

WASHINGTON

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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 Capehart (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 Capehart sized.

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—with 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 remain-

Calling

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ing before new fiscal year begins, house appropriations committee is stalled.

Committee plans closer scrutiny of supply estimates than heretofore, believing any justifiable cuts will speed reconversion, reduce employment problems later.

Social Security

REVAMPED WAGNER-MURRAY-DINGELL bill widening social security program contains 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.

STORM 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—many 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, John L. Lewis. B. Schweilenbach, whose selection has been warmly praised by A. F. of L. officials, C. I. O. apparently feels Schweilenbach 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. council, 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 new 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

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

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.

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MOST OF TOKYO IS DESTROYED

Jap Premier Says Whole City Must Be Rebuilt.

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

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

"To Defend His Majesty"

At the same time, Suzuki said, he could not help but renew his determination to "smash this enemy of humanity and to defend his majesty to the last."

"I firmly believe that the people of this nation equally share my feelings toward the entire American nation," he said.

The enemy account said huge fires turned vast industrial, business and residential sections of Tokyo into "blazing infernos" and destroyed numerous landmarks.

Civilians, old and young alike, turned out to help fight the fires, which apparently still were raging more than 18 hours after the start of the raid.

Transportation facilities were "temporarily interrupted," Tokyo said.

9 Square Miles Burning

Crews who manned the 500 B-29s participating in the raid said nine square miles of central Tokyo around the imperial palace were in flames when they turned homeward. They said they didn't see how the palace could escape at least some damage.

But first confirmation that the palace had been all but destroyed came in a news commentary over the Tokyo radio following the regular Saturday afternoon newscast.

The Japanese imperial palace, the focal point of the Japanese people's foremost devoted attention and undying loyalty, was destroyed for the most part early this morning by a concerted incendiary attack," the commentator said.

Relief to People

"Their imperial majesties, the emperor and the empress, are, however, safe and the announcement of this fact to the nation has given indescribable relief to the people."

"So, too, was the announcement that the imperial sanctuary, the symbol of the nation's sacred spiritual traditions, has escaped destruction."

"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 Nijubashi entrance to the palace in a continuous stream to "express through silent prayer their belief 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 Ikawa shrine, the Zojoji temple, Kelya university, Bunryuka 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-29s chose for today's target the central government, business and industrial area of Tokyo, including Te Giza, Japan's Broadway, and Marunouchi, her Fifth ave.

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

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Japan to Feel Bomb Might

Despite U. S. Plane Cutback

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Even eliminated, production of B-29s would increase for several months. After that production will be held at a sustained high rate.

The still shadowy B-32 "Dominate" super bomber, which had been expected to take its place alongside the B-29, apparently is destined to fade entirely out of the picture. Its production will be cut back sharply and ended at the end of the year.

Big sister of the B-34 Liberator bomber, the "Dominate" has never been reported in action.

Its sudden curtailment seemed to indicate that after some degree of production it had unexpectedly proved unfit or uneconomical for use in the Japanese war.

Cutback of 17,000

There have been other, even bigger super bombers reported in various stages of development. To date, however, there has been no official indication that any of them were far enough along to be used in this war.

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

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 next 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 plants.

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.

Plans to See Kaiser

He said he planned to confer next week in Oakland, Cal., with the West coast industrialist, Henry J. Kaiser. Thomas believes Kaiser plans to acquire many government war plants throughout the nation as soon as they are sold as surplus.

Thomas indicated he hoped Kaiser would be able to jump into the breach caused by war contract cancellations quickly enough to provide jobs for some of the U. A. W.'s many members who will be thrown out of jobs by cutbacks such as the army plane reduction program.

The army said lower requirements for a one-front war and lend-lease cutbacks made its plane slash possible.

The cutback affected three fighter planes, the P-38, P-63 and P-80; three bombers, the B-32, B-17 and A-26, and three cargo planes, the C-45, C-46 and C-47.

KELLY'S DAUGHTER

ON WITNESS STAND

Fifteen-year-old Joan Kelly was a state's witness today in the first degree murder trial of her father, Charles E. Kelly, suspended city fireman.

The girl graphically described a number of arguments her mother, Mrs. Ruth Kelly, had engaged in with the defendant before she was fatally shot last September.

In an unwavering voice Miss Kelly told the jury her father and mother had been quarreling since 1943, frequently over Kelly's drinking habits. Kelly is charged with having slain his wife following a spat.

USE BAKA BOMBS

AGAINST SUPERFORTS

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

The Superfortresses 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.

RESTORE M'GEE

TO ACTIVE DUTY

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War Department Rules on Nazi-Striking Term.

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 Capehart and Rep. Ludlow.

Officers at the disciplinary barracks at Ft. Harrison, where Pvt. Joseph McGee has been held since May 12, said the news of the restoration to duty was "news" to them.

Until the order comes through official army channels he will remain in custody at the barracks.

NAVY WIFE FACES

STATUTORY CHARGE

The case of a 19-year-old wife who allegedly gave birth to three illegitimate children while her sailor husband served overseas was set for June 12 in Municipal court 3 at her arraignment this morning.

Also scheduled to face charges June 12 was a 31-year-old man with whom police charged she was living. Both were slated on statutory charges.

The couple, Mrs. Eunice Elizabeth Wilson and Wallace Cameron, was arrested yesterday at their home, 1101 Central ave., by police who were investigating reports that they left a 4-month-old baby unattended in the home Thursday night.

Police said Mrs. Wilson admitted she had given birth to two other children, both of whom died shortly after birth. She was quoted by police as saying she married Leroy Wilson "to spite my mother-in-law" and that she lived with him only a few days.

Police also said that during the last two years she has been living with Cameron and has been receiving her \$50 allotment from Wilson.

The 4-month-old baby was taken to the Marion County Children's Guardians' home, pending the trial.

USO BAND IN WRECK

OF BUS HERE; 1 HURT

On a U. S. O. tour, 17 members of Louis Russell's band were shaken up and one musician was injured when their trailer-bus crashed head-on into a tree this morning in the 6600 block of W. Washington st.

The injured man, Milton Bug of Cleveland, was taken to City hospital. The band, which plays out of New York, was on its way from St. Louis to Dayton.

The driver, Eugene Johnson of St. Louis, could give deputy sheriffs no explanation for swerving off the road.

BRALY MEMORIAL

SERVICES ARE SET

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Memorial services for Mrs. Addie Braly, late sovereign of the Ramona Grove of the Supreme Forest Woodmen circle will be held at 2 p. m. tomorrow at Crown Hill.

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

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

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

CITY WILL COLLECT

BOOKS FOR RUSSIANS

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 "whodunits," cheap novels, juvenile and text books, dictionaries, encyclopedias or translations. Paper bound books cannot be shipped.

NEW STATE BUILDING

COMMISSION NAMED

Members of a legislative commission appointed to study the proposed construction of a new state office building were named today by Governor Gates.

They will file a detailed report of their findings with the next session of the legislature. This is to include recommendations as to the advisable size of the proposed structure, potential sites and estimated costs. Members are:

Mark Honeywell, industrialist of Wabash; George A. Kuhn, realtor and building manager of Indianapolis; Harry O. Garman, professional engineer of Indianapolis; State Senator Roy Conrad of Monroeville; State Senator Von A. Eichhorn of Uniondale; State Rep. Albert B. Thompson of North Vernon and State Rep. Nelle B. Downey of Indianapolis. The commission will organize June 1.

CHURCHILL SAYS

BIG 3 TO MEET

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British Election Will No Delay Parley.

his constituency on the northeastern residential outskirts of London.

He was scheduled to confer with Joseph E. Davies—Mr. Truman's special envoy—at the prime minister's country estate, Chequers, over the week-end.

It was believed they will discuss plans for the Big Three meeting and questions connected with the allied control commission for Germany.

Churchill described President Truman as "the successor to Mr. Roosevelt with whom I have constant and cordial relations."

Only last night, Churchill announced a "caretaker" cabinet that will govern Britain with him pending the general election.

Despite the "caretaker" tag, observers felt most of the appointments would stick if Churchill won his fight for re-election.

Sit In Opposition

The new ministers will receive their seals of office on Monday from King George VI. They will not take oaths, but the traditional ritual of kissing the king's hand will be observed.

When commons meets on Tuesday, the resigned liberals of the cabinet—such political stalwarts as former Deputy Prime Minister Clement Attlee, ex-Labor Minister Ernest Bevin, and others—will take their benches across the hall in opposition to the government.

Bevin's place in the new cabinet was taken by serene, detached Richard A. Butler—a marked contrast to the sometimes turbulent Bevin who liked rough and tumble debate. Butler was minister of education, and as such rode the famous Education Act through parliament.

Eden Remains

Attlee's deputy prime minister job was abolished in the new cabinet, as were the wartime ministries of security and economic warfare. Lord Woolton, as lord president of the council, filled Attlee's other post.

Anthony Eden, as expected, remained as foreign minister, assuring a continuance of the sort of foreign policy he has fostered since 1940.

ELA COFFMAN DIES

AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Ela Coffman of 1632 N. Illinois st. died in Methodist hospital today after a long illness. He was 47.

A native of Greencastle, he belonged to the Methodist church there. Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Mary G. Coffman; a sister, Mrs. Grace Gideon of Indianapolis; a brother, James Coffman of Mt. Vernon, and a stepson, James E. Wayne of Indianapolis.

Services will be at 2 p. m. Monday at Flanner & Buchanan mortuary. Burial will follow in Washington park.

The Outlook for Home Telephone Service



★ The winning of the war in Europe does not mean that the end of our shortages of telephones and telephone equipment is in sight. The Army and the Navy still need great quantities of communications equipment—the big war in Asia is still to be won.

Until the manufacturers of telephone equipment can obtain materials and manpower for civilian production; until a vast amount of telephone equipment can be built and installed, there will be waiting lists for home telephone service.

There's no quick and easy way to overcome this shortage. The telephone itself is but a