

# WASHINGTON Calling

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

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On the other hand, they question the theory that shutting off the industrial area of Silesia from the Germans, and prospective occupation of the Ruhr by our forces, will end the war.

Their answer: For years the Germans have had the armament factories of all central Europe and part of Italy making munitions, and it's probable they have two years' stock on hand.

The crucial question is whether they have enough oil to go with these stocks, and recent strategic bombing seems to have concentrated on oil targets.

Another "if" has to do with food. German territory now held by Russians normally produced about 30 per cent of such staples as rice, sugar beets, potatoes, for feeding rest of the country.

CONGRESSMEN with navy sources think the Ryukyu-islands are for our present purposes, the most valuable in the Pacific.

They think with those strategic points in our possession we could strangle the Japs, and apply our air power continuously and effectively against the Nips' home islands, as well as against their installations on the China coast.

## Role for War-Weary Planes

AIR FORCES are using some war-weary planes as flying bombs, it can now be revealed.

Some worn out planes, fit only for junk, are loaded with 20,000 pounds of TNT. A pilot takes the plane off the airport, flies it to the desired altitude, then bails out.

The plane is then operated by an automatic pilot. It flies to the target—say Berlin—coasts in.

Of course such planes cannot be guided so accurately that they will hit a pinpoint target, but they will hit a specified city, or a specified section of that city.

AIRBORNE TROOPS: These operations are not to be thought as suicide missions. In Holland, where one of our largest airborne operations took place, the losses in men were less than 5 per cent.

The gliders take a beating. In the Holland thrust, we recovered in first-class shape only 500 out of 1800. Gliders cost \$13,000 apiece, which illustrates how costly war can be.

They're so designed that wings can be chopped off in landings, say by trees, without endangering the troops.

Gliders are considered expendable materiel, much more so than other aircraft. In fact they might be called "one-mission" aircraft; those which are recovered are so much "gray."

EFFICIENT FIGHTERS: We have cut our bomber losses more than 80 per cent by accompanying strike forces with large groups of long-range fighters.

Bomber commands now order "super-escorts." These include free fighters, who not only repel enemy fighters, but chase them.

Longest chase recorded: From border of Germany, across that country, across Poland, into territory occupied by Russians.

Chase ended when enemy crashed. American fighter had to land quickly, too—out of gas.

Airmen laughingly add, "Where was that Nazi going—Japan?"

OVER BOMBING—developed because average good flying weather over Europe is only five days a month this time of year—is now 75 per cent as effective as visual bombing, where the ground can see.

**Rayburn Irked?**

COLLEAGUES THINK Speaker Sam Rayburn is plenty tired of having southern Democrats run up with Republicans to run his house of representatives—as they did the opening day of the session when they re-created the Dies committee as a permanent agency of the house.

They see in this irritation the reason for the speaker's recent successful efforts to assume the leadership inherent in his job.

He put over the work-or-else bill without amendment and he got the George bill out of banking and currency committee without amendment, but the big test will come when that bill reaches the floor next week.

Sam will be lucky if he can defeat Republican amendments to the measure and a motion to re-commence.

Biggest question in next week's fight is whether anti-Wallace forces (who think his nomination will be rejected if George bill is beaten) can get 35 or 40 Democratic votes.

But Republican leader Martin

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happened. That is why we brought him with us as we came away with his comrades.

Upon reaching the open sea, we committed Bill's body to it.

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## PLAN TO RECALL EXPERT ON MEAT

Inspector Says Substandard Grade Was Furnished

To Sunnyside.

Immediately after resumption this afternoon of the trial of a former Indianapolis meat market operator on charges he supplied the Marion County Tuberculosis hospital with meats inferior to those called for in the contract with the county, the defense is expected to rest its case.

John Caylor, defense attorney, following a three-hour session last night indicated that he would not put the defendant, Louis J. Seyffert, on the stand. The defense had concluded their main discussions. The idea was not favorably received.

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after the three-power conference. In view of the fact that Gen. DeGaulle was not invited, however, Americans feel that the reception of the President's visit in official quarters would be less cordial than if it were postponed for a few months.

His reception by the public certainly would be enthusiastic at any time.

Informal soundings were taken last month to see if the French wished DeGaulle to be invited to the Big Three meeting after Churchill, Roosevelt and Marshal Stalin had concluded their main discussions. The idea was not favorably received.

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### RIOTS REPORTED INSIDE GERMANY

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Pro-George bill forces concede the opposition something over 20 Democratic votes, but think that won't be enough; aren't sure how many Republican votes they can gain.

Opponents' tactics will be to try to recommit bill to banking and currency committee. Rep. John Rankin (R. Miss.) claims he has the votes to do it.

TOM DEWEY's Lincoln day speech was liked by most Republicans, but not all G. O. P. congressional reaction was favorable.

Some G. O. P. members disengaged vigorously from his contention that differences in the last election concerned only "who were the most effective individuals and what were the most effective methods of carrying out the ideals and purpose upon which we as a people are strongly united."

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Third Court Action

The current trial is the third court action started after the Times exposed a food scandal at the sanitarium two years ago.

Guernsey Farms, Inc., was fined \$500 and costs in each of two cases growing out of allegations the firm sold "watered" milk to the hospital. Appeals from these convictions are now pending in state supreme court.

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CIO's Views

C. I. O. DELEGATIONS from practically all industrial sections of the country are slipping into Washington—one at a time so as not to overcrowd transportation and hotel facilities—and telling senators and representatives first hand what they'd like to have done.

First on the program is breaking the Little Steel formula. The C. I. O. delegates ask the congressmen from their states to call up the war labor board and urge that the wage stabilization report now being prepared for President Roosevelt be released immediately.

They think the report will show the cost of living up so much that the President will act to break the formula.

Other matters stressed by the C. I. O. delegates: Passage of a permanent FEPC bill; confirmation of Henry Wallace, even if lending agencies are transferred from the commerce department; defeat of the work-or-else bill.

Witnesses for Defense

The defense witnesses yesterday included Charles Wetzel, 325 E. 82d st., a meat inspector of the city board of health; William Jaus, 1828 Maynard st., a beef inspector for Armour & Co.; Wayne McMahan, 3716 College ave., a beef salesman for Kington & Co., and County Commissioner William Bosson Jr.

Mr. Jaus testified that the contract's specifications did not call for a definite type of grading, holding that "they actually are butcher terms of the old school."

He admitted, however, under cross-examination that the grades of meat are standard "whether graded for a country store or the city market."

His Head on Stand

Witnesses for the state included Mr. Wahl, Dr. Frank L. Jennings, superintendent of the hospital; Miss Audrey C. Bulen, hospital bookkeeper; County Auditor Ralph F. Moore; Roscoe Mason, hospital storekeeper; Merrice Horton, 517 N. Emerson ave., a former bookkeeper for the Kuhn market; Saul Rabb, chief deputy prosecutor; and Charles Russell, chief investigator for the prosecutor's office.

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