

WASHINGTON *Calling*

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have fewer seats for non-essential passengers.

ODT says no essential traveler thus far has been unable to reach his destination and return. "ODT worry: Can this service be maintained?"

Stilwell Successor?

ARMY MEN think Lt. Gen. Courtney Hodges, commander of 1st army in Europe, may succeed Gen. Stilwell as chief of army ground forces. Hodges once held title of chief of infantry.

First strategy of major labor opposition to federal industrial relations bill: Try to persuade Chairman Murray (D. Mont.) of senate education and labor committee not to hold hearings on it. That would keep proposal in cold storage.

APPOINTMENT of 62-year-old Gen. Stilwell to head 10th army in Pacific by 65-year-old Gen. MacArthur causes some concern in congressional quarters about fighting future of young, successful commanders who operated in Europe.

Surprise greeted announcement Gen. Patton and his 3d army would be kept in Europe as an occupation group, as will Gen. Patch's 7th.

Some capitol quarters hope outstanding officers from these and other armies that fought in Europe will get top-flight Pacific assignments. There are reports that Patton's crack staff may be broken up, men used in higher capacities than occupation duties.

Gen. MacArthur will pick the "big brass" to serve under him in Jap campaign. That was assured when the late President Roosevelt approved Gen. MacArthur's command of ground forces in Pacific area and when President Truman backed that assignment.

Jap Blockade

NAVY'S TIGHT blockade of Japan will tighten even more when our planes from Okinawa strip cut communications between Jap home islands and Korea. Military men caution, however, that blockade won't make Japs fold. But blockade will make ground work easier.

Date for war's end? Some congressional guessers say next summer.

Selective service headquarters plans to begin discharge of conscientious objectors in August despite demands that they be held until war is over. Veterans of Foreign Wars has protested release of C. O.'s to President Truman but selective service says very few other complaints have been made.

About 8300 objectors are now enrolled but none has been discharged. Releases beginning in August will be based on point system similar to army's.

Pal's Wife Bids On Pyle Script

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through Ernie's nephew, Jack Bales, one of his buddies. "I would like to be able to buy enough bonds to get the real original," the captain wrote his wife, "but I'm afraid we'll have to get richer than we are for that."

"We have bought a hundred dollar bond each month Bill has been in service," Mrs. Gifford said. "Would our bonds count, you think?"

"THE SUFERRB" description of his character and personality was so true, it took me days to come down to earth," she continued. "To me, naturally, it was Ernie's masterpiece. And I believe there are others who feel the same way, for I have received letters from all over the states."

"And so has Bill . . . in far-away Saipan."

"The Times" Hooster Vagabond whose manuscript will be given to the highest war bond bidder in the seventh war loan drive, wrote in his column about a "drawly talking southerner, lean, profane and witty, and who is the salt of the earth."

Ernie also reported that this B-29 pilot wanted to form a fraternity called "Fujiyama, 44" . . . membership limited to those who had flown over Japan on missions in 1944."

"I'M SURE" that there is no one who would treasure it (the manuscript) as much as Bill. Mrs. Gifford wrote, "for he and Ernie were so close to each other. I would LOVE to get it for him . . . if it is humanly possible."

"We feel what you are doing with this original is a wonderful thing. It is the way, Ernie Pyle (and Bill) would have it."

"And though Ernie will not come back to us . . . perhaps it will bring our other boys back a little sooner."

Forrestal Secure

NEXT TO SECRETARY of Commerce Wallace, whose cabinet job is well secured, the department head least likely to be replaced is Navy Secretary Forrestal. Senators who aren't concerned about what Mr. Truman does with the rest of the cabinet have gone to bat for the New Yorker.

If President Truman wants Secretary of the Interior Ickes, the President will have to do some talk persuading Senator O'Mahoney likes to be his own boss, likes his present job, falls thus far to believe cabinet rank would compensate him for what he'd have to give up.

DETROIT auto makers are wringing their hands over government controls issued and issuing from half dozen agencies; over exchanging outlook for materials and plant capacity; over prices of materials; over redistribution of labor; over continued production of war materials.

Rep. Marcantonio (A-L. N. Y.) says he is preparing to expose an OPA situation which will be "more shocking than anything to date."

Furlough Bill MILITARY HIGH command is expected to oppose Stewart-Maybank bill which would give all servicemen with one year in Europe a furlough in this country before being sent to Pacific.

Opponents of post-war universal military training count on congressional delay to defeat the proposal. Meanwhile, army and navy continue to insist military training will be essential to American defense.

HEARD FROM increasing number of parents whose G. I. sons remain in Europe because of lack of transportation: "How can so many senators and congressmen get passage in airplanes to fly all over the place?" Answer so far: Silence.

Weaken OWI BRITISH INDICATE they may close their ministry of war information. That would weaken argument of OWI Director Davis for continuation of OWI service outside Pacific war zone. Mr. Davis cited British propaganda expenditures to support his case.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVES by veterans organizations will start soon. Among top items on American Legion national committee program in Indianapolis June 28 is discussion of how to attract world war I veterans to Legion. Relatively few veterans of current war show desire to join old or new vet groups. Battle veterans may be more inclined to join than short-term soldiers.

CAPITOL HILL pulse feelers say congressional recess probably will start between July 10-15, last about two months.

IKE SPIKES TALK OF 'POLITICAL JOB'

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nothing to do with anything else. "I am in the federal service and I take my commander in chief's orders as a soldier."

Gen. Eisenhower, for whom Abilene, his home town, yesterday staged one of the most touching and unique famous son celebrations ever accorded a military man, said he would go to Washington to confer with the secretary of war. He will take a short leave, then return to Europe early next month.

APPOINTED TO STATE TOLL BRIDGE BOARD The Indiana toll bridge commission had two new members today, Herman Folke of Evansville and Carl Knapp of Cannelton.

Governor Gates appointed Mr. Folke, a Republican, to succeed Blaine W. Bradfute, also a Republican, of Bloomington, who resigned. The governor named Knapp, a Republican, to replace Preston Minor, a Democrat, whose term expired.

FULLER IS FREED IN BLOOMINGTON TRIAL BLOOMINGTON, Ind., June 23 (U. P.)—William Fuller, 29, Bedford, was a free man today because a jury decided, in effect, that the Lawrence county coroner's ruling of suicide in the death of Margaret Harbin was right.

Charged with the shooting of Miss Harbin, 26, in a Bedford hotel in February, 1944, Fuller heard a jury return a verdict of not guilty last night after 20 minutes deliberation.

ELLIOTT'S TAXES BEING PROBED

Treasury Also Checking on Hartford's Records.

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matter. Informed, today of the treasury's order to deliver further into the returns of both Roosevelt and Hartford to determine the exact nature of the case, Paul declined to comment.

Bank Records The congressional committees agreed not to take further action on the matter until the treasury's investigation is completed.

The investigation may take several months to complete, inasmuch as bank records are to be examined and all of the books of the Texas radio chain which Gen. Roosevelt operated must be searched for additional evidence, the spokesman said.

Former Federal Loan Administrator and Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones was brought into the case earlier when a spokesman for Hartford said Jones had settled the alleged \$200,000 debt with a cashier's check for \$4,000. Jones has declined to comment. Gen. Roosevelt, likewise, has refused to discuss the matter.

Willis Asks Explanation Senator Raymond E. Willis (R. Ind.), asked the treasury to explain alleged delay in disclosure of the claimed tax exemption on the loan.

In a letter to Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr., the senator said these disclosures and "the long period that elapsed" between the transaction and its disclosure reflected on the late president and the internal revenue bureau.

He asked Morgenthau why the bureau waited until recently to begin investigating the deduction of such a large amount. The treasury refused to allow the deduction.

Willis asked whether Hartford's tax return was filed in early 1943 when Democratic National Chairman Robert E. Hannegan was collector of internal revenue.

"What Excuse" "Did you ever talk to Mr. Hannegan about this particular return, and if so, what was his excuse for not making the necessary investigation at that time?" Willis asked.

He also wanted to know whether Elliot Roosevelt's tax returns showed the ultimate disposition of the \$196,000 he snagged from John Hartford and whether he negotiated other loans from other prominent men "as has been rumored."

Democrats to Fight CUT IN OPA POWER (Continued From Page One)

were frankly jolted by yesterday's G. O. P. victory. The amendment is subject to a roll call vote on final passage.

Whether the extension would be voted upon today depended upon the Democratic turnout. Administration forces were certain to try to stall off a vote until they had sufficient strength to assure passage to cut the OPA extension to six months. However, the "Hoover" amendment caught them without strength to block the Republican tide.

Rep. Clinton P. Anderson (D. N. M.), who becomes secretary of agriculture July 1, said later in an interview that the "Hoover" amendment appeared to "put OPA in a parlous state in the hottest spot imaginable."

He said he believed President Truman wished to "leave me the authority to a decent job, but not as much authority as contained in that amendment."

"Hoover Plan" Anderson appeared on the floor just before the vote to ask if the amendment included a shift of pricing authority. Informed that it did, he said: "The secretary of agriculture is not going to run from the responsibility, but he does not want to be a policeman as well."

Democrats succeeded in suspending debate late yesterday after tentative passage of the "Hoover plan" to transfer control of all food activities, except rationing, from OPA and the office of economic stabilization to the department of agriculture.

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Hirohito May Take Over Jap Rule for Invasion Defense

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gunned suicide plane bases near Fukuoka on Kyushu in southern Japan, Tokyo said. Other war developments in Japan and on her southern approaches included:

ONE: Radio Tokyo said the Japanese capital "virtually" has completed preparations for its defense against invasion.

TWO: The Japanese war ministry established two new army districts on the island of Shikoku between southern Honshu and northeast Kyushu and the other in the Chugoku area. Japan now has been divided into eight army districts for defense against American landings.

THREE: Two American light naval units were sunk and three others were damaged off Okinawa by Japanese suicide planes.

FOUR: Japanese troops surrendered by the thousands on Okinawa, many of them with a frank admission that Japan cannot win the war. The total number of prisoners on the island may reach 7000.

FIVE: An Okinawa dispatch revealed that six American airfields already are in operation on the island and Tokyo radio said "Many many more" were being built for attacks on Japan.

SIX: In the Philippines a phantom Filipino-American army fanned through the Cagayan valley today in pursuit of the last large enemy force on Luzon after sealing the island's final escape port.

The ghost force, composed of 6th army troops and Filipino guerrillas, suddenly swooped down from the mountains of northwest Luzon, crossed the Cagayan river Thursday night and by the next morning had captured Aparri, north Luzon port with a population of 25,000.

SEVEN: Tokyo said American and Chinese forces in China have begun a new development of air groups and armies in apparent preparation for an offensive if and when American invasion forces land on the China coast opposite Okinawa.

An unidentified commentator on the Tokyo radio said it was highly possible that Hirohito may invoke his "imperial supreme authority" in the event that the crisis facing Japan becomes more serious.

Rule by Decree Such a move would go even beyond the sweeping powers granted the Suzuki cabinet by the imperial diet last week. These powers, enabling the cabinet to rule by decree, went into effect today.

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GREW SEES USE FOR U. S. POWER

Tells Students It Must Be Shown, Not Hoarded.

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The U. S. were to hoard its power "like money in an old sock."

"We should not be afraid to talk about our power as a nation," the veteran diplomat asserted, "but we should take care neither to whisper nor to shout about it, neither to boast nor to apologize."

"Our power is a fact. It must be recognized by ourselves as it is recognized by the rest of the world," Grew said this country's friends abroad "fear not that we will recognize the fact, but that we shall fail to recognize it."

It would be "not only untrue but mischievous," he said, to suggest that American military power ever will be used to threaten the peace of the world.

In Two World Wars "We shall use it as we have used it in two world wars—in the service of law and justice and human freedom. We are about to enter into a compact with the other peace-loving nations to make sure that military power—ours and theirs—will be used and used only for that high purpose."

He emphasized that this country's might and war production potential would be thrown only at "violators of international peace and justice."

American military prowess, Grew pointed out, "is the product of grim necessity" but American economic power "provides us with a glorious opportunity."

Showing by Example "We know the extent of our economic power; we know that it can and must be used to strengthen the peace of the world. In the hands of the American people it must be used in the first instance to raise our own standard of living and our own level of employment."

"Never again can we afford to have domestic depressions which cause untold misery at home and are felt around the world."

Grew said bluntly that the country's past record has made American economic power "distrusted and even feared abroad."

America must dispel those fears "not by statements of good intentions but by concrete examples of co-operation," he contended.

O'Flaherty: 'We Need Help Of a United China to Win'

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A statement of United States Far East policy is overdue. We cannot continue supplying one faction with the munitions of war without asking them to settle internal disputes and give the allied cause the undivided strength of all China.

Our people will not accept passively the sight of American forces landing in China with a civil war going on around them or with an indifferent faction idly surveying our sacrifices.

Following Stilwell, Gen. Patrick Hurley tried his hand at bringing the Chinese factions into agreement. He also failed but remains in Chungking as American ambassador.

The United States continues to look to him to finish this job before our armed forces land on the China coast.

A Fog of Mystery A fog of mystery and intrigue shrouds the whole of interior China. Diplomats and agents who have visited Yenan return with most favorable reports of the character and spirit of the Communist group.

They are genuinely devoted to the allied cause. They want to inflict an overwhelming defeat on Japan. They are willing to make a monumental effort in the approaching fight.

This gigantic pool of manpower cannot be used effectively unless Chiang Kai-shek includes in his government some of the Communist leaders. Proposals of this nature have been made but turned down.

It would be a curious turn of affairs if Gen. Stilwell, who broke with Chiang Kai-shek and who knows and likes the Communist leaders, should take his armies to the coast of China held by the Yenan forces. Co-operation with the Communists might be accepted as recognition of the northern government.

Disturbing Possibilities A refusal to recognize the Communists and a continuation of support for Chiang Kai-shek holds other disturbing factors.

Soviet Russia has a definite interest in Manchuria, Korea and adjacent areas.

It would be logical for the Russians to recognize the Communists of China as a separate government and support them in opposition to Chiang Kai-shek, leaving the United States on one side with the U. S. S. R. on the other.

JAP FANATICISM LIMITED--KEEMLE

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either by death in action or by committing suicide. Many of the surviving common soldiers took their own lives, as they have been taught to do. Apparently as many more—confused and lost—surrendered. They obeyed the instinct of self-preservation—one of the strongest in either man or animal.

What the result will be when this system—this peculiar mental set-up—is put to the test by invasion of the home islands can only be guessed.

Certainly the allied command is not counting on a collapse of Japanese morale to end the war any time soon. It nevertheless may play an important part in ending the agony of the war when the final showdown comes.

May Crack Under Strain It is a mistake to assume that the Japanese are either sub-human or super-human. Despite the vast differences in mental outlook, their basic reactions are bound to be much like those of the Germans or any other race.

The German structure collapsed precisely when the top leadership died. There can be no doubt that millions of Hitler-inspired Germans—in the army and out—would have been willing to fight on.

When their leaders fled, disappeared or committed suicide, the end came with a suddenness which still leaves the allied world gasping. No man can predict that anything of the kind can happen in Japan—especially when the war is only beginning to be carried to the homeland. But if Japanese leadership cracks under the strain, it can happen.

BRITISH WELCOME POLISH UNITY PLAN

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Yalta pact was "welcome and satisfactory."

The spokesman indicated that United States reaction tallied with that of Britain—a "very satisfactory solution" of the problem. Recognition by both of the western members of the Big Three is expected to follow establishment of the government in Warsaw and its commitment to unfettered elections in Poland.

Moscow announced early today that a Polish unity conference had ended successfully. The make-up of the broadened government including Polish elements outside the country will be reported within a few days, an official Moscow statement said.

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The statement said that \$2,012 Japanese were wounded in the campaign, and those who survived their wounds were put to death by their comrades or forced to commit suicide.

It was a different story on Okinawa today, where the Japanese were surrendering by the thousands for the first time in the war. It was estimated the total number of prisoners on the island might reach 7000 when they're all counted.

The Okinawa invasion already was paying off large dividends. A search plane from the island sank a large enemy schooner in the Yellow sea yesterday, bringing to 123 the number of vessels destroyed or damaged since the Okinawa airfields were put into use.

'LET PEOPLE IN ON OFFER'--CAPEHART

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Senator Churchill in England. I told him that you can't sacrifice a principle and live (discussing Poland) and he said "that is 100 per cent correct—at least you can't live well."

Senator Capehart's trip was made to investigate communication facilities in Europe.

He left May 14 in a C-54 and was accompanied by Maj. Gen. Frank Stoner, head of army communications; Adm. Joseph Redmond, head of navy communications; Paul Porter, chairman of the federal communications commission; and Senators Burton Wheeler, Montana; Alfred Hawkes, New Jersey; and Ernest McFarland, Arizona.

The party visited Newfoundland, England, Luxembourg, Germany, Austria, Italy, Malta, Greece, Palestine, Egypt, Tripoli, Algiers, French Morocco, Casablanca, Azores and Bermuda.

A bill is pending in congress to unify all American companies dealing in international communications.

HIT BY CAR AT CURB Struck by an automobile as she stepped from the curb at Morris and Harding sts., at 1:30 o'clock today, Virginia Denning, 19, of 1414 Lee st., was taken to City hospital and reported in "fair condition."

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