

WASHINGTON *Calling*

Weekly Sizeup by the Washington

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publicly damned these administrators, saying they have been too soft with German industry and industrialists.

Committee may pick a big-name lawyer to handle this foreign assignment, do much of questioning.

G. M. Fact-Finders May Report Monday

LOOK FOR President Truman's fact-finding board in General Motors case to make its report soon—probably Monday.

It states convincingly how much increase workers are entitled to—and wins labor, management agreement—that could prove the key to the whole strike dilemma.

Unions in all big industries where trouble threatens are predominantly C. I. O. If its leaders drop 30 per cent demand in one case this probably would form pattern for settlement of others.

Corporation, despite its refusal to sit in the hearings if "ability to pay" were considered, is believed ready to accede if the board recommends a 15 per cent increase.

With some urging it might go to 15 per cent, some officials think. This is 46th day of strike, one day longer already than 1937 strike when United Automobile Workers won recognition as bargaining agent.

Housing Priorities

HOUSING: Before new priorities program goes into operation Jan. 15, civilian production administration will add more items to 10 now listed for controls. Furnaces and plumbing probably will be included. Program aims at channeling half of supplies into low-cost homes for veterans.

Federal Housing Administrator says that priorities system will be operated liberally, with ample leeway to builders for unexpected additions to costs.

CPA will try to balance priorities it gives out with prospective supply of materials, avoid wartime complaint of priority holders that certificates were only "hunting licenses."

Wilson W. Wyatt's endorsement of ceiling prices for new and old homes, and of Wagner-Elender-Taft housing bill has irritated building industry which is fighting both proposals. Mr. Wyatt was installed as housing expert on recommendation of Treasury Secretary Vinson, who was impressed with way he licked the housing shortage in Louisville.

Ickes May Quit

CABINET: Newest rumor is that Secretary Ickes will quit to take over direction of the C. I. O. F. A. C.'s congressional campaign.

Look for Chester A. Bowles to head new department of welfare if and when it's created. Check his public utterances and you'll find he's on record with statements pleasing to labor, veterans, Negroes, consumers, farmers, et al.

With Mr. Truman and the C. I. O. at odds, look for F. A. C. to talk more and more about Henry A. Wallace for Democratic nomination in 1948. It may become so embarrassing to Mr. Wallace that he'll have to leave cabinet.

G. O. P. Policy

LOOK FOR Republican national committee bigwigs to get together in March to dope out new policy statement aimed at covering up weakness of congressional declaration. Many committee-



GIRL RESCUES THREE BROTHERS FROM FIRE

A 13-year-old girl was heroine in her home today after she rescued three small brothers from their blazing residence at 1709 Pierson st. last night.

Jeanette Smith was credited with saving Billy Smith, 2, Ronald, 3 and Carl, 7. The fire resulted from explosion of a kerosene stove.

Army to Slow Discharges Of Veterans Now Overseas

(Continued From Page One) turned to this country in November and \$60,000 in December. Only about 500,000 will be brought home in January, however. Thereafter returns will drop to about 300,000 a month.

War Brides to Be Shipped

Gen. Collins said the 1,553,000 men still overseas could be brought home in three months, he said, but it would cripple the work of the occupation forces.

As a result, surplus shipping will be used in part in carrying war brides and dependents of soldiers who married overseas. About 600 of these are expected to arrive from Europe this month. The rate will be stepped up rapidly after that.

The total army strength after July 1 will be 1,550,000.

Gen. Collins said regular army enlistments would total about 400,000 as of Jan. 1. He said it was hoped that enlistments will continue high, although they are slowing down somewhat. He said selective service has produced only an

RUSH TO AVERT 4 BIG WALKOUTS

U. S. Officials Seeking to Keep 2,000,000 on Jobs.

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and meat packing unions have not stipulated that any wage increases must not result in a rise in prices.

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In Springfield, Mo., G. D. Carnahan, chairman of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen for the Frisco line, said shortly before noon today that he would call off a strike of 7000 Frisco employees as soon as he receives official notice of the creation by President Truman of an emergency board to investigate the labor dispute.

In Washington, 500 girl operators staged a one-hour strike, cutting the Capital's telephone communication with the rest of the country. The work stoppage was called over local grievances.

Fact that navy is fighting desperately against unionization with army would make court-martial of brass undesirable and court-martial of a reservist is considered out of question for political reasons.

Delay in rescue machinery, due to a foul-up in communications, was responsible for most of the 880 deaths.

OPA Co-operative

OUTLOOK is bright for renewal of the price control act for six months at least. Some insiders say it will be extended for a year if OPA is willing to have written in specific methods for taking off controls.

OPA liaison with congress, under Bowles, has been so effective state department plans to copy it.

Every complaining letter referred to OPA by a congressman gets quick, competent consideration. Often condition complained of is corrected.

In any case, congressman gets two or three-page letter explaining fully, which lets him sound learned to his constituent. No speech in congress attacking OPA goes unanswered.

Japs Bombed Out

STRATEGIC bombing survey of Pacific war will report major Japanese cities at least 70 per cent destroyed. Its members found emperor and those close to him knew in December, 1944, that Japan was beaten, wanted to end peace then but couldn't convince military.

SUCCESSFUL Pennsylvania turnpike in causing some officials to propose similar toll highways linking big cities. Governor Lausche of Ohio is considering a state toll road authority. Ideas is that proposed federal super-highway net will be too long getting authorized; that key roads are needed now and might be good financial risks for either state or private capital.

SAYS NAVY BARRED ALL SECRET PACTS

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United States was drawn into the war.

"We had a tentative plan—but only based on when, and if, we got in," Adm. Stark told Senator Homer Ferguson (R. Mich.).

Adm. Stark also identified for the committee the mysterious "Curtis B. Munson" mentioned yesterday as the man to whom Navy Capt. E. M. Zacharias predicted the Pearl Harbor attack.

Tells of Munson Trip

He said Mr. Munson was sent to the West Coast and Hawaii in October, 1941, on a special mission for the late President Roosevelt to study Japanese activities.

Capt. Zacharias, an intelligence officer and former commander of the cruiser Salt Lake City, will be called before the committee soon after it ends its 10-day recess scheduled to begin today.

CAMPAIGN DELAYED

The opening dinner of the Salvation Army's building fund campaign scheduled for Wednesday has been postponed until Jan. 16.

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(Continued From Page One) average of 37,000 men per month since V-J day against estimates of needs of 50,000.

Gen. Collins said virtually all 60-point men are home from Europe and 50-point men are now being shipped. By the end of January most men with 50 points will be sent home from the Pacific.

Under the navy's new point schedule, the critical score for most male commissioned and warrant officers, set at 41 effective Feb. 2, will be reduced to 40 on Feb. 15 and to 39 on March 2.

Critical scores for WAVE officers, set at 28 for Feb. 2 will be reduced to 27 on the March control date. Enlisted women's points, set at 22 on Feb. 2, will be further reduced to 21 in March.

Says Point System Has Not Changed

TOKYO, Jan. 5 (U. P.)—Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson today denied that the war department was studying a plan to set March 20 as the deadline for release of army men with two years' service.

"The point system, or method of accumulation of points has not been changed. V-J day is still the date to which points may be accumulated," Mr. Patterson said.

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Phone Calls Hex LaFollette's Senatorial Coming Out Party

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county chairman, was one of those who appeared. He had already broken with Governor Bates and the state organization over wholesale beer licenses.

Among other G. O. P. functionaries on hand was Warrick County Chairman Roy Springfield.

"Mr. Springfield didn't have a telephone in his home," observed Mr. LaFollette significantly.

When Mr. Springfield arrived and observed the situation, he too left without partaking of the roast beef dinner.

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The dining room looked about as crowded as the Victory field bleachers on a drizzly night.

Mr. LaFollette was convinced his Republican cohorts had stayed away under coercion.

Undaunted by the poor showing, he clattered dishes with his table-thumping, tossed his suburban locks, and told state G. O. P. "conservatives" to join up with the "southern Democratic tories."

"Good for the People"

Charles Decker of the Evansville Republican cohort arose at the dinner session to propose Mr. LaFollette for President.

"Charles LaFollette is good for the people," he said. "It'll be a tragedy if he's forsaken."

Other eighth district Republican helmeters attending the session in support of Mr. LaFollette yesterday also declared he would definitely withdraw from the forthcoming eighth district congressional race to devote all his time to the senate contest.

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23 KILLED IN TEXAS TORNADO

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Search Ruins of Homes for More Victims.

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blown down in that area, while at Nacogdoches, George W. Hawkes, editor of the Nacogdoches Sentinel, said it was impossible to estimate the extent of property damage in that region.

Actions Mystery

Just why Hoosier G. O. P. brass should belittle Mr. LaFollette deliberately as alleged was a matter of profound speculation at the McCurdy hotel. Most observers believe the organization should be able to control the state convention in June without too much difficulty.

But the possibility looms that Rep. LaFollette's popularity with metropolitan labor and lower-income groups is a genuine threat to any regular organization candidate.

Mr. LaFollette is powerful in the large cities, weak in the rural areas. He'll make a concerted bid for farm support.

Opposes Willis

He enters the senate race against incumbent Raymond E. Willis. Indications are that Republican state chairman William E. Jenner may likewise take the plunge, and re-elect the state organization nod.

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All electric power in the Nacogdoches area was cut when the storm struck the city's main power station.

GOVERNOR GREEN TO SPEAK

Governor Dwight H. Green of Illinois will address members of the Mystic Tie Masonic Lodge at 7 p. m. Monday in the Masonic Temple. Governor Green is a 33rd degree Mason and past high priest of the council of Princess of Jerusalem, Chicago consistory. The meeting is restricted to Masonic members.

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8 Divisions Are Being Deployed

FRANKFURT, Jan. 5 (U. P.)—Redeployment box score of the U. S. army in Europe:

26th, 29th, 30th and 100th Infantry Divisions—First elements on the high seas.

80th Division—Major portion on the high seas, the remainder awaiting shipment from the United Kingdom.

2d Armored Division—In the Caspian Sea area of Marseilles zone.

INDIANAPOLIS CLEARING HOUSE

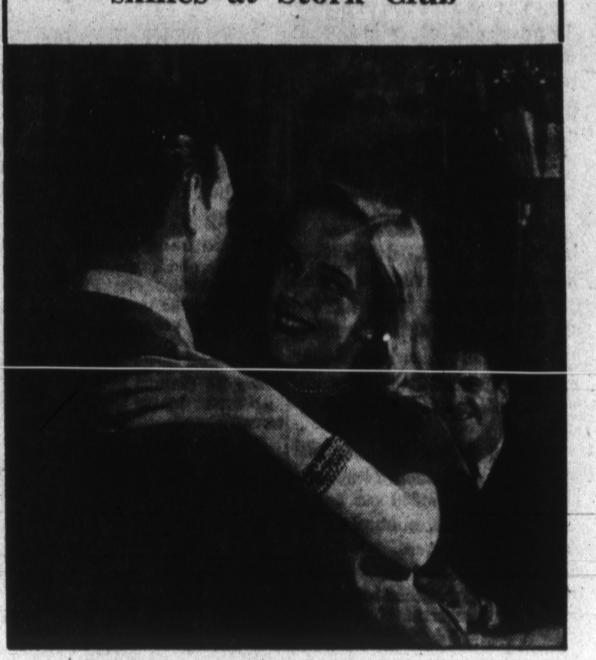
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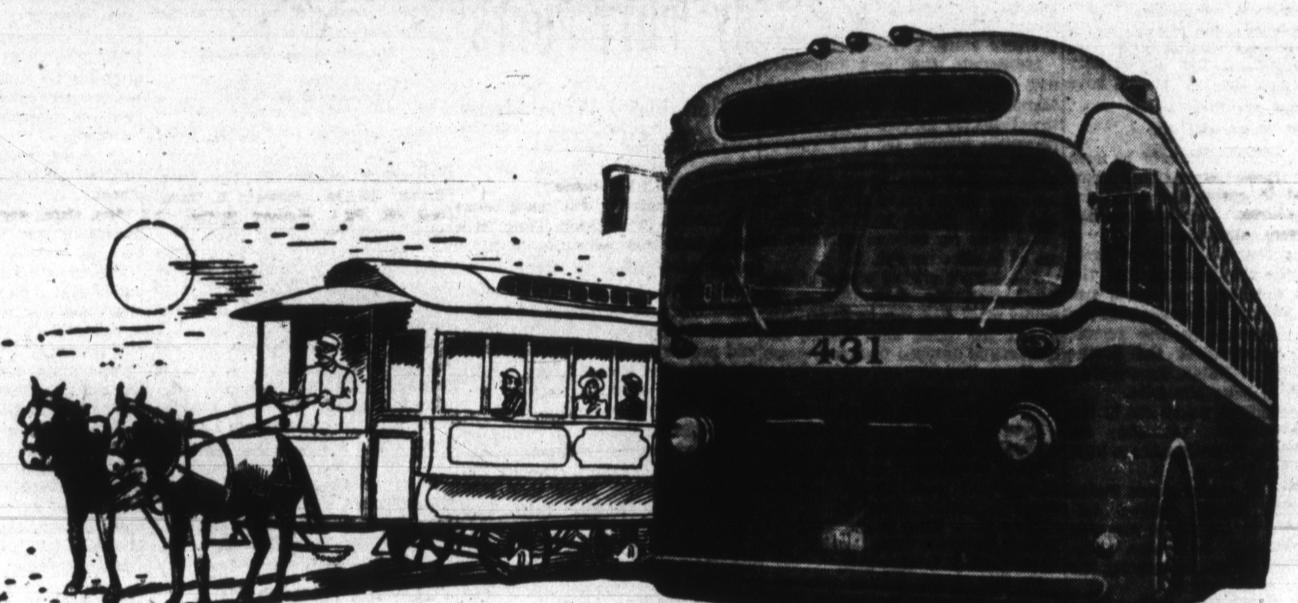
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Right now, scores of our vehicles need to be replaced with improved post-war