daily on Capitol Hill in a great write-up congressional drive fostered by postal workers.

**REP. CLARE BOOTHE LUCE**, off to tour the European front as a member of the house military affairs committee, took with her fine photographic equipment.

## Harry Shipman Dies Here; Was Prominent in Masonry

Harry Shipman, active in Masonry for 45 years and a Mississippi river boat pilot in the '90's, died last night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Sylvan L. Mouser, 4526 Washington Blvd., after an illness of two months. He was 76.

Services for Mr. Shipman will be held at the Flanner and Buchanan mortuary at 2 p. m. Monday.

Masonic services will be conducted by the Calvin W. Prather Lodge.

Mr. Shipman joined the Masons

## TWO MEN BEATEN AND ROBBED HERE

Two men were beaten by thugs last night, one so badly that he had to be treated at City hospital, and the purses of two women were snatched, police reported today.

Charles Roeder, 62, of 602 S. Meridian st. was attacked by two men at Indiana ave. and New York st. who took his billfold containing \$14 after slugging him to the rear of his truck at Temple ave. near Michigan st. and robbed him of \$70.

Joy Hash, 2225 Broadway, was walking east on 22d st. when two men grabbed her purse. She reported the theft of \$125 in war bonds and a check for \$11.

Mrs. Birdie Andrews, 717 S. Missouri st., who was on Washington st. east of Blackford st. with another woman last night, reported two men snatched her purse which contained \$1 and her glasses.

## NEWTON TO LEAD BAPTIST CHORUS

George Newton will direct the choir of the First Baptist church in the singing of Part II of Haydn's "Creation" at 7:30 p. m. tomorrow in the church.

Miss Doris Linville is soprano soloist and Bernard De Vore is tenor. Mrs. W. H. Newcomer, organist, will play.

**HURON GETS CHINA POST**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25 (U. P.)—The name of Maj. Gen. Patrick Horley has been submitted to the Chinese government as President Roosevelt's choice for the new ambassador to China, it was learned today. The Chinese are expected to announce their acceptance of the recommendation next week.

**DINNER AND INITIATION**

Edgewood chapter 4883, O. E. S. will have a pitch-in dinner at 6:30 p. m. and a meeting and initiation at 8 p. m. Monday in the Masonic hall, 2714 E. Washington st.

## STALEMATE AT AACHEN BROKEN

**BAYONET - SWINGING YANKS**  
Smash Through at Hurtgen Forest.

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mowed down the Germans as they emerged from the forest.

**DO OR DIE CHARGE**

With 300 yards to go, Kemp lined up his men in a cold, pre-dawn drizzle.

"Let's get to hell out of these woods, men," he told them. "We're going to do it today or die in the attempt."

Many did die, but they are out of the woods now.

The doughboys closed so fast on the dug-in Germans that the enemy artillery did not get firing orders until they were at hand to hand grips with the Nazis.

The German shells fell harmlessly behind the Americans, and the Nazis couldn't adjust their fire for fear of killing their own men.

**HEINIES RUN SCREAMING**

Our artillery, working in close synchronization with forward observers, jumped in short-fused air bursts.

The screaming Heinies ran like stuck pigs in all directions, crazed and tongue-tied by fear, and dozens of German stragglers now are being rounded up in the woods, sometimes a mile or two from the actual scene of fighting." Gorrell reported.

Ninth army headquarters announced that Bourheim, one and a half miles southwest of Jülich, had been completely occupied after at least two days of bitter street fighting.

**24 MILES FROM COLOGNE**

Capture of the town put American tanks and infantry 24 miles almost due west of Cologne.

One Mark IV and four Mark V tanks were destroyed in the final phase of the battle, bringing the 9th army's bag for the current offensive to 125 enemy panzers destroyed.

Three miles to the northwest, however, the 8th army fell back slightly under a German counter-attack that carried into Merzenhausen, eight miles southeast of Gelsenkirchen.

The American 1st army also was forced to yield hard-won terrain, giving to counter-attacking, Germans control of high ground nearly two miles southeast of Weisweiler on the Aachen-Cologne military highway 10 miles northeast of Aachen.

**FIGHTING IN WEISWEILER**

Other 1st army troops fought their way house by house through Weisweiler itself.

They drove the enemy from Putzlohn, farther north.

(The London Times correspondent at supreme headquarters reported that the "most decisive battle in history" was being fought in the Aachen gap along the approaches to Cologne and the Rhine.)

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's 3d army offensive along an 11-mile front in the Saar basin just east of the junction of the French, German and Luxembourg borders also seemed to have developed, at least temporarily, into a battle of attrition.

**SAAR RIVER PUSH HALTED**

Other 3d army elements 27 miles south of Saarbrücken likewise had been halted after smashing two miles across the Saar river into Postroff and the vicinity of Baerendorf, one mile farther south, in northeastern France.

Front dispatches said armored troops were fighting off a stubborn German counter-attack and were under ceaseless enemy artillery fire.

Good news came from the southern end of the front, where French and American elements of Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's 7th army had cleared all of Strasbourg, historic capital of Alsace-Lorraine, except a tiny bridgehead covering the immediate approaches to the Rhine bridge.

A security blackout continued to cloak progress of the 1st army column slogging up the west bank of the Rhine river toward Colmar, halfway between the Swiss border and Strasbourg, in an effort to complete encirclement of the German pocket.

**RHINE RUMORS PERSIST**

Rumors persisted that allied patrols already had pushed across the Rhine, but 7th army headquarters disclaimed that any of its troops had forced the river and there likewise was no confirmation from French 1st army sources.

At the northern end of the front, British 2d army forces gained 2000 to 3000 yards across Dutch marshlands before Venlo.

Mr. Shipman, who could trace his ancestry to pre-revolutionary days, was active in the real estate and life insurance business here many years.

Surviving besides Mrs. Mouser, is another daughter, Mrs. Wallace P. Dagg, of Phoenix, Ariz.; a son, Clarence T. Shipman, and a grandson, both of Indianapolis.

**RUSSIANS REPORTED DRIVING IN LATVIA**

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Moscow, 52 Soviet infantry divisions and huge tank forces were reported trapped on the Courland peninsula in western Latvia.

Berlin claimed the destruction of 62 Russian tanks in the first few hours of the battle.

The reported new offensive coincided with the triumphant conclusion of the month-old campaign on Saare island, where the last survivors of the enemy garrison were killed, captured or driven into the sea yesterday.

Lt. Singleton accounted for one of the three Japanese troop transports sunk in a bay at Masbate island whose waters proved a grave for hundreds of Mip soldiers.

In his account of the air attack, the Hoosier pilot said the Thunderbolts and Warhawks shot up the Jap ships at 10 or 15 feet, while 500-pound bombs were unloaded at 70-degree angles.

Lt. Singleton said he saw his bomb slip into the side of a ship two feet above the waterline and blew up the hold.

**THUNDERBOLTS HIT JAP SHIPS**

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'Torch and Go'



**LUDLOW LISTS \$3000 EXPENSE**

Campaign Donation of \$1000 to County Group Included.

Campaign expenditures of approximately \$3000 in his successful bid for re-election to congress were listed by Rep. Louis Ludlow in a report on file today with County Clerk A. Jack Tilson.

Of the \$3000, Rep. Ludlow, who defeated his Republican opponent, Judge Judson L. Stark, gave \$1000 to the Marion County Democratic Central committee, while the remainder was used mainly for the purchase of newspaper advertising.

The Schriener-Jackson Good Government club received \$13,971.44, Dr. Carleton B. McCullough, club treasurer, reported to Mr. Tilson. The club, which supported the defeated candidates, Governor Henry F. Schriener for U. S. senator and Senator Samuel D. Jackson for governor, spent \$9584.17, most of it to the benefit of the Democratic state committee.

Other Reports Given

Other financial reports included:

Paul R. Brown, successful Republican candidate for county surveyor, \$229.84, including a \$200 gift to the Republican county organization, and a \$20 contribution to the Republican victory organization.

John W. Atherton, Republican state senator-elect, \$231.60, including \$200 to the Republican county organization.

Roger G. Wolcott, Republican state senator-elect, \$370, of which \$300 was given to the county committee.

Timothy P. Sexton, unsuccessful Democratic candidate for state senator, \$400, including a \$250 contribution to the Democratic county organization.

Gen. Henry H. Arnold and other leaders of the 20th bomber command, meanwhile, revealed that the initial B-29 strike had set in motion a carefully planned campaign for the systematic bombardment of the Japanese homeland.

The attack will be continued with increasing force until the enemy's war machine has been destroyed completely.

**CLOSER BASES PLANNED**

They disclosed that the campaign calls for establishment of bases even closer to Japan than Saipan—some 1500 miles from Tokyo—although in general the B-29 bases in the Mariana, China and India complete the strategic pattern for the attack.

More bad news for Tokyo came from Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters, where it was announced that 4500 or more Japanese troops were killed off Masbate yesterday when American fighters bombers attacked and set fire to three transports rushing reinforcements to Leyte.

An escorting enemy destroyer also was sunk with all hands.

**REPORTS OTHER SINKINGS**

MacArthur also reported the sinking or damaging of 14 other Japanese vessels, including another destroyer sunk off Borneo, in a series of air raids throughout the East Indies.

The Japanese tried to strike back at American installations on Leyte, but at least 42 of their planes were shot down by American fighters and ground gunners.

Naval technicians took the bomb parts out of a steel carrying case four feet square, each one from a locked compartment, and put them together. Two sailors with .45 automatic pistols on their hips stood by.

The faces of three dials were tapered over. The reporters stared and the cameras clicked. Then the sight was put back into its box and taken away.

"This is only a forerunner of greater events to come," Capt. Ennis said. "But for obvious reasons similar to the ones for keeping the technical details of the sight secret, they will be proved and shown by the results."

"The Norden sight is being continuously improved and there never will be a sight to replace the FCC reported.

Capt. Ennis granted that "the enemy by now has some indication of the instrument which has caused so much damage," but said he doubted that even "with all the scientific talent in Germany," a sight like it or similar to it could be built by the Nazis during this war.

The navy was unrolling the sight because it wanted the public