

WASHINGTON Calling

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planned for face-saving surrender.

Jap Strength Ebbs

BALANCE SHEET in Pacific war has altered drastically in last eight months.

Official report of last Sept. 27 compared with latest figures show these changes: Japan had 10 to 13 battleships, 10 to 12 large carriers, some small ones, other naval vessels. Now its navy has almost ceased to exist, plans suicide attacks.

Japan had 5000 planes, now has 3000. Plane production was 1400 to 1500 a month, now is 1250 to 1500 a month but our attacks on it are increasing.

B-29s were only planes we had that could attack Japanese industry and they had to go 1200 miles from China. Okinawa is only 300 miles; medium bombers can do the job.

Japan was expanding in China, we were losing air bases, had no way of supplying China except over the hump.

Now Japan is out of Burma, link with her southern empire is almost cut. Chinese expect to have southern ports soon.

CONGRESSMEN AGITATING higher credits for dependency in army's discharge point system are culling rules just issued by selective service for release of conscientious objectors. CO's get points if married, addition points for each child. GI's get no points for having wives, get points on only three children. Selective service plans to discharge about 900 of its 8300 objectors.

Don't be surprised if Judge Sherman Minton, U. S. court of appeals at Chicago, steps into the Truman cabinet, either as war secretary or head of interior. He has a military background. As a New Deal senator from Indiana, Minton was one of President Truman's closest colleagues. He was luncheon guest at the White House this week.

Reciprocal Trade PRESIDENT TRUMAN may have to send relief expedition to the senate to save administration's reciprocal trade program, exercise all the political, personal influence he has.

Fight against the measure will be two-pronged:

ONE: Move to kill administration's bid for additional tariff-cutting power.

TWO: Attempt to amend the bill by providing congressional review of all reciprocal trade pacts within 60 days after negotiation.

Oppos are against favorable report from the senate finance committee of bill as passed by the house. At least two committed Democrats will vote with Republicans against deeper tariff-cutting powers. Administration leaders think their chances are somewhat better on senate floor.

Senator O'Mahoney will end the fight for congressional review, same fight lost two years ago by only six votes.

Bricker May Try OHIO REPUBLICANS are sure now that John Bricker will try to maneuver himself into the '48 presidential contest by running

on Eastern tables by July 1. June supplies, however, were estimated by OPA as 7 per cent under May.

The price chief said OPA already had put thousands of black market slaughterers out of business under its new regulations.

SECRETARY WICKARD'S appointment as REA administrator has struck a snag with formidable opposition developing from REA co-operatives. Hearings are scheduled for June 11. Meanwhile Rep. Clinton Anderson has been confirmed to succeed Wickard in agriculture post; will step in July 1 even if Wickard is jobless.

Bowles Hopes Food Controls Can End Following V-J Day

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Maine, who hate government regulations but seeing the necessity observe them; and then the great group in between who want to be honest and yet don't want to be suckers.

These are the ones OPA is depending on. We're depending on them to keep their morale high.

Bowles revealed that the government's new meat control program "already is making great headway. He told congress he expected more.

FALL IN ESCALATOR PIT PROVES FATAL

David R. Tilton, a merchant policeman, was injured fatally early this morning when he lost his footing and fell into an escalator pit in the Central Parking garage, 39 Kentucky ave.

He was 65 and lived at 955 Mills ave.

The electric power was shut off immediately and the escalator belt cut but Mr. Tilton already had been injured by the moving steps.

Rites will be held at 1:30 p. m. Monday at Flanner & Buchanan mortuary, with burial in Crown Hill.

Mr. Tilton is survived by his wife, Grace W.; a daughter, Mrs. Maxine B. Jones, Indianapolis; four sisters, Mrs. H. O. Hadley, Hollywood, Fla.; Mrs. L. O. Maines, Miami, Fla.; Mrs. Charles Stonestreet, Daytona Beach, Fla., and Mrs. A. C. Stevens, Minneapolis, Minn., and a brother, Joseph G. Franklin.

M'AFEE OF DELPHI IN PROMOTION LIST

Larry B. McAfee, a native of Delphi, has been recommended by President Truman for temporary promotion to brigadier general. McAfee, who is assistant to the surgeon general of the army, is serving as commanding general of Bruns general hospital, Santa Fe, N. M.

KILLED BY HIT-SKIPPER HAMMOND, Ind., June 2 (U. P.)—Kenneth E. Klein, 47, Lafayette, died yesterday on the way to a hospital after he had been struck by a hit-and-run motorist.

MEETING SCHEDULED

The Indianapolis auxiliary, O. E. S., will meet at 2 p. m. Wednesday at 2515 W. Washington st. Degrees will be conferred and a memorial service held.

BRITISH HOLDING FRENCH TROOPS

Take Control of Levant; Reds Back U. S., Britain.

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French Planes Grounded

All French planes were ordered grounded. Some planes bombed and strafed Damascus earlier this week.

Another Freedom Prospect

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Peace or Spoils? Syria's Plight An Old, Old Story

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1919, Great Britain and France divided up most of the land area south of the Turkey on the Mediterranean. Both Syria and Lebanon were taken over by France, the act being legalized by a mandate from the League of Nations.

This transfer of authority was never pleasing to the Syrians. They fought for the right to rule themselves. They revolted time and again.

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15 MILLION JOBS MAY BE NEEDED

Reconversion of Industry Again Emphasized.

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ator Joseph O. O'Mahoney (D. Wyo.). In the report, the committee declared that V-day would find 15,000,000 to 18,000,000 war workers looking for peacetime jobs.

End Contemplated

It said that "no one in or out of the government can predict with the slightest certainty how jobs can be provided."

O'Mahoney said an early end of the war is "a happy event which is not at all outside the contemplation of military leaders."

These views of the nation's unpreparedness for peace coincided with charges by important labor leaders. R. J. Thomas, president of the United Auto Workers (C. I. O.), has stated that little has been done in the way of providing jobs during reconversion.

The government's chief appeal is that too strong an emphasis on civilian production will start a mass exodus of war workers from production vital to the war with Japan.

Controls Dropped

This was clearly seen yesterday in President Truman's message to congress asking the nation not to "relax." The President called for more workers in navy repair yards and other war industries.

The government, meanwhile, is quietly continuing to drop production controls on many peacetime products. It is up to business enterprisers to find the materials to get started. The manpower commission is easing its manpower controls as fast as it feels safe.

Latest relaxation was a WMC announcement yesterday that nine labor areas had been removed from the "acute shortage" category. They have been taken from group I, and placed in group II—areas where shortages are less acute.

Move Long Urged

At the same time seven areas were shifted from group II to group III—areas where the labor situation is balanced or where a surplus is likely.

Notable in this change is the inclusion of Detroit in the shift to group III. This has long been regarded by union leaders as workers could be freed from manpower controls to seek peacetime employment.

All manpower controls, including employment ceilings, job freezes and the 48-hour week, are to be dropped from group III and IV areas July 1. Earlier if regional manpower officials seek and get permission.

Controls also may be dropped in group II areas if the local WMC heads get permission from the national office. Other group I areas are scheduled to be placed in group II soon.

Detroit Pickets Protest Continued Controls

DETROIT, June 2 (U. P.)—Pickets from the Willow Run local of United Automobile Workers (C. I. O.) filed around the office building of the state war manpower commission headquarters to day, protesting continuation of job controls.

The union demonstration coincided with a board of commerce announcement that 90,000 workers in the Detroit area had been laid off at war plants since Jan. 1.

Union officials charged the WMC with failure to expedite re-employment, and asked in addition:

BREAKING THE Little Steel formula to increase wages.

ABOLITION of manpower regulations.

RECONVERSION in full now, FORTY-EIGHT hours pay level for 40-hour work week.

IMMEDIATE utilization of Willow Run and other war facilities.

WMC officials yesterday had declared Detroit, a "slight-surplus" labor market and said moderation of controls was being studied. The WMC denied a union charge that reassignment of Willow Run workers had failed to cover 60 per cent of the male employees. Director Edward L. Cushman said only 37 per cent had not been reassigned "immediately."

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Most damage has resulted from fires rather than "lettin in of water."

35 BOYS UNDERTAKE STREET CLEANING JOB

Alleys and streets of the near North side were cleaned of broken glass this morning when 35 boys of the junior police group of school 2 opened a city-wide project to eliminate this hazard.

Luther Tex, head of the city street cleaning department, sent wagons, brooms and shovels to equip the group which worked under the direction of Dick Christy, junior leader, and Jack Monroe, adult sponsor, in co-operation with the street cleaning department. Police Sgt. Golden Reynolds is in charge of the junior police and similar programs will be started with groups in other parts of the city.

TRUCK KILLS CHILD

MARION, Ind., June 2 (U. P.)—Ruth Ann Wapner, 6, was killed yesterday when she was run over by a truck driven by her father.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Wapner, the child was on the back of the truck and fell off when the vehicle was being backed up.

FOREIGN WORKERS ARRIVE

LAFAYETTE, June 2 (U. P.)—Arrival of 168 foreign agricultural workers in Indiana this week, marking the total 606, was announced today by state emergency farm labor Supervisor J. B. Kohlmeier of Purdue University.

PLAN MEETING

A meeting will be held at 1 p. m. Tuesday in Ft. Friendly by the M. A. Robert Anderson Women's Relief Corps, 44, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. Mrs. Bertha Barber will preside.

YOU Can Help Improve Your Postal Service!

High Class employees are not attracted to Low Salary jobs. If the American public will write to its Senators indorsing the "Post Office Salary Reclassification Bill," the public will be benefited as well as the postal employees.

Postal employees are still being paid on a wage scale set up in 1925. They have been very grateful for their temporary wartime bonus, however, this expires on June 30th of this year. Now a permanent salary reclassification bill has been passed by the House of Representatives. You are urged to write to

Senator Homer E. Capehart and Senator Raymond E. Willis,

Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D. C.

Tell them that you are in favor of prompt passage of this bill which will bring the post office employees' salary up to an average standard of living. The letters you have written in the past are greatly appreciated, however, this pay increase has not yet been granted, and your further co-operation will be of great assistance.

Indianapolis Allied Postal Council

Tune in WIBC, Monday, June 4, at 7:15 P. M.

An Officer Now



RUSSIA SUBMITS OWN VETO PLAN

Injects New Uncertainty Into World Parley.

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the conference's log of undecided issues has been broken.

Advisers to the Big Five had spent most of the night studying the Russian interpretation, of which only a few copies were available.

It was generally agreed that the interpretation took a "very tough attitude" on how the Big Five might exercise their veto powers on the proposed world security council.

As the Russian proposal now stands it undoubtedly would complicate conference deliberations, it was believed.

No Basic Disagreement

It was doubtful that the little United Nations—or several of them at any rate—would go along with the Soviet interpretation.

It was emphasized that there was no basic disagreement among the United States, Britain, Russia, China and France over the Yalta voting formula.

But the Russian interpretation provided less elasticity for so-called "procedural" questions which could be decided by the security council by a majority of any seven of its 11 members, without requiring the affirmative vote of all of the Big Five powers.

Russia would restrict the category of procedural questions to a very limited field. Thus, she would have the veto rights of the Big Five apply to more matters than would the four countries.

Stalemate of

Submission of the Soviet paper breaks a week's stalemate. A week ago today a committee of Big Five technical experts agreed upon a paper interpreting the voting formula.