

Doomed Soldier Explains Refusal To Slay Others

CAMP ROBERTS, Calif., Feb. 7. (AP)—"I have a revolutionary mind," Pvt. Henry P. Weber, soldier sentenced by court-martial to hang for refusing to drill, told an Associated Press photographer who came here yesterday to make his picture.

"Wars are caused by the society in which we now live, and which cannot prevent a third world war."

The 27-year-old former Vancouver, Wash., shipyard foreman insisted upon making that statement before he would permit the photographer, Ernest K. Bennett of San Francisco, to make his picture.

Weber continued: "I am interested in a world in which all men can live peacefully. To be a good soldier you have to learn to hate and to kill. I am willing to do anything I can to get the war over, as long as I do not have to kill other people."

"Doesn't that make you a conscientious objector?" Bennett asked.

"I suppose so," Weber replied. "With my revolutionary mind," Weber said, "talking with other men in the army would only disrupt the organization, as they would be inclined to my ideas."

Transfer Request Denied
Asked if he refused to drill to get out of the army, Weber answered:

"No. I asked for a transfer to non-combatant duty three or four days before the incident for which I was court-martialed occurred, but that was not granted. The men at the camp know of my feelings in the matter because I was court-martialed for a similar offense some time previously, and was sentenced to six months at hard labor."

"I was a foreman in a shipyard in peace time, and am used to associating and working with men. I am a member of the socialist labor party, which aims at peaceful revolution. With a revolutionary mind, you lose your place in the new society and with no chance to help in making the new society if you hate and kill."

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 7. (AP)—Major John L. Ferguson, field artillery adjutant at Camp Roberts, Calif., has notified Mrs. Grace Weber it may be several months before her husband's fate is known, she said today.

The worried young mother appealed to Major Ferguson for advice upon learning that Pvt. Henry Weber, her husband, was under a death sentence for refusal to drill.

"Action of the court is not final and is subject to numerous reviews which are automatic," the officer's message said. "The reviews constitute appeals. The sentence as finally approved will not be known for several months."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7. (AP)—If he finds the facts warrant it, Senator Mordecai (R-Ore.) will support Senator Wheeler's request for an investigation of Pvt. Henry P. Weber's case, aides said today.

Morse asked the adjutant general for a complete report on the Camp Roberts, Calif., court-martial which sentenced the Vancouver, Wash., soldier to hang for refusal to drill. He also invited the adjutant general's comment.

Germans' Defense Line On Oder River Sagging

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enders. Italy Stalemate Broken

U. S. Fifth army troops in Italy, breaking a long, weather-imposed stalemate, attacked strongly against German positions southeast of Bologna, hitting their initial objectives and the allies also advanced in the Serchio valley near the west coast, with the occupation of two more villages.

The Fifth, seeking "limited objectives" jumped off after clearing weather yesterday enabled the allies to hurl nearly 4,000 planes against the Germans, hitting Magdeburg, Leipzig, Chemnitz, all communications centers southeast of Berlin, and railroad targets.

Russian troops have forced bridgeheads at six or more points on the Kustlin-Frankfurt sector east of Berlin and in the Steina area, the Germans have reported.

Civil Rights Bill Voted Down in State Senate

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sue 30-year bonds for construction of buildings and to refund them from student fees and other income were also passed by the house today and sent to the senate.

The bills, introduced by the Lane and Benton county delegations, are part of legislative provision for an extensive postwar building program of the higher education system.

The senate roads and highways committee today recommended passage of a bill to extend increased wartime truck limits until July 1, 1947, and decided to table the measure to make permanent the wartime limits. The freeway bill to give the highway commissioner power to limit access to state highways, and the bill to prohibit police from removing overloads from logging trucks.

Liquor Monopoly Asked
Sen. Burke, Sherwood, introduced a bill to give the state liquor stores a monopoly on the sale of all wines imported into Oregon, as well as all wines fortified with brandy.

Burke's bill to give the stores a monopoly on the sale of fortified

No Gas



fied wines with more than 14 per cent alcohol was passed in 1943, but was referred to the voters, who approved it last November. The new bill has an emergency clause on it, so it could not be referred.

The house killed 40 to 16 a bill by Rep. Harvey, Portland, to make taverns and drinking clubs open fully to view from the street and adequately lighted inside.

Gas Tax Sharing Aired
Oregon counties had their day before the senate roads committee yesterday, urging passage of the bill to give counties 20 per cent of gasoline tax revenues, instead of the 15.7 per cent they now get.

The bill would guarantee counties a minimum of \$2,500,000 a year, instead of the \$2,000,000 now given them.

Judge F. L. Phipps, The Dalles, representing the Association of Oregon Counties, said the counties need the money to build their own roads, and that they have no other source of revenue open to them.

But T. H. Banfield, Portland, chairman of the state highway commission, said the state needs its revenue to be used to match federal funds for postwar highway construction.

The committee also heard loud hauled support a bill to relieve the haulers from removing overloads along state highways. The bill would allow the haulers to measure on a board foot basis, instead of by weight, and would allow them to proceed slowly under a flag if caught with overloads. Operators who overload still would be subject to penalties. Banfield also opposed this bill.

More School Funds Urged
The state either must provide more money for its schools or continue to have inadequate education, Rep. Thomas, Dalles, chairman of the house education committee, told the house.

Thomas, after his own committee approved three bills to give schools \$5,100,000 more of income tax money, got the bills referred to the taxation committee.

He charged there were deliberate attempts to discredit the whole program for school aid. "The challenge to this assembly," he said, "is to move away from the old property tax base for financing education. The legislature must provide aid to meet a present day emergency."

After asserting that underpaid teachers are leaving the profession in droves, Thomas said he himself is quitting. He is principal of Dalles Junior high school.

MacArthur Congratulated
The legislature passed a resolution Tuesday congratulating General Douglas MacArthur and his troops upon the capture of Manila.

The resolution was introduced by Rep. Harvey Wells, Portland, and Sen. Joel C. Booth, Lebanon, both of whom served in the 2nd Oregon infantry, which stormed Manila in 1898.

Oregon women medical technicians are urged to join the army and navy nurse corps by a resolution passed yesterday by the legislature.

Role in Program Leads Soldier to Inheritance

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 7. (AP)—PFC Joseph A. Foster, Santa Barbara, Calif., wounded veteran of the south Pacific and patient at an army hospital here, found it profitable to appear on a military program.

An attorney, who had been trying to locate a relative of the late Joseph A. Foster of Okanogan, Wash., heard him speak.

Private Foster found he was his cousin's heir. The inheritance includes a home, three automobiles, \$3,000 in cash and some war bonds.

Mary Allerton was the last survivor of the Pilgrims who came to America on the first voyage of the Mayflower.

Barricaded Manila Japs Erased by Yanks

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closely-built area, spreading before a brisk wind toward the east and north. Explosions hurled burning chunks of wood into areas still inhabited by many of the more than 5,000 war prisoners liberated Saturday and Sunday, but were extinguished.

Many Filipinos undoubtedly were trapped in their homes and burned alive.

MacArthur said the fire, "wantonly set" by the "trapped and frustrated" enemy garrison, had no relation to Japanese military operations.

Flames from the burning Escolta were reflected on the American artillery gun barrels and tanks which had moved up to supplement the infantry push over two Pasig river bridges into the enemy-occupied southern half of Manila.

Japanese shells poured into American positions all Monday afternoon but gave way to a night of venting flames.

Liberating Yanks of the First Cavalry and 37th Infantry divisions pressed the dirty and dangerous job of clearing the enemy from their positions behind barricaded doors and from rooftops, while the Eleventh airborne division, which landed the coup de grace in a swift drive from the south, speared along two routes in the southern section.

The paratroopers met stiff resistance around Nichols field, at the extreme southern edge of town. Enemy anti-aircraft fire yesterday knocked down one of the very few American planes lost in the Luzon campaign.

Corridor Battered
Corridor fortress at the mouth of Manila bay, to which many Japanese are believed to have retreated, was bombed with 180 tons of explosives—the heaviest load yet delivered there.

To the north, on the Bataan peninsula—another possible temporary refuge for the Manila defenders—American troops who have sealed off all peninsular roads at the base drove southward along the eastern edge, against Japanese resistance bitterly from jungle and bamboo thickets.

On the east side of the central Luzon plain the important highway town of San Jose fell to the Yanks. This effectively sealed off the enemy's last road lifeline to the plain from the Cagayan valley. Lupao to the north was half occupied. At Munoz, to the west, 11 Japanese tanks were destroyed as the Americans made steady progress against stubborn resistance.

An enemy night counter-attack northeast of Florio, south of the

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Philippine summer capital at Baguio, was thrown back with heavy Japanese casualties.

Liberators poured 91 tons of bombs on Japanese airdromes on northern Borneo and raked air and shipping facilities throughout the Philippines and islands to the southeast.

Heavy Cut Coming in Shipyard Workers
PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 7. (AP)—The 112,000 workers in this area's war-born shipyards will be cut to 25,000 by next January, the state war manpower director predicted today.

L. C. Stoll said that unless new construction contracts—none now in sight—develop, employment will fall to 100,000 by August and decline by nearly 20,000 a month in the autumn.

Stoll predicted little change in the Northwest Lumber industry, but anticipates a cutback in small firms doing subcontract work for shipyards.

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qua Plywood company, has been developing the site and recently completed construction of a large log pond and other facilities.

Priorities and through assistance of Congressman Ellsworth, for transfer of machinery from Washington to the site at Roseburg, together with the purchase of a considerable amount of new equipment to be used in plywood manufacture. Construction of buildings will be the first activity to be undertaken and is expected to start in the very near future, weather permitting.

The company has acquired a considerable body of timber to furnish logs for the plant.

The Indian chief who welcomed the Pilgrims later was hunted down and killed in 1896 by whites under Captain Benjamin Church.

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