

WASHINGTON

Calling

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

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Under this hammering they believe the Japs will crack to save themselves and their industries from destruction. But they believe it will take the bigger, more frequent raids, to get unconditional surrender.

SAN FRANCISCO STORY: Well-heeled Senator Capenhart (R. Ind.) arrived uninvited at the conference in a navy plane and announced he was throwing a big cocktail party, inviting all the top-rankers including Molotov. It was during the official period of mourning for President Roosevelt, and protocol on this-and other-points-was being strictly observed. No top-rankers showed up, and Capenhart sizzled.

He's gone to Europe now.

PROGRESS REPORT on Jimmy Byrnes: Congressional sources say that when the former senator-supreme court justice-war mobilizer left here last week he looked happier than he had for a long time.

Smart money is still on Byrnes as next secretary of state.

Top Republican leaders concede Truman has moved far out in front politically in his first six weeks as President, has made no important mistakes. But they say it's still a long way to '48.

Appointment of three westerners to the cabinet this week, plus Truman's projected visit into the northwest, convinces them he is moving already to build fences for the next presidential race.

HEREIN LIE TOP Republican hopes: Eventually Truman must decide to go with the conservative southern wing of the Democratic party or the Henry Wallace-Sidney Hillman wing. They hope he'll not be able to hold the two together as Roosevelt did.

Many think he'll swing to the Wallace-Hillman side. It's numerically stronger.

Note: Cmdr. Harold E. Stassen, who has taken up the one-world mantle of Wendell Willkie, is also inheriting the political hatred many house and senate Republicans felt for Willkie. This group acknowledges his political acumen—but will try to keep him from being nominated for President.

Congress Calendar

WEARY CONGRESSMEN hope for a recess by July 15, but it will take a lot of doing to get appropriation bills, Bretton Woods, reciprocal trade, OPA extension, out of the way by that time.

Going home to their districts is anything but a vacation, congressmen say, but they feel they've got to mend fences, and many plan junkets.

Already absenteeism—wihi many members in Europe—is one of Democrats' biggest problems. It has worried house leaders particularly because of the close fight on the reciprocal trade program, coming to a head in the house today.

It's mostly a straight party fight—and more Democrats are absent.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN army and war mobilization office are delaying submission of 1946 war department budget to congress. Mobilization Director Vinson has challenged some of the estimates of Gen. Somervell, army supply chief, contending that more cutbacks are warranted for war against single enemy. With little more than a month remaining.

ACCIDENTS KILL 2; CHILD IS CRITICAL

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their car sideswiped a gasoline truck at 56th st. and Allisonville rd. The injured were Delbert Petro, 27, of 2711 Shelby st., and his two sisters, Grace Fraze, 17, and Clara Fraze, 16, both of Noblesville. Petro was arrested and charged with reckless driving and operating a car while under the influence of liquor.

After striking the gas truck, Petro's car smashed into a car driven by a soldier, James Mayer Jr., who was reported uninjured.

A policeman, Sgt. John Jones, 27, was injured when his squad car struck a gasoline truck while he and his partner, Patrolman Ed Clark were chasing a speeder at Southeastern and Villa aves. Clark was reported unhurt.

46 WILL RECEIVE NURSING DIPLOMAS

Commencement exercises for the graduating class of the City Hospital School of Nursing will be held at 4 p. m. tomorrow in the War Memorial auditorium. Re Worth Shumaker, acting director of the American Legion's Americanism department, will be the speaker.

Indianapolis graduates in the class of 46 include Anna B. Colline, Elmer Cromer, Mildred L. Hamilton, Dorothy M. Jones, Iola R. Lankin, Rosemary Lay and Virginia W. Miller.

Others are Patricia L. Pickard, Ruth V. Pope, Betty J. Shirley, Janet R. Simerly, Virginia Van Meter and Eunice J. Wood.

A junior-senior dance will be held at the Columbia club tonight.

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MOST OF TOKYO IS DESTROYED

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Jap Premier Says Whole City Must Be Rebuilt.

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It also conceded "considerable damage" elsewhere in the city.

A Japanese Domesi dispatch said Suzuki told the cabinet that after seeing the imperial palace catch fire, he had approached Hirohito "humble in my trepidation as a humble servant of his imperial majesty."

Social Security

REVAMPED WAGNER-MURRAY-DINGELL bill widening social security program contemplates government absorption of \$6,500,000 credits built up for state-operated unemployment insurance, thereby opening the way for bitter battle in congress. Rep. Dingell (D. Mich.) concedes proposed federalization of insurance system is most controversial item of bill (state's rights issue, equalization of benefits in high and low wage areas).

Insurance provision faces rough going in house ways and means committee, where Republicans, conservative Democrats oppose it.

Customs officials at Canadian border cities are grumbling because of added burdens put on them of collecting red ration points from U. S. citizens streaming over the line to buy unrationed Canadian meat. Buyers are complaining, too, at being forced to surrender points for purchases out of the country. One day's "take" in Detroit: 100,000 red points.

STOCK BREWS over our labor policy for occupied Germany, Joseph D. Keenan, deputy in charge of manpower on our control commission staff, has picked his labor advisers from the A. F. of L. Charge is made here that their idea is to organize German labor unions along A. F. of L. lines while workers in the rest of Europe—including parts of Germany under control of other allies—will be in the new international labor organization outlined at the London World Trade Union Congress. A. F. of L. won't join bitterly opposes this organization.

Labor Picture

C. I. O. HAS OTHER troubles. It's had nothing to say about the new secretary of labor Judge Lewis B. Schwellenbach, whose selection has been warmly praised by A. F. of L. officials. C. I. O. apparently fears Schwellenbach is too close to Dave Beck, Pacific northwest teamsters' czar.

C. I. O. was to have had an assistant secretary of labor on the staff of Miss Perkins. Papers for appointment of John W. Gibson, president of the Michigan C. I. O., were made out, ready for signature, when Mr. Roosevelt died.

INDICATIONS ARE Wickard will be confirmed as REA administrator without too much trouble. Top Democrats will support him. House will try to put REA under the RFC (where its funds come from) instead of approving the Senate bill making it a separate agency.

Rep. Philbin (D. Mass.) is being urged by colleagues to revive resolution for independent house investigation of veterans administration. Movement reflects dissatisfaction among some congressmen over methods of Rankin's veterans committee. In two weeks of hearings, Rankin has done little except investigate critics of veterans administration, not VA itself. Talk is of reviving Philbin measure by committee discharge procedure, requiring 218 petitioners.

Man's Tomatoes Salted Too Soon

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SOMEBODY salted George Turner's tomatoes before they got above ground. As a result they never will grow.

Mr. Turner, whose victory garden lies behind his filling station at 4107 Madison ave., complained to police today that his tomato plants had shriveled up.

The officers investigated closely and learned that an abundance of salt had been sprinkled over the plot.

They said that ruined the tomatoes.

COUNTY IS PLANNING UNDERGROUND VAULT

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County commissioners today were mulling over the idea of building a \$40,000 underground storage vault, where county records would be cached.

They were considering asking a \$40,000 bond issue of the county council, with whom they had just signed a political peace treaty yesterday after warring for two years.

A pile of records now straining the fourth floor of the courthouse was termed a safety hazard.

Commissioners said they propose to construct a fireproof cavern, connected with a basement room of the courthouse by a tunnel.

PIMPLES

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Japan to Feel Bomb Might Despite U. S. Plane Cutback

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planes from production planned for the next 18 months.

By weight, there will be a 30 per cent cut in the last half of this year from production in the first half.

Another 10 per cent will be lopped off during the first half of 1946 and an additional five per cent during the remaining portion of the year.

This 45 per cent total reduction, which will affect three fighter planes, three bombers and three cargo planes, will touch virtually every city in the nation manufacturing planes.

The army gave no indication of how many employees would be thrown out of work by the cutback. But it was certain to cause grave concern to President R. J. Thomas of the United Auto Workers (C. I. O.) who left here last night for the West coast.

Thomas' union, the nation's largest with over 1,000,000 members, has one-third to one-half of its membership working in aircraft plants.

Thomas—here during the past two days for talks with government officials on plans for keeping employment at high levels during cutbacks—told reporters he had heard nothing to change his opinion that there is inadequate preparation to prevent mass unemployment.

The army's announced cutback will eliminate a total of 17,000

CUTBACK EFFECTS HERE ARE STUDIED

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siderable cutback in motors sometime ago. If there is an additional cutback, our situation here will be affected.

Curtiss-Wright propeller division officials said that the cutback would have little effect on production schedules there because the plant is almost solely engaged in making propellers for big bombers.

Allison division officials closely studied newspaper reports because government notification still had not been received.

Allison already has had a considerable cutback in production of engines for the P-38.

Allison had expected to continue production of engines for the P-63, another plane affected in the order, and had some plans for production of the P-80 for 1946.

The company's plan to employ even more than the present staff of 14,000 employees may be abruptly changed, officials said.

In addition to the big war planes, hundreds of smaller planes, which make small airplane parts in addition to subcontracting for the larger planes, will be vitally affected.

The physical aspects of the imperial abode have been destroyed, but its moral and spiritual aspects are permanent and indestructible.

The commentator said the inhabitants of Tokyo were thronging toward the Nujabashi entrance to the palace in a continuous stream to express through silent prayer their elation and loyalty and devotion to the throne and to pledge their determination not to rest their arms until victory.

Burned to Ground

A later broadcast said the greater part of metropolitan Tokyo was laid waste. Practically all of the business center, untouched in the 23 previous American raids, was burned to the ground it said.

Among the buildings "reduced to ashes," Tokyo said, were the Atago shrine, the Iwakura shrine, the Zojoji temple, Kelya university, Bunyoku university, six middle and seven elementary schools, several large hospitals, the Soviet embassy, the Swedish legation and the Finnish legation.

U. S. Embassy Hit

A portion of the former United States embassy also was destroyed, the enemy account said.

Tokyo called the attack the worst since Superfortresses opened their assault on the capital six months ago.

Thirty-six square miles—one-sixth of Tokyo had been burned out in previous raids, the latest only Thursday, and Japanese broadcasts indicated today's was the coup de grace.

The B-29 chose for today's target the central government, business and industrial area of Tokyo, including Te Giza, Japan's broadway, and Marunouchi, her Fifth avenue.

In addition to the government ministries, high priority targets in the area included the Shingawa railway yards along the waterfront.

USE BAKA BOMBS AGAINST SUPERFORTS

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GUAM, May 26 (U. P.) — The Japanese hurled their new Baka bombs—rockets with suicide pilots—against the Superfortress fleet which set Tokyo afire early today, returning crew members reported.

The Superfortress crews claimed at least three of the Baka bombs were shot down in one of the fiercest air battles yet fought over the Japanese capital.

It was the first confirmation of the use of the new suicide weapon against the Superforts.

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War Department Rules on Nazi-Striking Term.

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found that while none of the prisoners was injured, McGee had violated the section of the Geneva convention pact on treatment of war prisoners in not protecting them against insults.

Disclosure yesterday of the court-martial sentence aroused a flood of protests all over the nation.

Hoosier Post 624, V. F. W., of Indianapolis, started the ball rolling for a congressional investigation with a unanimous protest which they sent to Senators Willis and Clegg and Rep. Ludlow.

Guests at the services will be Mrs. Braly's daughters, Mrs. May Beaver, Marrott hotel and Mrs. Ruby Latham, Oklahoma City, Okla.; her son, Frank, Oklahoma City; her granddaughter, Mrs. Ruby Gene Zilliken, and her great-granddaughter, Mrs. Janet May Zilliken, both of Flint, Mich.

Circle members who will take part in the services are Mrs. Olive King, guardian; Mrs. Rose Green, Mrs. Mayme Eichel, Mrs. Oma Love, Mrs. Nina Hudson, Mrs. Alvina Baker, Mrs. Myrtle Turpin, Miss Marie Mills, Mrs. Pat Lahman, Mrs. Evelyn Joyce, Miss Mary Miller, Mrs. Minnie Silvey, Mrs. Bessie Matlock, Mrs. Louie H. Mills, Mrs. Dorothy Crane.

Members from circles in Frankfort, Anderson, Lafayette, Elwood, Milwaukee, Waukegan and Washington, D. C. are expected to attend the service.

CITY WILL COLLECT BOOKS FOR RUSSIANS

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A campaign to collect English-language classics for bombed, burned and looted libraries in the Soviet Union will begin here Monday as part of the nation-wide drive to collect 1,000,000 volumes under the auspices of Russian war relief.

Meredith Nicholson, Hoosier author, is honorary chairman of the Indianapolis drive, and Dr. James H. Peeling, Butler university sociology professor, is general chairman.

Books may be left at all city libraries, Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. branches, and a number of drug stores, book stores, hospitals and churches. Not acceptable are "dumbfounds," cheap novels, juvenile and text books, dictionaries, encyclopedias or translations. Paper bound books cannot be shipped.

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