

WASHINGTON Calling

Weekly Sizeup by the Washington Staff of the Scripps-Howard Newspapers

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

If it states convincingly how much increase workers are entitled to—and wins labor, management agreement—this 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 concede if the board recommends a 15 per cent increase.

With some urging it might go to 18 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 today is assuring construction industry that priorities system will be operated liberally, with ample leeway to builders for unexpected additions to costs.

OPA will try to balance priorities 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-Blender-Taft housing bill has irritated building industry which is fighting both proposals.

Mr. Wyatt was installed as housing expediter on recommendation of Treasury Secretary Vinson, who was impressed with way he licked the housing shortage in Louisville.

Wicks May Quit

CABINET: Newest rumor is that Secretary Wicks will quit to take over direction of the C. I. O. P. 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 P. 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-UP Republican national committee bigwigs to get together in March to do up new policy statement aimed at covering up weakness of congressional declaration. Many committee-

men think congressional attempt at stating policy did more harm than good; that stronger, clearer statement must be issued to counter charge that G. O. P. has no policy.

Committee may decide to tackle one issue at a time rather than get out over-all pronouncement.

'Fall Guy'

HIGH-RANKING navy officers say full blame for the U. S. S. Indianapolis tragedy will never be fixed, though Capt. Charles McVay has been court-martialed and soon will be sentenced. Sentence is expected to be light because McVay, either willingly or unwillingly, was fall guy for higher-ups, officers say.

Alternatives were to bring an admiral to trial for lapses of subordinates, or to hang blame on an enlisted man or low-ranking reservist.

Fact that navy is fighting desperately against unification 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 800 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 sue for peace then but couldn't convince military.

SUCCESSFUL Pennsylvania turnpike is causing some officials to propose similar toll highways linking big cities. Governor Lausche of Ohio is considering a state toll road authority. Idea 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.

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

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turned to this country in November and 800,000 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.

The government officials met as leaders of the three biggest C. I. O. unions mapped strategy in their campaign for a 30-per cent wage increase in the steel, automotive and electrical manufacturing industries.

Confident of Victory

Some of the union leaders were confident that they would win their wage fight by March 1. Others thought a "break" might come earlier. None indicated any intention of backing down in their demands.

Rioting broke out yesterday around the huge Kearny, N. J., Western Electric plant between 1000 supervisory employees and 500 pickets. Four men were hurt and three arrested.

In Springfield, Mo., C. 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.

Deadline Set

Another strike threat bearing on the telephone labor situation was that of the Association of Communications Equipment Workers, who have set a Wednesday deadline.

The General Motors strike was static except for court battles over union picketing. A hearing was set for Tuesday on an injunction petition against pickets at the G. M. transmission plant in Detroit.

'Trick Maneuver'

The corporation's promise that the work week during the reconstruction period would be at least 45 hours in most plants was assailed by the U. A. W. as a "trick maneuver."

Victor Reuther, the union's full employment division director, claimed to have written evidence that General Motors as late as Aug. 31 intended to operate on a 40-hour work week for civilian production.

He charged that G. M. held to this intention until "it hit upon the device of proposing a longer work week as a means of evading the demand of its employees for a 30 per cent increase in wages without an increase in prices."

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.

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 Gates and the state organization over wholesale beer licenses.

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

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

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

'Crowded' With Absence

Rep. LaFollette had requested a flock of eighth district Republicans, personal friends and labor leaders to the dinner in the McCurdy hotel.

The friends and labor leaders were there, openly endorsing Rep. LaFollette's candidacy. But only three eighth district Republicans were present. They sat on their hands.

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 auburn 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 C. I. O. 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 helmsmen attending the session in addition to Mayor Reichert and Mr. Springston, were Clark County Chairman William M. Gilmore and Mayor Raymond Jaegers of New Albany.

District Chairman Fred Malotte of Petersburg didn't answer Rep. LaFollette's letter of invitation. A

23 KILLED IN TEXAS TORNADO

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.

Hardest hit was the little town of Southview, three miles south of Palestine. There nine were known to have died when the tornado swept through the village and left only the walls of a few homes standing.

James Wilkie, a 16-year-old Palestine high school boy, provided the first eye-witness account of the havoc at Southview, which he said was "wiped out."

The boy said several gasoline stations were "just missing," with only gasoline pumps standing. He said several motorists were injured when their cars were hurled from Rusk highway, connecting Palestine and Southview.

Seven persons were hurt, one seriously, when the tornado dipped to earth five miles south of Decatur, 60 miles northwest of Dallas, and overturned three cars of a northbound Ft. Worth & Denver City railroad train.

Rescue workers struggled to reach a Negro settlement of some 40 homes at Nacogdoches, but were hampered by mud left by a three-inch rain. It was believed most of the houses had been leveled.

All electric power in the Nacogdoches area was out 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.

8 Divisions Are Being Deployed

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

26th, 29th, 90th 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 Calais staging area of Marselle zone.

84th Infantry Division—Postal detachment on the high seas. The rest of the division moving into Camp Philip Morris.

84th Infantry Division—Mostly in Camp Philip Morris.

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Clearings —The Week— \$13,000,000

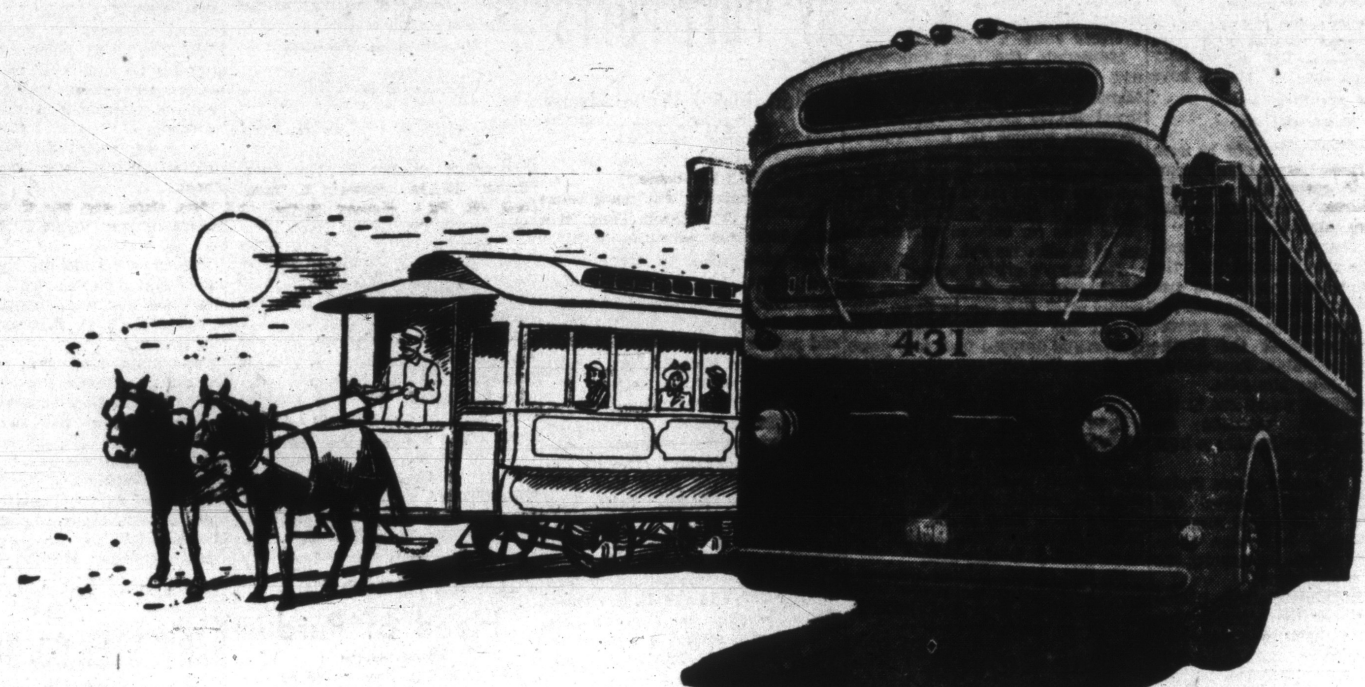
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buses are on order. Many more will need to be ordered as soon as manufacturers can provide them. Present plans call for an over-all expenditure of not less than \$3,500,000 in the next three years to make replacements and additions to our facilities.

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