

# WASHINGTON Calling

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

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eastern Europe's foreign commerce can clear. Italy will lose Tyrol to Austria, to which country it really belongs, but Istria probably will go to Yugoslavia.

The 18 lesser nations will be permitted to sit in on what is to be called a "world peace conference," probably starting about May 1. But major decisions of the Big Three will not be greatly changed.

Finally, U. S. will almost certainly clear out of both Germany and Japan much sooner than most people now realize.

## Anti-Trust Division Eyes Building

NEW JUSTICE DEPARTMENT campaign to reduce building costs may be in making. Anti-trust division is re-examining industry to determine whether restrictive practices it found before it started were still widespread. Attorney General Clark is ready to give go-ahead if investigation turns up enough evidence.

Three cases are still hanging over from anti-trust war started in 1938-40 by Thurman Arnold: Suit against San Francisco Millwork Manufacturers and Carpenters' union for excluding outside products (scheduled for re-argument before the supreme court); another against nationwide plumbing groups, to be tried in Cleveland this fall; third in District of Columbia against gypsum board manufacturers.

House judiciary committee is planning hearings on Monroney bill to make anti-trust laws applicable to unions. Passage would give Justice department new weapon against "make-work" union rules and other restrictive practices.

It's intended to offset supreme court decision which excluded unions from anti-trust action and partly wrecked Arnold campaign.

## Axis in South America

SPRUILLE BRADEN, assistant secretary of state, probably will testify before Senate's Kilgore committee late this month on axis penetration in South America and what's being done about it.

A little later committee probably will hear from Russell Nixon, formerly U. S. member of German external property commission, created in Berlin by allied control council.

Mr. Nixon, before leaving Germany, criticized state department so severely for its alleged "protection" of German external assets that the department issued a long denial.

## Ickes and Oil Reserves

SENATE hears that Secretary Ickes has asked President Truman to give interior department entire control of government oil reserves and leases when he reorganizes. It probably will be debated when Pauley nomination to be undersecretary of navy is up for confirmation. Navy now shares interior's authority.

NOTE: Senate filibuster on Fair employment practices bill prevented Pauley nomination and others from being referred to committee, may cause considerable delay.

APPLICATIONS for priorities under new homes-for-veterans program show lower cost estimates than some officials had expected.

Out of first 6500 applications, nearly half were for homes to sell at \$7500 or less, or to rent for \$60 a month or less.

And these first reports came mostly from large cities where costs are generally higher.

## Market Speculation

FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD'S hope of tougher tax policy to keep speculators out of stock markets and real estate has little chance.

What's really needed, board thinks, is increase in capital gains tax or in the period an investment must be kept before profits are taxed at low capital gains rate.

It works this way: If you buy a stock and hold it six months, you pay a 25 per cent capital gains tax on your profits. If you sell before six months, you pay

## Diana Barrymore Slaps Film Villain in Hollywood Brawl

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over Decker's backroom bar and smashed \$100 worth of liquor glasses, setting off the fisticuffs.

"All evening Tierney had been sulking in a corner," actress Frances Robinson said. "I asked him to join my group but he declined surely."

William Kent, son of a Sunset strip night club operator, reproached Tierney and the three started downstairs after Tierney had been sulking.

"Tierney either shoved or pushed Kent," Miss Robinson related. "Outside, Kent jumped on Tierney and pinned him to the ground, but Anthony Quinn, the actor, pulled him off."

Tierney, he went on, leaped from the ground with his shirt almost torn off and "began fighting everybody."

Kent and Tierney each claimed the other had insulted him.

For Liking Errol Flynn

"Kent told me that anyone who likes Errol Flynn is no good," Tierney said. "He taunted me as I was leaving the party and then he struck at me. I didn't hit him but I wish I had."

"Tierney insulted a girl friend of mine," Kent said. "I guess he

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## 5th Command Is Accused of 'Blunder' in Battle Order

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cross the Rapido be made north of the village of Cassino, where the river was fordable and where a crossing later was made successfully by the 34th division.

Gen. Walker later said that the original plan was for the British to take heights on the left of the German position and the French the heights on the right. Neither the British nor the French succeeded. "When we were ordered to cross the Rapido anyway," Gen. Walker said.

A war department spokesman said that without the Rapido maneuver, the landing at Anzio Jan. 22, 1944, would have failed. The Anzio beachhead yielded eventually the capture of Rome and contributed to victory in Italy, he said.

The 5th army was ordered to make an assault, he said, and added: "The spearhead unit invariably suffers. In most instances its losses seem disproportionate. It is only in the over-all view that such losses assume their true perspective."

### Over-All Plan

"The Rapido river operation was part of the over-all plan.

"At the same time the landing was being made at Anzio.

"At the same time also other elements of the 5th and 8th armies were engaged in operations designed to contain the Germans on the southern front in order, first, to prevent the diversion of troops to oppose the Anzio landing and, second, to destroy the German forces in the Liri valley.

"Possession by the enemy of the high ground on either side of the 36th division attack, the failure of the 10th corps in its crossing and the tenacious resistance which slowed down the French attack to the north were all factors in this failure to cross the Rapido."

## IRAN-RUSS TIFF SLATED FOR UNO

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Survivors of the Rapido attack tell of scenes of horror. For instance, there were 80 bodies of their comrades stacked on the northern bank of the river and never reached by allied forces until the following May.

In killed, wounded and missing, the 141st regiment lost 49 officers and 988 men. One battalion lost all its company commanders.

Survivors said the Rapido at the place of attack was 30 feet wide, 12 to 18 feet deep, swift and treacherous. They said steep, six-foot banks ran on both sides and the only approach was down flat stretches of mud over which roads could not be built under the withering German fire.

**Heavily Mined**  
The entire area across the river had been heavily mined. Barbed wire was thick and deep. Covering mortars and machine guns were supported by light and heavy artillery.

Patrols went out to bring in the wounded and never returned. Men in assault boats were mowed down. Hundreds were killed or wounded in the desperate crossing itself.

Some got across. But they had to be blown down by fire. They had to return—those who could.

One surviving officer said: "I believe it is high time that responsibility for such ruthless sacrifices of human life be placed directly where it belongs—on the blunders of those who order such unsound attacks even after the information from troop commanders in position to know better than anyone points out their futility."

Most of the men of the 36th were Texans. Gen. Walker's home is at Columbus, O. After the capture of Rome he was transferred to Ft. Benning, Ga. He now is director of military training, army service forces, Washington.

**URGE RECONSIDERATION**

After the White House announced

the company and union decisions

yesterday, Mr. Truman issued a

statement again urging the company to accept. Corporation repre-

sentatives here did not know

## Kaiser Accepts Truman Steel Wage Plan, But Nation-Wide Walkout Is Under Way

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management can we ride the perils our seas ahead."

The steel walkout had begun at Pittsburgh where Jones & Laughlin, giant independent producer, was hit by a wildcat strike that was expected to affect some 9000 workers and shut down all operations by to-day.

The strike spread to the company's Alkipuna works by mid-morning. No pickets appeared but the plant's 9300 workers left their tasks and the company reported all operations would be halted by 4 p.m.

Approximately 2500 steelworkers were reported between strikers and non-strikers in Kansas City, Kas., plant of the Columbia Steel Co.

Another 400 Crucible Steel and

1200 Robertshaw workers were idle in Pennsylvania in unrelated strikes

**CONFIDENT OF STEEL**

Government labor leaders had hoped that a steel agreement might pave the way to settling mass walkouts in the electrical, automotive and meat packing industries. Instead, they faced a situation in which more than 1,600,000 U. S. workers would be idled by strikes within the next two days.

Administration leaders plainly were dismayed at the rebuff from U. S. Steel, pace-setter for the industry. Mr. Truman warned that a steel strike would "be felt in practically every major industry" in the country.

It's repercussions, he said, would be felt "for a long time to come."

**MOVE TO CONSERVE STEEL**

The civilian production administration, meanwhile, moved to conserve existing steel stockpiles for essential needs by setting up a voluntary rationing program.

Administrator John D. Small said that if the voluntary plan does not work, he will issue emergency regulations for vital industries and services. These include hospitals, pub-

lic utilities, transportation and food processing.

He emphasized that warehouse steel stocks would meet the country's demands for "a very short time."

Civilian meat supplies continued to dwindle rapidly, as nearly 300,000 A. F. of L. and C. I. O. packinghouse workers struck for the fourth day over wage demands. A widespread meat blackmarket threatened.

**PICKETS RESTRAINED**  
A temporary restraining order prohibiting C. I. O. picketing of the Swift & Co. plant in Kansas City, Kas., was issued last night after violence was reported. Similar court orders were issued against striking C. I. O. electrical workers in Cleveland and Western Union workers in Jersey City, N. J.

C. I. O. President Murray cited the industry's rejection of President Truman's wage plan as evidence of the "evil conspiracy among American big business."

He said the steel industry's action—combined with that taken by General Motors in refusing to comply with a recommendation of the President's fact-finding panel—"should clarify for the American people the issue which has been drawn."

Hundreds of plane in flight streamer of smoke moments in a half an hour.

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**DEAD**  
Eastern Air Line crewmen as Pilot R. S. Montreal.

Other passengers state police were killed in Montreal.

Miller, Montreal New York City been recently in the navy: Norman E. Md.; William G. Pa.; Lt. Scott New York City. Mrs. C. Ludwig Vostok (no address); Mrs. York City; Mrs. and baby, Barbara Thompson, Gardner's wife, passenger, was in the liner. It was

## SATURDAY PROBE PLATE

State and F

Seek Dis

CHESSIRE, Pa.—A five-war launched today an Eastern Airlines plane which killed three crew members.

Official of E. civil aeronauts county coroner joined in the disaster.

The two men bound from M. on the last leg of the flight plummeted into wooded section of country.

All of the occu- were burned to death.

The plane, a 1500 foot altitude motor caught fire. It flew for a few minutes as the pilot was trying to emergency field folded and the straight down.

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Two buildings the B & B founded in a \$100,000 square foot completed and was

Clay Claybush Claybush, co-owner, announced cement building of the present building.

Another building next week. It will be the aluminum foundry present structure.

The foundry, now working, a number of employees. Mr. Hergert is general manager.

**WANTS TO QU**

SAN FRANCIS P.—Maj. Gen. commander of the bomb project, said to quit because research was

Groves said that the project was organized and super secrecy "is drifting been adopted."

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All Data in C. —Jan. 1, 1946

Sunrise ..... 7:00

Precipitation 24 hrs. Total precipitation deficiency than Jan.

Atlanta ..... 0.00

Boston ..... 0.00

Cincinnati ..... 0.00

Cleveland ..... 0.00

Denver ..... 0.00

F. Wayne ..... 0.00

Fort Worth ..... 0.00

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