

WASHINGTON

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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.

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.

Odds 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

meat on Eastern tables by July 1. 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.

Sees Headway Made

This, he declared, was evident from the fact that 11,000 non-federally inspected slaughterers had failed to register with OPA under the new meat control program.

"By May 26, only 15,229 non-federally inspected slaughterers had registered with OPA for their quotas," Bowles said. "It is safe to say that the great majority of the 11,000 who failed to apply had been operating in the black market. Today they no longer can do business."

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 55 and lived at 955 Mills ave.

The electric power was shut off immediately and the escalator belt cut out. 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. Haines, Hollywood, Fla.; Mrs. L. O. Madley, Miami, Fla.; Mrs. Charles Stonestreet, Daytona Beach, Fla.; and Mrs. A. C. Steffens, 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 Burns 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. Tuesday, at the temple, 1922 W. Morris st. Mrs. Lucy Bryant will preside.

BRITISH HOLDING FRENCH TROOPS

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

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The British took over control of Damascus.

French Planes Grounded

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

The number of warships which put into Beyrouth was not revealed. The western allies demand that France cease hostilities against Syrian and Lebanese irregulars and seek an immediate peaceful settlement with support from Russia last night.

The Soviets sent notes to France, Britain, the United States and China urging "urgent measures" to settle the conflict by peaceful means.

De Gaulle Rejects British Request

The notes were announced by Moscow only a few hours after France had rejected a British request for immediate Anglo-American-French consultations on the Levant situation.

Russia's action put the next move squarely up to President Gen. Charles de Gaulle, who already was smarting under Prime Minister Churchill's peremptory demand that French colonial troops in Levant be withdrawn to their barracks.

The French reluctantly gave the "cease fire" order to their forces Thursday night, but a Damascus dispatch said hostilities broke out anew in the Syrian capital yesterday.

Replies to Churchill

In a communique tantamount to a reply to Churchill, De Gaulle said that the French troops had only defended themselves and attempted to restore order in Syria and Lebanon.

He acknowledged that the French had used artillery in Damascus, but made no mention of French planes which strafed the city.

The cease fire order was given, he said, "to create a more favorable climate for conversations with the American and British governments and later with governments of various Arab states... concerning the whole situation in the near East."

LOCAL MAN SLAIN

IN SLUGGING WAVE

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with a chunk of concrete. He had no wallet in his pocket.

Miers also told police that when he heard the slugged man groaning on the pavement, he told the hotel clerk about it and the clerk said he would tell the police.

Reported to Hotel Clerk

Davis, who moved from the S. West st. address May 15, had been employed by Stokely-Van Camp and before that at Wheeler's restaurant.

Meanwhile, George Duval, 60, of 1503 E. Washington st., reported to police that he had been attacked by three men and a woman, slugged and robbed of \$150 and three \$25 war bonds at about 10 p. m. Thursday on Washington st. near East st., about a block from the scene of the murder. He was treated at City hospital for a broken jaw.

Went to Tavern

Mr. Duval told Detectives Fae Davis and Michael Smiley, who are working on the case, that a woman asked him to buy her a beer at a tavern on E. Washington st. near East st. He said he thought she later followed him out of the tavern. A few minutes later Mr. Duval was attacked by the three men.

In other sluggings, Paul J. Griffin, 39, a guest at the Plaza hotel, was robbed of \$70 at about 2 a. m. today in the 300 block of W. Ohio st.

Walter Stephens, 68, of 832 Park ave., said a man in a soldier's uniform robbed him of \$35 near 425 E. 9th st. last night.

While walking through military park last night Ed Harris, 63, of 223 Hiawatha st., was slugged and robbed of \$15.

Six men, stungarmed Carlos D. Cortez, 38, of 1836 N. Delaware st., early this morning near his home and took \$3.50.

Home Burglarized

Mr. Cortez earlier in the evening said that his home had been burglarized and two suits of clothing taken.

Edna Piercefield, 50, of 1035 S. Pershing st., said that she was slugging occurred at the Craig set wedding ring, a diamond engagement ring valued at \$150 and her purse containing her glasses, gas ration stamps and \$8. The slugging occurred at the Craig hotel about 11:40 p. m. yesterday.

MUSICAL FRATERNITY

TO INSTALL OFFICERS

Richard Orton has been installed as president of Alpha Sigma chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, national men's musical fraternity.

Other officers are: Edward Farrell, James Noble, J. J. Allen, W. P. Moon, Alonzo Eldson and John Goldsborough.

Honorary membership has been conferred on Victor Kolar, conductor of the Jordan Conservatory symphony.

BOY DIES INSTANTLY

KOKOMO, Ind., June 2 (U. P.).—Jarvis Davenport, 7, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Davenport, was killed instantly in a traffic accident yesterday. He stepped from behind a tractor into the path of a truck. He had been riding on the tractor with his uncle.

W.R.C. MEETING TUESDAY

Anderson W.R.C. auxiliary 10, will meet at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday at Ft. Friendly. Mrs. Pearl Shaw will preside.

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 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.

Another Freedom Prospect

The fight against French rule went on continuously through the early 1920's until France was provoked in the autumn of 1925 to subject Damascus, the capital city, to a bombardment that lasted 48 hours and laid waste most of the ancient buildings.

Then world war II opened another prospect of freedom to the Syrians. Germany overran France and Greece, finally occupying the islands adjacent to the Syrian coast. Britain then intervened and sent a large force to protect Syria while France languished under the occupation of its enemy.

Syria's independence was proclaimed by the French Gen. George Catroux and the next year Syria's independence was recognized by Great Britain, the United States, Russia, China and most of the surrounding Arab states.

France now asserts its claim to control single-handedly all of Syria and Lebanon.

Slap at Russia

By Pope Is Seen

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said the "sudden, tragical end" of Adolf Hitler had ended the persecution of the Catholic church by Nazism.

He declared that there was authoritative proof that the Nazi regime plotted the destruction of the Catholic church "as soon as it had achieved military victory."

"If the German rulers had in mind the destruction of the Catholic church," he said, "providence decreed otherwise."

"We trust the German people will be able to rise again to a new dignity of life after renouncing the satanical shadow of National Socialism and after those guilty will have paid for the crimes committed."

Deplores Executions

He deplored the killing of priests and mass executions of civilians without trial. Reports received from Slovenia and Croatia were "very sad," he said.

"It is necessary for the hatred and impulses of extreme nationalism to give way to wise conceptions in order to make clear to the mind and heart of German Catholics the superiority of the ideas of truth," he said.

The pope traced the relations between the church and the Nazis since 1933, when the concordat between the Vatican and the German government was signed.

No Illusions

He claimed the church "did everything in her power to build up a firmer barrier against the spreading of violent doctrines of National Socialism."

Of the concordat, he said the church "had no illusions or exaggerated hopes. The church by concluding the concordat was not approving the tendencies of National Socialism and this was clearly stated and explained at that time."

"But it must be admitted," said the pontiff, "that in the following years the concordat brought some advantages or at least afforded a softening effect."

BUTLER PREPARES

ALUMNI DAY SUPPER

The annual Butler university alumni day supper will be held at 5:30 p. m. June 9, in the school cafeteria. Reservations will be limited to 225, to be filed with the alumni office by noon Monday.

The day also will be senior class day at the university, with all seniors being invited to attend the supper. Earlier in the day, the senior class will and prophecy will be read and the senior gift presented to the university.

On June 10, a baccalaureate service will be held in the fieldhouse. John W. Bricker, former Ohio governor, will speak at commencement exercises in the fieldhouse June 11. A senior ball will be held Monday night at Southern Mansion.

CLASS DAY AT HOWE

TO BE WEDNESDAY

The fifth annual senior class day at Howe high school will be held Wednesday in the gymnasium.

Highlighting the event will be the reading of the 1944 and 1945 class wills, the class prophecy and a skit.

Class day committee members are Jim Cook, chairman; Fimle Jernikan, Barbara Williams, Anne Clark, Don Whitney and Carol Simmons.

RED POINTS STOLEN

Burglars broke into the Kroger grocery at 2636 W. 16th st. during the night and took 1000 red ration points, Mearl Trump, warehouse superintendent, reported today.

PLAN LUNCHEON

Irvington Social circle will have a luncheon meeting at noon Tuesday at 5420 E. Washington st. Hostess will be Mrs. Golda Wright.

ENGINEER DIES IN WRECK

GOSHEN, N. Y., June 2 (U. P.).—An Erie railroad passenger train, bound from Chicago to New York, left the tracks one mile west of here last night, killing the engineer and injuring the fireman.

OBSERVANCE SET

Daylight chapter 553, O. E. S., will observe Friends day at 1:30 p. m. Friday in the central Masonic temple. Guest officers will fill the various stations during the conferring of degrees.

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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-J 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 fear apparently 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 repair yards and other war industries.

The government, meanwhile, is quietly continuing to drop production controls on many peacetime products. It is left up to business enterprises 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 I 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 urged by union leaders so 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 today, 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.

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."

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 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.

FOREIGN WORKERS ARRIVE

LAFAYETTE, June 2 (U. P.).—Arrival of 168 foreign agricultural workers in Indiana this week, making the total 600, 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 Maj. Robert Anderson Women's Relief corps 44, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. Mrs. Bertha Barber will preside.

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.

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

JAP SUICIDE FURY

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mean that the surviving units of the Japanese fleet will come out at the end. There may be a revival of the furious night battles fought in the early days of the war around the Solomon Islands.

President Truman said in his message to congress:

"We at home can hardly imagine either the clamor of Japanese suicide attacks on our troops, airfields and ships or the heroism of our men in meeting them."

The President warned that damage to our ships has been increasing and warned that heavier losses must be expected as the battle narrows to Japanese waters. He called on patriotic ship repair workers to rally wholeheartedly to the job of returning damaged vessels to action.

The 'Divine Wind'

Much that is known about the enemy suicide methods cannot yet be told. Enough has been revealed, however, to disclose their fantastic nature, the fact that they can do great damage, and their limitations.

For final results, however, Adm. Nimitz said it has had "negligible effect on the continuing success of our operations."

The suicide program started with the Japanese air force in the Philippines invasion period under the general name of Kamikaze, or "divine wind."

It has been extended to suicide swimmers with satchel charges and grenades, human torpedoes and suicide speed boats, all spectacular—but ineffectual.

The kamikaze fliers are trained to try to crash their explosive-laden planes into or on the decks of enemy ships.

There lately has been a variation called "jinrai" (meaning "divine thunder"). These are human flying bombs, to be sent against enemy shipping or ground targets. They are a sort of miniature plane carrying one man, packed with high explosives and launched from larger aircraft.

Despite the number of American ships damaged, including the larger ones, Adm. Nimitz reported that no battleship, fast carrier or cruiser has been sunk by suicide fliers.

Some major fleet units have been damaged and some smaller ships sunk.

But in most cases the vessels hit have remained in operation.

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

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