

WASHINGTON

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

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to be dictator. The youthful King Peter is already being thimble-rigged. He didn't have a chance from the beginning.

Hard Fight Ahead on Luzon

THE LANDING on Luzon was relatively easy and our loss in ships was negligible, but there's a great deal of hard and bloody fighting ahead for Gen. Krueger's 8th army.

The Japs have many troops there; they also have land-based planes, and their supply source in Formosa is only about 500 miles away.

We have been plastering Formosa, but we still do not have deep-water ports to supply our troops.

And don't think the Jap navy is done for. Our men look for another tough scrap with it—maybe it's going on now.

THE NEW German submarine threat could be serious to our supply lines in the European theater of operations but it isn't yet. So far subs have been operating chiefly in channel waters, congested sources say. Our losses in December were about twice what they were in November.

The Nazis may have from 200 to 300 submarines.

Fact that they're able to get enough trained crews to operate them causes surprise here. Trained undersea teams are considered more difficult to provide than first class trained aircrews.

Federal Spending

TREASURY DEPARTMENT and congress tax experts, in estimates soon to be released, will predict a lapse of five years after Germany's defeat before normal peace time budget can be reached.

They estimate first year's budget at 74 billions (assuming Jap war is still on), second year at 44 billions (assuming Jap war is over), third at 33 billions, fourth at 28 billions, and fifth at "normal" level of 21 billions.

THERE'S A chance that when the May "work or fight" bill reaches the house floor, probably week-after-next, one of the major fights will hinge on whether new 18-45 men forced into war industry will have to join unions.

It's been a hotly debated issue in house military affairs committee hearings and unless the committee can find some solution, it could start a bad labor union fight on the floor.

Odds now are the labor battalion section of the bill, which would force physically deferred draft registrants into non-combat military service if they balked at getting into war industry, will be tossed out.

The "fight" part of "work or fight" will be a misnomer. Civil penalties, like those of original selective service act, probably will provide teeth.

On draft legislation for nurses, Chairman May of house military affairs committee says mail and telegrams being received are mostly favorable—including resolutions passed by National Nursing Council for War Service, of New York.

Airlines Suffering

COMMERCIAL airlines felt the German offensive; release of transport planes for their use tightened up at once. Now, however, planes for airlines are again

Yanks Drive Six Miles Into Jap Flank on Lingayen Gulf

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west of Lingayen gulf. They declared units of the British fleet were taking part in the Philippines operation.

(The first indication that the Lingayen airfield was being used by American bombers came from Tokyo—in a broadcast reporting that 35 B-24's and 23 P-38 fighters raided Manila yesterday, and were seen returning to land in the Lingayen bay sector.)

(Tokyo also said Japanese land forces were "intercepting" U. S. troops "trying hard to drive south of the south bank of the Agno river," strongly intimating an admission of a crossing of the vital barrier.)

(The Japanese Domei agency insisted that the American forces on the southern flank of the beachhead are moving on Agulit (possibly Angulit, 10 1/2 miles inland) on the Agno river and that a major ground clash on the north central Luzon plain was imminent.)

Claim U. S. Ships Sunk

(Another Japanese broadcast said Japanese forces had sunk 31 and damaged 25 American ships in the Lingayen gulf between Jan. 5 and 10. The German Transocean agency claimed a Japanese submarine sank an American battleship last night in the gulf.)

At the center of the beachhead, American forces advanced in strength through Malasiqui, 12 miles inland, to within six miles of the Agno river line on the main highway from Lingayen gulf to Manila.

American reconnaissance patrols already have stabbed across the Agno river, along which the Japanese may attempt their first stand 90 miles north of Manila.

Japanese resistance continued feeble at the center of the beachhead, but sharp fighting was raging along the eastern perimeter roughly midway between Malasiqui and Rabon.

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CLEVELAND'S POWER NORMAL

Service Resumed as Men Return to Work Under U. S. Flag.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 13 (U. P.)—Normal power service was restored to a five-county area in and about this important war-manufacturing center today.

Striking employees of the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. returned to their jobs under orders of the army to "work or be fired."

Col. E. A. Lynn, head of the Cleveland district army ordnance department, announced that 90 percent of the strikers had reported for work.

As power service was restored, Col. Lynn rescinded a request to householders and merchants to keep use of electricity to an absolute minimum.

Walk Out Yesterday

The strikers walked off the job yesterday. They were ordered to terminate their wildcat walkout after President Roosevelt directed the army to take over the company's facilities to prevent further curtailment of war production depending on electric power from the C. E. I.

Mr. Roosevelt acted faster than he has ever done before in any seizure case.

The strike had curtailed production in at least 40 war plants and threatened to shut off power to homes, hospitals, transportation facilities, street lights and other electric-using services.

Seeks Induction Order

Meanwhile, in Columbus Governor Frank J. Lausche called upon Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, national draft director, and Ohio draft chiefs to start immediate induction of occupationally deferred C. E. I. employees between 18 and 37 who participated in the strike.

Lausche asked company officials for a list of strikers' names and addresses for referral to their draft boards for action on his request.

The wildcat strike of 40 maintenance workers reportedly started over a union steward's resentment of the company's refusal to substitute a day shift for the overnight shift to which he had been assigned.

COUPLE SENTENCED FOR CHILD NEGLECT

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taken to the Marion County Children's Guardians' home.

Judge Rhoads ordered Mr. Biehl to pay support money for his five children to the Marion county department of public welfare. He also was ordered to continue to pay \$15 a week for support of four other children by a previous marriage.

Social workers and deputy sheriffs testified in a crowded courtroom this morning that the conditions in the house were deplorable. Sticks, papers, bottles and other debris were found lying six inches deep on the floors of the three-room house, witnesses said.

Frank L. Heeb, attorney for the defense, explained that the \$95-\$96 earned every two weeks by Mr. Biehl would not reach.

Another Baby Expected

Mrs. Biehl, who is expecting another baby, said that the roof of the house and the oil stove leaked. She said there were no closets in the three-room home and that they paid \$40 a month rent.

William Cordorin, Ravenswood constable, testified that the town board had served notice on Mr. and Mrs. Edward Holtan, 4146 Washington blvd., owners of the Biehl home, that the house and three others in Ravenswood had been condemned. He said about 30 children and adults were occupying these houses.

The Biehls came here from Huntington two years ago. She was first married while a junior in high school and was expecting a baby at that time.

LEGAL FRATERNITY TO SEAT OFFICERS

William H. McKittrick will be installed president of the Indianapolis Alumni chapter of Sigma Delta Kappa, legal fraternity, at noon Monday in the Claypool hotel.

"New Horizon in World Geography" will be the subject of L. B. Douthett, of the George F. Cram Map Co., Inc., who will speak at the fraternity's first luncheon meeting this year.

Other officers who will be installed are Ray W. Hildegar, first vice president; C. Tom Johnson, second vice president; Cecil A. Berry, secretary; and Marvin E. Curle, treasurer.

The directors include Henry F. Schriber, C. Howard Caughan, Judge Dan C. Flanagan, Judge Hezlie B. Pike, Cecil A. Taylor, and Huber Patton.

Political liberty through political parties was discussed by Raymond Moley, associate editor of Newsweek magazine and one-time member of the New Deal's "inner circle," before Indiana lawyers today.

His speech highlighted the closing session of the mid-winter meeting of the Indiana State Bar association in the Claypool hotel.

The association's legislative program was introduced at a general business meeting this morning.

A special legislative committee to present bills to the Indiana general assembly concerning the judiciary and the legal profession has been appointed by Aaron H. Huguenard, president of the association.

Also elected were A. K. Schneidhelm, treasurer of Barnes-Witell Co.; Virgil Stinebaugh, school superintendent; Robert Stith, president of Stith Wake-Up System; Evan Walker, public relations director of Indianapolis Railways; Emil Woerner, business manager, Indianapolis Star; and Glenk Warren, president of the Warren Hotel Corp.

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War Veterans Called to War Plant



Two convalescing war veterans at Billings general hospital are shown receiving clearance papers from Lt. Karl E. Smith permitting them to return to their former jobs at P. R. Mallory Co., Inc. They are Pvt. Charles Millet, left, and Pfc. Oliver Grady, center.

Arrangements were being made today by officials at P. R. Mallory Co., Inc., to enlist the aid of patients at Wakeman general hospital at Camp Atterbury to help meet the firm's "enormous" war production schedules.

This was announced at the beginning of an all-out drive by plant employees and officials to recruit friends and neighbors toward the goal of 1000 new workers needed to meet production schedules for batteries.

A number of war veterans from Billings general hospital at Ft. Harrison already have volunteered to work toward increased production.

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G. I. BILLS HEAD CAPITOL'S WEEK

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property tax assessment against homes owned by honorably discharged war veterans and veterans' widows who have not remarried.

EIGHT: Permit returning veterans to deduct all mortgage indebtedness from the assessed valuation of their real estate.

Four remaining bills concern legal problems relating to war casualties or absentees. They would:

NINE: Permit servicemen under 21 to make wills and legalize all suits made since passage of the selective service act.

TEN: Authorize the official acceptance of military death notices in all courts and offices.

ELEVEN: Admit to probate, wills whose witnesses are unavailable because they are in the armed services.

TWELVE: Provide that power of attorney for agents of servicemen shall not be considered revoked by the serviceman's death if the agent has not been informed of that fact.

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Carrier Planes Renew Attacks Off Indo-China

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to Luzon, about 1000 miles to the east.

Early advice gave no clue as to whether the convoys had been wiped out completely. It appeared certain, however, that they had been forced to disperse. Such ships as might have escaped may be overhauled yet and blasted to the bottom.

(The Japanese Domei agency, in its first comment on the attacks, said approximately 90 carrier-based planes raided the "Cochin-China" sector centering around Saigon for nine and a half hours yesterday, with 20 of the planes being shot down by anti-aircraft batteries.)

No Major Units Engaged

No major Japanese fleet units were engaged in the early phase of the attack. The possibility remained, however, that the enemy might send naval forces into action to counter Adm. William F. Halsey's thrust across the South China sea. In effect, the thrust has cut the Japanese empire in two.

The toll of shipping off Indo-China brought to 286 the number of Japanese vessels sunk or damaged by the 3d fleet since Jan. 2. The over-all toll included an additional 110 ships revealed by Nimitz last night to have been sunk or damaged last Tuesday around Formosa.

That brought the toll in the Formosa raid to 33 ships sunk, including two destroyers or destroyer escorts, and 104 vessels damaged, including a destroyer and five destroyer escorts. Thirty-seven enemy planes were destroyed and 61 damaged.

Jap Battleship Blows Up

Nimitz also announced "conclusive evidence" had been obtained that the 45,000-ton Japanese battleship Musashi blew up and sank as result of damage inflicted on her by carrier planes in