

WASHINGTON Calling

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service forces, and the navy supply organization, to halt reconversion of war industries, is responsible.

They had to buck WPB and other agencies after Gen. Patton's dash across France created false optimism.

What the military is concerned about now is not tomorrow's output but production of munitions early next year.

Note: Look for Gen. Somervell to get a fourth star, soon, now that Gen. Marshall has been lifted to five-star rank. Somervell's deputy was recently given the same rank Somervell holds—lieutenant general.

ON THE EASTERN FRONT the Russians apparently are probing their way forward—as contrasted with all-out offensives.

But even if they have no offensives in progress, they are believed to be immobilizing about two-thirds of the German army.

The rest is in contact with our troops on the western front and in Italy.

Leyte Behind Schedule

MEANWHILE, our progress in the Philippines is several weeks behind schedule.

One reason, congressional sources believe, is the lack of airstrips on Leyte, which might have been used by our land-based planes.

This deficiency has now been overcome. But until it was, our operations there had to be protected by carrier-based planes.

JOHN L. LEWIS has been playing "hard to get" with the A. F. of L.

He's wheeling for the best terms possible, but that ponderous flirtation will end in accomplishment (that's John's word for it).

Reason is A. F. of L. sorely needs John in its fight against C. I. O. dominance; John and his Mine Workers just as urgently need A. F. of L. backing.

Spearheading the fight for higher wages, with seven million A. F. of L. members behind him, Lewis will be in position to become again America's foremost labor spokesman. John has many friends and much influence in various C. I. O. unions, which he founded, and will likely draw many into A. F. of L.

State Department

LOOK FOR announcement of sweeping state department reorganization, as soon as Secretary Stettinius' six well-buffed aids have been confirmed.

Stettinius has long favored modernization of department. Reorganization experts have been working night and day on plans, which are almost ready.

State department has long gone to congress with a modest budget, stressed its various economies. Now it's likely to ask generous appropriations to bring it out of the 19th century class.

Meanwhile, state and commerce departments head into a clash over supervision of foreign trade promotion after the war.

Foreign economic administration is to be liquidated, but state department faces new threat in commerce's preparations to re-establish itself abroad.

In some quarters, there's talk of new branch of cabinet level to combine functions of FEA, Export-Import bank, and state, commerce, and treasury foreign trade units.

One Thousand Club

MEMBERS of the One Thousand club—who contributed at least \$1000 each to Roosevelt's campaign and were promised the White House doors would be open to them—will eat below the salt, if they eat at all, at the

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ELECTION AIRING STARTS MONDAY

Packed House Expected to Attend 'Whodunnit and Why?' Session.

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Indiana politicians and seven U. S. senatorial investigators replete with legal counsel.

'Light Touch' for Capehart

When the senatorial investigators first dropped around three weeks ago they had another election angle in mind; namely, Senator-elect Homer Capehart's campaign expenditures. But this phase apparently was relegated to a back seat as the probe progressed. Latest unofficial report is that Mr. Capehart will be touched lightly, if at all, by the public inquiry.

It's all under the auspices of the U. S. senate campaign expenditures committee. This body, under broad powers vested in it by resolution, can peer into just about any given situation relating to the election of a senator, President or vice president.

Briefly, the quiz session, to be conducted by Senators Ball and Stewart, will air the following allegations:

THAT thousands of would-be voters were disfranchised by a vote registration mixup which saw them challenged at the polls in droves.

Claim Records Removed

THAT registrations were illegally removed from master files under the jurisdiction of County Clerk A. Jack Tilson.

THAT State Attorney General James Emmert was "out of bounds" when he instructed county election boards not to permit voting by affidavit. This would have saved challenged voters possessing registration receipts a trip to the courthouse for "write of error."

THAT the whole thing was a conspiracy to keep the Democrats from voting.

Republicans will testify that partisan politics had nothing to do with it. County Clerk Tilson will plead inexperienced and insufficient help.

Emmert to Cite Precedent

Attorney General Emmert will say his "affidavit veto" was prompted by legal precedent.

But the ruling won't be handed down before early part of 1945.

South and southwest, which contend that rate barriers against them must be reduced or eliminated, are hopeful of a favorable decision.

Battle for Influence

BATTLE FOR top influence in congress is already under way between the C. I. O. and A. F. of L. and will go into high gear when the new membership arrives in January.

Before November election, C. I. O. strength with congress was poor and A. F. of L. claimed C. I. O. endorsement was the kiss of death, even for legislation other labor bodies supported.

Tests in January will show whether this has been changed. First clash probably will come on A. F. of L.'s desire to amend the Wagner act for protection of its craft unions from "raids" by the Wagner organizations.

HOUSE REPUBLICAN members of the joint senate-house survey and study committee to be set up under the Maloney-Monrone resolution will be Reps. Dirksen (Ill.), Plumley (Vt.) and Michener (Mich.).

Rep. Mike Monrone, co-author, will be one of the Democratic members. Six senators, three from each party, will serve, with Senator Maloney as chairman.

REP. CLARE BOOTH LUCE contributed \$700 to the campaign funds of each of her five Republican colleagues up for reelection with her in Connecticut.

Only one beside herself—Rep. Joseph E. Talbot—pulled through. Rep. William J. Miller, world war I aviator who lost both legs in an airplane crash, sent the \$700 back.

2 HELD IN PAYOFF ON NUMBERS TICKET

Two men were arrested yesterday in a tavern during a payoff of ticket 59 of the mechanics' pool, police said today.

Delmore Wyatt, a patrolman in plain clothes, said that he saw Joses Anderson, 5121 Crust St., hand an envelope containing \$15 to Marshall Tucker of Indianapolis. Officer Wyatt said that both men admitted it was a numbers payoff.

Anderson was charged with pool selling and Tucker with gaming.

There's Only One Week Left For Helping the Youngsters

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Or, if you prefer, you may shop for the children yourself. All you have to do is call Rile 5551 and ask for Clothe-A-Child. Specify the day and hour you wish to shop and The Times will have the child (or children if you wish to clothe more than one) at the Clothe-A-Child office, corner W. Washington and Senate at the appointed time. The child's parents will remain at the office while you go to the store—any one you prefer—and make the purchases.

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