

WASHINGTON

Calling

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

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Big Three decides she may. But the ultimatum puts certain responsibilities upon a Japanese government. And the report, announcing all Germany's war potential will be destroyed, holds out no hope for her industrial future.

Ultimatum, on the other hand, offers Jap industrialists a chance to take part in world trade after their war industries are destroyed.

No Leftown

MEANWHILE army and navy, according to congressional sources, are going ahead as if there was no chance that Japan will surrender.

Top men in both services warned this week that war probably will be long and costly. It's their business to make sure there's no letdown.

Landings on the Jap homeland would impose heavy demands on the navy—as did capture of Okinawa. Land-based planes would have to operate from 350 miles away; thus navy guns and navy aircraft would play major part in covering landings.

One of first jobs after securing of beachhead would be construction of landing strips for land-based planes. Next would be provision for harbors or usable beaches such as we had in Normandy.

Prelude to invasion is well under way. Our planes and navy big guns are aiming at oil refineries, oil storage and communications.

German defeat came after we made her unable to fuel her war machine, crippled her mobility back of the front lines.

POST-POTSdam: Premier Stalin's return to Moscow will give Jap ambassador there a chance to learn, first-hand, how vigorously Britain, U. S., and China turned down Nip peace offers.

It will permit resumption of talks with the Chinese. These, Washington thinks, concern Russia's entry into Pacific war and the question of whether or not she has designs on Manchuria and Korea.

Germany Ahead

ONE OF U. S. aviation industry's top figures is preparing a blast showing we're nothing to crow about in technical air development; that post-V-E day findings by U. S. technical men show Germany was far out in front.

This jibes with findings of Mead committee, investigators who disclosed that while Nazis were using jet-propelled planes in numbers and with good effect, army air forces had only two in ETO on V-E day.

Forthcoming blast will cite smarter, more extensive German research as reason for enemy superiority; will urge that more be done here along these lines.

Aviation industry people say Britain was also behind Germany technically, that U. S. had No. 3 position.

Flights of new 550-mile-per-hour jet plane brought big headlines this week—but failed to obscure fact our A. A. F. did not last German.

ROTATION furlough plan for soldiers in Pacific ceased to exist

Navy Veteran Dies When Auto Sideswipes Truck

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against the truck, travelling north-west.

Tribby lived with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Tribby, 2416 Guilford ave. They said he had been in the navy for 3½ years, serving as an aircraft mechanic in the New Hebrides, and had just received his discharge. He is also survived by a 6-year-old son, Ronald. Members of the family said he was divorced from his wife.

Mr. Tribby said his son had left with the automobile last night and apparently was on his way home.

The body was taken to the city morgue, pending a coroner's report.

Pedestrians Injured

Indiapolis Street Railway vehicles were involved in two accidents reported last night. At Washington and New Jersey sts., Ora Glore, 61, of 138 Johnson ave., was struck by a streetcar. The motorman, Edward T. Jones, was charged with failure to give the pedestrian the right-of-way. Mr. Glore was taken to City hospital with head and leg injuries.

Mrs. Walde Keller, 47, of 530 E.

WORKMAN LOSES WAGES IN HOLDUP

Accosted by two men on his way home from work at midnight last night, Thomas Cunningham, 35, of 432 S. Spencer ave., was robbed of his pay envelope containing \$46 in cash and some gasoline coupons, he told police.

An employee of the International Harvester Co., Mr. Cunningham told police he had just walked to Brookville rd. and English ave. when the men appeared and one struck him in the back with a knife.

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MACARTHUR IN NEW COMMAND

Given Control of Okinawa Area to Speed Invasion

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terday. The Americans shot down two enemy planes and damaged a third.

The Mustangs also destroyed or damaged 14 Japanese planes on the ground, wrecked 20 locomotives, 50 railway cars, two medium-sized ships, eight to 10 luggers and two fishing boats.

Japanese anti-aircraft fire downed six Mustangs and damaged five. One pilot was rescued.

Ten other Japanese planes interceded privateers of fleet air wing 18 yesterday during an attack on shipping off Tokyo. The privateers shot down two enemy planes and damaged a third without loss, then went on to sink a 700-ton freighter-transport southwest of Tokyo.

Report U. S. Plane Down

A Japanese Domel dispatch claimed that an American navy patrol bomber was shot down off the Boso peninsula, eastern arm of Tokyo bay, this morning. The plane was said to have been part of a reconnaissance formation of two navy patrol bombers and two Superfortresses.

Three Armies

Army forms under MacArthur's command now include Gen. Joseph (Vinegar Joe) Stilwell's 10th army, conquerors of Okinawa, and Gen. George C. Kenney's 5th and 7th air forces. The 13th air force will come under MacArthur's command as soon as it reaches the Ryukyu from the South Pacific.

In addition, MacArthur's overall command includes the 6th and 8th armies and other air force units in the Philippines.

Besides Okinawa, MacArthur took over command of about a dozen smaller islands captured by the 10th army east, west and south of Okinawa.

The fact that MacArthur's new command includes "the entire Ryukyu chain of islands"—stretching from Japan southwest to Formosa—made clear that he would direct all future operations in the group.

Management-Labor

SENATOR McMAHON (D. Conn.) was most surprised man on Capitol Hill when he read of Senator Vandenberg's proposal to Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach for a management-labor peace conference. Three days earlier McMahon proposed the same thing, in a letter to President Truman.

He decided on it after 30 hours of hearings as chairman of a labor-management sub-committee; is convinced that a conference, properly conducted, would bring better results than new legislation during reconversion.

ARMY IS preparing to open its "university" for G. I.'s in Florence, Italy, with faculty of 50 civilian educators imported from U. S. (first two, operating in England and France, have officer-faculties).

Special selected G. I.'s will get special education, with college credits, in six or eight months. Each of three schools handles 6000 to 8000 students.

TELEPHONE shortage is abating; production of new instruments will make a big dent in backlog of orders in next six months.

Sparta Command

MacArthur previously had been appointed commander of all army forces in the Pacific, and today's announcement gives further effect to that move.

However, it also indicated clearly that the 20th army air force of Superfortresses in the Marianas would not operate under his direct command.

The 20th, like the 8th air force, is part of the strategic air forces commanded by Gen. Carl A. Spaatz.

Spaatz and other leading Frenchmen were taken to Germany because the Germans demanded him.

"I asked the Germans if they were afraid they were not being properly guarded," Laval said. "The Germans replied only 'It's an order.'

He said that "French government authority was practically nonexistent" at that time.

Mandel Death 'Tragic'

Called the killing of Georges Mandel, former interior minister, "tragic."

"He was my dear friend of many years," Laval said. "Assassination is something I do not go for."

The emaciated Laval wore a plain gray pin-stripe suit and clutched a battered fed hat. Elaborate precautions again were taken to prevent any attempt on his life.

As soon as Laval was on the stand, Judge Pierre Mongeau prodded him about his statement of yesterday that he had hoped for a German victory.

Quotes Petain

He fired back by quoting Petain as saying in a Vichy speech that they had patched up their differences, and "we will go forward hand in hand."

"I went to the Hotel Du Parc (government headquarters in Vichy) on Oct. 24, 1940, and saw Petain," he said. "Apparently he had been told that I had seen Hitler at Montoire."

Laval testified yesterday about the Montoire meeting at which Hitler, Petain, Laval and German Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop conferred.

"He agreed to come with me next day for the full conference after Laval's preliminary feelings and asked Paul Baudouin to accompany him. I told him Hitler had requested a personal interview."

Assistants Menaced

Laval said that on the day he was arrested, in December, 1940, a group of security police "who were his assistants" menaced his assistants.

"Did Petain know of these police?" Mongeau asked.

"I do not know," Laval answered.

"I never saw him with them."

He spoke of official annoyance in high Vichy quarters over Petain's alleged failure to delete the phrase "I hope for German victory" from

his speech.

Sent 20 Planes

Nimitz announced that the Japanese sank an American light naval unit and damaged another on Okinawa early Sunday and sent 20 fighters against American planes raiding the Tokyo area yesterday.

The naval units sank and damaged presumably were destroyers or destroyer escorts.

In the first seven months of 1945, however, planes under MacArthur's command destroyed or damaged 2,846,932 tons of Japanese shipping and 1,375 planes in 150,000 sorties he said.

Radio Tokyo, inferentially conceding the effectiveness of the American air-sea raids and blockade, said all available workers were being mobilized for the production of liquid fuel to replace supplies formerly imported from the Dutch East Indies.

MOTORIST FINED \$26 ON 2 TRAFFIC COUNTS

Two neglected traffic tickets, one eight months old and one two months old, today resulted in fines of \$26 and costs to Robert Rums, 343 W. 11th st.

Judge Tom Victor L. Rigot fined Mr. Rums \$25 and costs on a charge of making a left-hand turn at Meridian and Ohio sts. on Dec. 4, and \$1 and costs for making a left-hand turn at 16th and Meridian sts. The case came up in municipal court 4.

Mr. Rums had ignored both tickets until yesterday, when police brought him in.

GROUP MEETS TUESDAY

The Irvington Social Circle will meet at 11 a. m. Tuesday for a business meeting at the home of Mrs. Laura Sherman, 437 S. Parker ave. Mrs. Iva Wise, vice president, will preside in the absence of the president and a covered dish luncheon will follow the meeting.

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Is Spreading Influence of Soviet in Europe Checked?

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cally and morally.

Their natural reaction has been to the left. It was the only political direction in which they could move. Most of them probably do not want Communism as we know it today for it was devised to meet a specific historical and economic situation which does not prevail in any other portion of the world.

Rightly or wrongly, however, these people have turned towards Russia because they feel that there is no one in Europe an attack was being made on the appalling problems of modern living.

Whether their approach is correct will be sanctioned by some. The fact of its existence cannot be denied, and is of greater importance.

Now these peoples, particularly in western Europe, have a new pole of attraction. Great Britain has embarked on its own program of change, and says William H. Stone, man of the Indianapolis Times foreign service in London, they will get it if the Labor party lives up to its pre-election policies.

First Soviet Limitation

There is another aspect, however. For the first time a limit has been placed on the aspirations of the Soviet Union. Within certain boundaries they are well-defined. Beyond them the responsibility is ours, and that of the British and French.

Only if we fail to discover and encourage genuine democratic forces within our zones is there likely to be any further extension of Soviet influence or procedure.

Finally, there are those who believe this limited sphere fits as well with the Russian plans as it does with ours.

Russia's primary interest is the restoration and expansion of its internal economy. Europe on the verge of revolution would be a continual handicap. Evolving along democratic lines, it would be of great assistance.

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SPURNED PACT, Laval Asserts

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Claims Petain Told French

In Africa to Aid Allies