

WASHINGTON Calling

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

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'Jap Water Rats' Damage Ships

PRE-LANDING and landing operations at Okinawa and the two neighboring islands were not without damage to some of our ships.

"Jap water rats" helped do this damage. The Japs have their counterparts of our P. E. boats, little vessels carrying torpedoes.

V-E day has come and gone. That's the way they're saying it here. We're now in V-E period, which may last 60 days or more.

Another way of putting it: strategically, remainder of the war in Europe is a tactical job. Desire of Americans to celebrate has been cooled, anyway, by army announcement that armies in Europe would be moved at once to the Pacific war.

INFORMED SOURCES here don't expect much movement on the Russian front closest to Berlin until the final collapse of the German army; expect our forces and the Russians to reach Berlin at the same time.

Leveling Off

WAR DEPARTMENT has quietly canceled connection of artillery and mortar plants which wouldn't have got into production before the end of this year. It's also leveling off, at the present production rate, two types of small arms ammunition. No cutbacks yet in this field, but there'll probably be no more increases, no more breaking of production records.

Supplies to the Pacific will be doubled—approximately—when war ends in Europe, yet this will take only about 70 per cent of the supplies both ways together have been eating up. And guessing here is that Pacific war will require lighter ordnance—fewer heavier fortifications to storm.

NEWEST TIP on demobilization plans comes from statement of Veterans Administrator Hines before American Legion's employment conference.

In first year after German defeat, Hines said, 1,325,000 new jobs must be found for returning veterans, 880,000 must be re-instated in their old jobs, 78,000 will enter business or farming, 110,000 will resume education or get vocational training.

But: The figures add up to 2,393,000, a total similar to the one Hines used in February, when he got crossed up with the war department. Hines said the discharge rate after V-E day would be 200,000 to 250,000 a month, but Secretary Stimson promptly labeled the figure "unauthorized and inaccurate."

Law Partners?

LOOK FOR announcement of a Byrnes-Cohen law partnership. Jimmy Byrnes and Ben Cohen are both out of government of New York. Last time in years, will practice together in Spartanburg and Washington.

STORY GOING

The rounds here is that Jesse Jones might run for the senate next year in Texas. If so, he'd have to oppose Senator Tom Connally, the man who tried to help him keep part, at least, of his government job. Connally told the President that Wallace couldn't be confirmed for both, and thought Jones would stay in as loan administrator. Texas politicians here believe that in a Jones-Connally contest in Texas, Long Town would win hands-down.

MEANWHILE, Jesse's hand still rests heavily on the federal loan

WEATHER OUTLOOK: A MILD WEEK-END

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versity reported that the frost, brought by temperatures ranging as low as 25 degrees, nipped the blossoms of lowland orchards and trees. The pear crop suffered most acutely, with smaller loss to cherries and apples, they said.

Knox county growers said the peach crop was safe. The early development of leaves protected many fruit trees. The leaves served as umbrellas for the blossoms, according to County Agricultural Agent A. M. Bickel of Evansville. The Vanderburgh county fruit crop was damaged only slightly, he said.

County Agent Walter Rogers of Bloomington was pessimistic about the situation in Monroe county. He said the low temperature and heavy frost wiped out much of the fruit crop there.

Temperatures last night were about 10 degrees above the Friday readings, and heavy frosts held off a repeat visit to Indiana.

TRIO'S RECAPTURE

MADE BY SHERIFF

BEDFORD, Ind., April 7 (U. P.)—Lawrence county Sheriff Lester Hays said today he was holding three of four prisoners who escaped from the state penitentiary at Putnamville Thursday.

The trio, Leonard Baysinger, 26, of Bedford; Raymond Hensley, 22, of Indianapolis; and Joseph Roy Yarbrough, 18, of Vincennes, were captured yesterday by police and Deputy sheriffs when they were tracked on the Monon railroad tracks near Mitchell.

Clyde Sullivan, 17, of Shelbyville, still was at large.

Hays said the men would be questioned concerning the theft of a car at Cloverdale shortly after the four escaped from the farm.

PLANES SINK 6 JAP WARSHIPS

Super-Battleship Is Among Okinawa Victims.

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and probably commissioned after the start of the Pacific war. It was rated at better than 40,000 tons but the exact figure never was known. It was supposed to have been armed with nine 16-inch guns and had a speed of 30 knots or better.

The Okinawa sea-air battle, Nimitz revealed, opened yesterday, Guam time, with a strong Japanese air attack launched against our forces on Okinawa and the concentration of ships lying off shore.

The Japanese "pressed their attacks with desperation," Nimitz said, and succeeded in sinking three U. S. destroyers and damaging several other smaller craft. But they failed to hit any of our larger fleet units.

In this battle the fleet carrier fighters had a field day, knocking 245 Jap planes out of the sky while fighter plane pilots on Okinawa and ack-ack batteries there accounted for another 116.

Early today fleet air search planes sighted a Japanese surface fleet which had steamed out of its refuge in the inland sea and, passing south of the main Japanese island of Kyushu, had headed into the east China sea.

The force, possibly as strong as a fleet as the Japs could muster for their all-out effort to oust us from Okinawa, was seen to comprise the Yamato, one Agano class light cruiser, another smaller light cruiser or large destroyer and an unspecified number of other destroyers.

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Attacking the Japanese at a point only 50 miles southwest of Kyushu, they rained at least eight torpedoes into the big Yamato and rained eight heavy bombs onto her. She sank. In the same vicinity they sank the Agano cruiser, the small cruiser and three destroyers. Three other destroyers were left afloat.

"About three destroyers escaped from this attack," Nimitz said. The carrier forces which made the attack were commanded by Rear Admiral K. G. Sherman. A. W. Radford, G. F. Bogan and J. J. Clark.

The weight of the enemy attack made it plain that the desperate Japanese, in the midst of a deep cabinet crisis, with American forces firmly installed at Okinawa and faced with the Soviet denunciation of the Russo-Jap neutrality pact, had made a do-or-die attempt to drive us from Okinawa.

At the same time on land American forces were engaged in a bitter Japanese opposition as they moved into the strong positions designed to protect the northern tip of Okinawa and the capital of Naha.

Nimitz reported that, nevertheless, marine forces at the north drove forward across the Ishikawa isthmus from Chuda on the west to the mouth of the Kimbaru river on the east.

To the south army troops gained about 2,000 yards and occupied the town of Tsuwa.

RABBI WILL SPEAK ON 'TIDE OF HATE'

Rabbi James G. Heller, spiritual leader, will speak at the final lecture of the season of the Indianapolis Open Forum at 8:15 p. m. tomorrow at the Kirshbaum center. His subject will be "The Rising Tide of Hate."

A founder and for two years president of the Cincinnati Peace League, Dr. Heller has served as a member of the Metropolitan board of the Cincinnati Y. M. C. A. and of the Cincinnati board of education. He has been spiritual leader of the Isaac M. Wise temple of Cincinnati since 1920.

Times Camera Man Helps Capture Flock of Royalty

WITH U. S. 9TH ARMY, Germany, April 7 (U. P.)—Troops of the 83d division found the mother of Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands at the estate of her brother in Bad Driberg, eight miles east of Paderborn.

Lt. Hamlin Welling, Indianapolis Times photographer on leave, and two military government officers of the 83d division drove up to the chateau.

Welling said there was a "whole house full of royalty with long names I don't remember," the occupants included Bernhard's mother, Princess Armgard zu Lippe-Biesterfeld, sister of Count Oeyenhaven-Sierstorf.

She's German Citizen

"We had heard that there was royalty at Bad Driberg, but we didn't expect to find the mother of Prince Bernhard," Welling said. "We hoped it would be King Leopold of Belgium."

He said the prince's mother was a German citizen and she is going to be treated like any other German citizen. The group, he said, included "some kind of a baron

who had lost an arm on the Russian front."

The estate was placed "off limits" by the military government.

Lt. Welling, familiarly known as "Ham" to his friends in Indianapolis, formerly reported news of the 83d division while it was training at Camp Atterbury.

As a civilian, "Ham" photographed the officers, including generals of the army and wrote stories about them in the earlier days of the war for The Times.

His friends chuckled when it was learned that he was assigned again to his old love, the 83d infantry division, in France and Germany.

His wife, Eleanor, is a member of the WAVES and is stationed in the east.

Reds' Breach of Jap Pact Raises Conference Hopes

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A conclave of free nations on the Pacific shores of the United States is almost oriental in its subtlety and placing.

With Germany sliced into ribbons and Japan tottering to defeat, the San Francisco assembly takes on the form of a political dagger thrust into the enemy's heart.

Within the next two weeks while the delegates are moving toward California, the military phases of the world war will have moved with incredible speed toward the finish.

By the time they meet for the first time on April 25, the work of organizing a new world system also will have been completed.

It is hoped that the financial rehabilitation of the world, outlined at Bretton Woods, will have been accepted by the legislative assemblies of the great powers, including our own.

Peace Plan Imperative

The other affiliated organizations, such as U. N. R. R. A. will be functioning as planned.

As Germany and Japan bow to the inevitable, the organization for security and peace with justice will be under way.

Argument over the conduct of world affairs, voting procedures, or the use of force has played its valuable role in acquainting the free peoples with the nature of the work to be done at San Francisco. The argument has been heated in spots and occasionally bitter but the air is cleared.

Everyone knows today that any sort of a structure for world peace would be better than none and that will be the spirit in which the San Francisco conference will begin its work.

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4th of Remaining Jap Fleet Wrecked in Okinawa Battle

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homeland untenable because of the air raids and the constant aerial observation, the spokesman said. "They may have been coming out to go someplace else to hide," he added.

He was asked "how much of the Japanese fleet did we get in this latest battle?"

"It looks like a good 25 per cent of the remaining naval Japanese combat force," he replied.

The spokesman said that the Japanese force did not include that many destroyers. He thought that in the excitement of battle more of these craft were reported than actually existed.

IRATE DOG LOVERS SEEKING POISONER

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block on Arnold ave., the 400 block on Ketchum ave., the 1050 block on 10th ave., the 1050 block on 10th ave., the 400 block on Mooreland ave., the 400 block on Mooreland ave., the 400 block on Centennial ave., 400 block on Goodlet ave., and the 3300 block on W. Michigan st.

Other poisonings have been rumored, but not officially reported in the neighborhood. Sgt. Winkler said.

LEAGUE OPPOSES SOFTBALL FIELD

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CARD PARTY MONDAY

Indianapolis Lodge No. 137, Ladies' Society of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, will give a card party at 1:30 p. m. Monday in the Food Craft shop.

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ALLIES FLANK 2 REICH CITIES

Capture of Bremen and Hannover Appears Near.

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to lope off the Danish peninsula with a 100-mile drive northeast from Bremen to the Baltic coast at Lubeck.

American 8th army infantrymen were rapidly mopping up by-passed German units between their armored spearheads. They cleaned out all organized opposition along the west bank of the Weser around the Hameln-bridgehead and stabbed south into the northern flank of the Ruhr trap. Soest and nearby Ost Onnen were being mopped up and the Americans were within two miles northwest of Dortmund.

Over 170,000 Prisoners

The 9th army captured 17,530 prisoners yesterday, and 4,000 or more were taken by the 3d army, plus undisclosed thousands rounded up by the five other allied armies ripping through the German defenses.

That ran the German losses for the first six days of April alone to 170,000 or more prisoners, a rate that headquarters observers believed might collapse the Wehrmacht's organized resistance in the west before the first of May.

German resistance already was breaking up into little more than guerrilla warfare at many points on the Bremen-Hannover line and in Holland, where the Canadian 1st army virtually closed the last escape road for an estimated 50,000 Germans pocketed along the Dutch coast.

The British 2d army's famed "desert rats" of the 7th armored division, who reached the western edge of the Weser valley yesterday after a two-day, 60-mile advance from the Osnabrueck-Rheine area, wheeled northward early today and piled up another gain of perhaps 22 miles.

Front dispatches said they reached a point 12 miles due south of Bremen, Germany's second seaport, and were closing swiftly on the city against almost non-existent opposition.

But American 1st army troops still were meeting savage and coherent opposition along the west bank of the Weser farther south.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's 3d army in central Germany ran into furious Nazi counter-attacks that recaptured one American-held town and threatened a second.

While Patton's far-flung tank columns slowed down momentarily to regroup and bring up fresh supplies for the drive on Berlin, two strong bands of Nazi elite guards broke loose on a wild gun spree, behind his advanced columns.

Riflemen Attack

A force of at least 400 German riflemen, backed up by four tanks, struck suddenly at American infantrymen in Struth, five miles west of captured Muehlhausen.

The Germans attacked in the pre-dawn darkness this morning and drove the American riflemen back to their original positions in a bitter street fight.

The surprise attack followed by a few hours a similar counterblow against American-held Bad Sooden, 14 miles west of Struth and 19 miles east of Kassel. The fight was still raging furiously around Bad Sooden early today, but the Americans apparently were more firmly established there and appeared to be holding fast.

No spectacular gains were reported in the past 24 hours by the 3d army's advanced tank elements, which were 126 miles southwest of Berlin and 62 miles west of Leipzig in the Schlotheim area.

Report Air Reinforcements

The 6th armored division, however, advanced seven miles to the Keula area, eight miles northwest of Schlotheim and 129 miles from Berlin. Langensalza, nine miles south of Schlotheim, also was cleared.

The Germans said Patton was ferrying in tanks by air to the 6th armored at Langensalza, but there was no confirmation of rumors that armored reinforcements were being dropped by air to a 3d army force in the Elisen area, 90 miles southwest of Berlin.

A radio Luxembourg report that Patton's men had reached positions 49 miles west of the Czechoslovak border also was without confirmation early today.

FIRE DESTROYS GARAGE

ALBION, April 7 (U. P.)—The Noble county highway department garage was destroyed by fire last night, with the loss estimated at \$100,000. Besides the building, 14 pieces of road equipment and a large number of drums of oil were burned.

Grandma's Most Treasured Gift on Mother's Day Will Be a Fine New Photograph of Her Favorite Grandchild

Have Your Youngster Photographed Tomorrow

SUNDAY HOURS 11 TILL 6
OTHER EVENINGS TILL 8:30

TOWER STUDIOS
STREET FLOOR
57 MONUMENT CIRCLE
IN IRVINGTON, 11 S. RITTER AVE.
SUNDAYS, 1-5:30; DAILY, 9-6

Brothers on Ship



Coast Guardsman Merrill O. Polk, quartermaster 3-c (left), and his brother, Fireman 1-c Marvin A. Polk, both of 1625 E. Kelly st., were reunited recently somewhere in the southwest Pacific aboard a coastguard-manned army repair ship. The vessel on which Quartermaster Polk is stationed gets damaged units of the fleet back into action.

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'UTMOST SACRIFICE' REQUIRED OF NAZIS

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LONDON, April 7 (U. P.)—The old guard of the Nazis, the brown-shirts of the S. A. stormtroopers, were summoned today in the name of Adolf Hitler to a sacrificial defense of Germany.

Wilhelm Schepmann, S. A. chief of staff, issued an order of the day admonishing the Brown Shirts to make the "utmost sacrifice" in a supreme effort to crush their enemies, not only in the homeland but "in enemy-occupied territories and everywhere."

The 11th-hour appeal was broadcast by the Berlin radio's home service in the name of Hitler. It put on Hitler's own storm troopers the responsibility of sacrificing everything, including their lives if necessary, in a last ditch defense of Germany.

Promotes Nazi General

The order struck an almost hysterical note in appealing to the Brown Shirts to "stand in the foremost line in these grave days." It said that "today more than ever before everything depends on ourselves."

Another German broadcast said Hitler had promoted Col. Gen. Ferdinand von Schoerner, a diehard Nazi, to the rank of field marshal and given him command of the Eastern front.

Col. Gen. Heinz Guderian, former Eastern front commander, was reported under arrest for negligence in dealing with the Russian breakthrough to the Oder river 300 miles east of Berlin.

The choice of Schoerner to command the Eastern front would put staunch Nazis in charge of German armies in both the east and west. Field Marshal Albert Kesselring, another follower of Hitler, was shifted to the Western front just before the allied break-through last month.

The move may have been prompted by the fact that Col. Gen. Guderian was reported to be in the hospital, realizing that the war had been lost and hopeful of salvaging something of the army, would attempt to make peace with the allies.

DRIVER BADLY HURT IN TRAFFIC CRASH

Joseph O'Neill, 40, of 3308 Central ave., was in critical condition at City hospital today from injuries received when his automobile was rammed by a Marion county sheriff's car yesterday at Meridian and Minnesota sts.

Mr. O'Neill was driving west on Minnesota st. The sheriff's car, on an emergency run, was heading south on Meridian st. Mr. O'Neill received chest, face and arm injuries. Deputies Michael Zorman, 37, driver of the squad car, and Charles Davis, 43, were treated for superficial cuts.

Deputy Sheriff Robert Imhausen slated Mr. O'Neill in Speedway magistrates court on a charge of failure to give right of way to an emergency vehicle. The hearing was set for April 8.

Mr. O'Neill was on duty as a circulation employee of The Times when the accident occurred.

MURDER CASE GOES TO JURORS TODAY

The Mersing murder trial was to go to an all-woman jury this afternoon after the state had presented two rebuttal witnesses and attorneys had given final arguments.

William J. Mersing, on trial for the shotgun slaying of Cpl. Alfred J. Arpin in the apartment of Miss Louise Wilson, 612 N. Delaware st., testified that he knocked on the door with the gun, then "heard an explosion." The murder occurred on the night of Jan. 28, 1944.

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JAPS' PREMIER IS PESSIMISTIC

Forms New 'Battle' Cabinet, Shakes Up High Command.

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Completion of the cabinet was delayed by the American Superfortress attack on Tokyo this morning, Domei agency said.

Only two members, Navy Minister Mitsumasa Yonai and Justice Minister Hiromasa Matsuzaka, were retained from the cabinet of Gen. Kuniaki Koiso, which resigned two days ago in a storm of criticism over Japan's recent military defeat.

Named War Minister

Gen. Koriyoshi ANAMI, director general of army aviation headquarters, was named war minister and Adm. Tetsuro Toyada, former chief of the navy aviation department, was given the posts of munitions, transportation and communications minister.

Other members of the new cabinet, almost all veteran career civil servants, were:

Toyoukazu Hirose, finance; Kozo Ota, education; Tadashiko Okada, welfare; Genki Abe, home affairs; Takeshige Ishiguro, agriculture and commerce; Hiroshi Shimomura, state minister and president of the board of information; Seizo Sakonji and Hyogoro Sakurai, state ministers; Hisatane Sakomizu, chief cabinet secretary, and Chokkyo Murase, chief of the legislative bureau.

'Battle' Government

Anami, the new war minister, was vice minister of war before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. He was appointed director general of the army aviation headquarters and concurrently a member of the Japanese supreme war council last Dec. 26.

Abe, the new home minister, was a former superintendent general of the metropolitan police board and a veteran police official.

The cabinet was Japan's third of the war. It was hailed in advance by the Japanese press as a "battle" government that would unite Japan and utilize all her resources to turn the tide of the war against the allies.

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