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Washington MERRY-GO-ROUND BY DREW PEARSON WINU SERVICE K TERRE

MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT

PRESIDENT Certain senators who have been working backstage for a stream-lined "war cabinet" got some inter-esting ammunition when they cross-examined one of the President's close associates at a closed-door committee meeting. They learned that cabinet meet-ings, except for an increase in the number of participants, still are be-ing conducted on an informal, crack-er barrel basis, with no plan or system.

The conducted on an informal, crack-er barrel basis, with no plan or system. The weekly meetings are conduct-ed without an agenda. Cabinet of-ficers and agency heads never know what will be discussed from week to week, frequently come unpre-pared for policy questions that af-fect them. Senators who have been digging into the matter feel that the White House secretariat should contact de-partment and agency heads several days before a cabinet meeting to learn what problems they want to discuss with the President. On the basis of this, as well as matters the President himself intends to bring up, an advance memorandum could be prepared and distributed before the meeting.

Besides regular cabinet officers, there are usually a dozen other top government officials at White House

government officials at White House sessions, including Harry Hopkins, Manpower Chief Paul McNutt, WPB Chief Donald Nelson, Farm Czar Chester Davis, Economic Stabilizer James Byrnes, Admiral William D. Leahy. Time was when disputes between departments and agencies were rioned out at a cabinet meeting, but not now. Even disputes affecting major military and domestic poli-cies are passed over. Favorite trick of department heads, who have a ticklish matter on their minds, is to wait until the meeting is finished, then pass a note to the President stating their particular problem, with a request for a private audi-ence.

FOUR GERMANS WATCH U. S. A.

FOUR GERMANS WATCH U. S. A. There are four Germans who know the United States better than any others. Where they are now reveals what importance Hitler at-taches to the United States and its influence on the neutral countries. For all four Germans are located in key neutral capitals where they can watch Americans and keep their ears open for news of U. S. diplo-matic and military maneuvers, and counteract American influence. Here are the four German experts

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Franz von Papen, German mili-tary attache in Washington during the last war when he engineered plans to blow up the Welland canal and brain-trusted various other

sabotage. Hans Heinrick Dieckhoff, ex-ambas-sador to Washington and one of the most skillful to be stationed here in years.

Hans Thomsen, counselor and charge d'affaires of the German em-bassy after Dieckhoff left Washing-

ton. Kurt Sell, correspondent of the of-ficial German News Agency DNB, long stationed in Washington where he was generally popular. Unof-ficially he acted frequently for the German Embassy.

In Europe these four are now sta-tioned as follows: Von Papen in Turkey; Dieckhoff in Spain; Thom-sen in Sweden; and Sell in Portugal. These are countries which, if they moved their neutral position one way or the other, might decide the fate of the war.

DEFEAT IN BURMA

Recent events in Burma unfortu-nately have pretty much punctured the one-time world-beating reputa-tion of Gen. Sir Archibald P. Wavell, supreme commander in the India-Burma theatar.

tion of Gen. Sir Archibald P. Wavell, supreme commander in the India-Burma theater. The Japs are reported to have only about 50,000 men in Burma. How many the British have in the entire India area is a military secret but it can't be less than a million. However, there is one factor miti-gating the otherwise dismal fasco of General Wavell-most of his army is Indian. Indian troops have fought well in other wars, but not in this one. Generalismo Chiang Kai-shek, vi-tally interested in reopening the Burma road, recently has hinted at the reason.

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FROM THEIR MAIN BASE on the upper Yangtze, Japanese columns are reported pushing west and south in what may be the initial stages of a new drive on Chungking, Chinese provisional capital. Chinese report the invaders within 275 airline miles of the city, with one column said to be approaching Wufeng, 50 miles southwest of the main Japanese base located at Ichang. (International)

WPB MAY RESTRICT GLASS CONTAINERS Restrictions on the number of glass

Approximately 1,200 Cambria Co. employes of the Pennsylvania Rain road will be included in an eight-cent an hour raise for non-operating work kers recommended to President Roos sevelt by an emergency board of the national railway panel. The pay increase which is expected to become effective within thirty days will increase monthly pay checks of the 1,200 workers by an average of paproximately \$16.32. The figure is based on the monthly working sched The raise will increase the monthly to board stipulated that the wage raise would be retroactive to lass February 1st, meaning that back rape estimated at \$97,920 will be due the 1,200 district employes by July 1, the date when the board expects pay roli changes to be completed. Each work er will receive an approximately \$81, 60 additional for the five months back pay. Included in the wage hike will be back pay. MANY LOCAL MEN

RAIL RAISE BENEFITS

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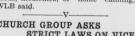
MAJ. GEN. JIMMY DOOLIT-TLE, in a 21-passenger plane carrying 71 other persons, stood throughout its flight from China to India. This item, posted in street cars, might stop some of that griping by there because

that griping by strap hangers. Incidentally, the major gen-eral should be quite an author-ity now on the share-the-ride

111 "Race Track Crowds Break Records"—headline. The folks, it seems, want a run for their money.

The Office of Defense Transportation wants vacations stag-

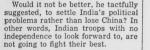
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estimated at \$97,920 will be due the 1,200 district employees by July 1, the date when the board expects pay roll changes to be completed. Each work-for additional for the five months of back pay. Included in the wage hike will be more than 100 women now employed of the railroad. Also included will be hundreds of track workers and other railroad maintenance personnel. Approximately 1,000 persons in the Comemaugh and South Fork divisions of the railroad will be affected by the recommended pay increase. Ano-district, most of them members on ther 200 working out of the Cresson district, most of them members on the week crews and track workers also will receive the increase. Scheduled for the pay raise also are engine house workers, car in-spectors, oilers, greasers and other yard maintenance workers. MT ALOVSUILS² ANN-CTREES

NEW POTATOES WILL BE AVAILABLE SHORTLY
See SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS
The winners of the annual compe-titive scholarship examinations heat at Mt. Aloysius' Junior College, at dent of Mt. Aloysius Academy, rest dent of Mt. Aloysius Academy, rest dent of Galitzin, Virginia Weakland, Johnstown Catholic High School; Hilda McGuire, Cresson High School; Constance A. Malligan, Hollidays burg High School; Ruth Anne Aru constance A. Malligan, Hollidays burg High School; Ruth Anne Aru burg High School; Ruth Anne Aru tog the School, Ruth Anne Aru burg High School; Ruth Anne Aru tog the School, Marguerite Zembeck, Portage this School, Marguerite Zembeck, Portage tog offered in the occupational cour-ting together with the specific vo tactional preparation. The summer session of Mount Al-oysius Junior College will be of apologitis. The annual retreats for the young Iadies are scheduled this year from Apologitis. The annual retreats for the young Iadies are scheduled this year from August 27th to August 30th; the sec-son d, from September 3 to 6.
Flag Day, June 14th, falls on Monday.





CAPITAL CHAFF

CAPITAL CHAFF G Generals Giraud and DeGaulle are going to unite on at least one thing—an ultimatum to Admiral Robert of Martinique that he resign. G WPB's Ex Vice Chairman Ferd Eberstadt says: "Before I came to Washington my crowd in Long Is-land hated Ickes, and I was provin-cial enough to agree with them. But I have found that he is one of the best executives in Washington and one of the few who always keeps his word. When he promises to do a word. When he promises to do a thing, he does it." Press Courier ads pay you well.

YOU'RE TELLING ME! By WILLIAM RITT Central Press Writer

> gered Vacations-not vacationers. Vacationers, we've noticed, often do their own staggering.

Baseball fans can't under-stand Rommel. He pulls off lots of runs without making a hit-even with Hitler.

Golf, says a physician, is a good safety valve. Now the player who blows up has less excuse than ever. 1 1 1 The post-war home, we are told will bays forum down

told, will have fewer doors. Goody, this should cut down the number of wolves parked at same.



new early potatoes have to be con-sumed within a reasonable period af-ter harvest inasmuch as these va-rieties are much more perishable than late potatoes and cannot be stored." Baum said, "Thus the big supply expected in June will have to be eaten by civilians and armed for-