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JAPAN UNDER COMPLETE AERIAL BLOCKADE

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Every Harbor of Homeland, Korea Closed by Mines Laid By Vigilant Aircraft Patrol

(By the Associated Press)

A complete aerial blockade has cut off Japan from any aid from Asia where a huge Allied offensive is expected soon, American commanders said today shortly after reporting 119 more Japanese vessels have been sunk or damaged.

The air blockade was announced by Superfort headquarters. A spokesman said every harbor of Japan and Korea has been virtually closed by history's most extensive air-borne mining operation.

Whatever shipping manages to run the gantlet of mines is hunted down by patrolling American aircraft from Okinawa.

Other official reports told of fiery desolation of the big shipbuilding center of Nagasaki, unchallenged strikes around Nagoya and Kobe at factories and airfields, and the air blows that hit 91 enemy vessels, including at least five warships.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

POOLE, England. There is this to be said for air travel—it's casual. Your baggage is limited arbitrarily as to weight. The permitted total is about what you can carry without too much effort. There is none of the mess of embarkation by ship. You more or less stroll on and you more or less stroll off.

So, dropping down into Poole, there is none of the worried scurrying after luggage that is the inevitable accompaniment of arrival by ship. Instead, in the last few minutes, the short-shorter bills come out. Everybody is getting everybody else to sign. Some have pasted-together bills a yard long. Others of us are just getting a start. Some have a story about an American ATC captain with a string of bills ten feet long, with a \$100 bill reserved for the signatures at commanding generals.

One British citizen sums it up: "Silly business, isn't it? The only person who gets anything out of it is the United States treasury."

AS SHORE, you start through the mill by now reasonably familiar mill. Your passport is given up again, to be checked again against the lists made out on the other side. You pass the port medical officer, and in the

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Farmer Run Amok, Keeps Four Officers at Bay

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 3.—(AP)—Sheriff's deputies awaited issuance of a warrant to day before moving in on an armed Deer Park farmer who ran amok yesterday and was still keeping four deputy sheriffs at bay today in a timbered area.

Sheriff George Harber's office said deputies first attempted to take the man into custody after two shots had been fired at a passing truck on the highway, endangering a man and two girls in the machine. One bullet struck the truck.

The farmer, armed with two rifles, shot at deputies yesterday as he retreated into the woods. Officers said they understood from scanty reports from the scene that the man had visited his home during last night and then returned to the woods.

Ward Co. Still Declines to Obey Directives of WLB; Government Seizure Likely

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—(AP)—The War Labor board today referred to Economic Stabilization Director Davis its unsuccessful attempts to enforce directives issued to Montgomery Ward and Co., covering operations in seven cities.

This is the usual initial step preliminary to government seizures.

The board voted referral unanimously a few minutes after concluding a hearing on the company's non-compliance with orders affecting the mail order house in Baltimore and retail outlets in Trenton, N. J., Barre, Vt., Washington, Pa., Pueblo, Colo., Kansas City, Kas., and Kansas City, Mo.

At the hearing Montgomery Ward clearly indicated it had no intention of complying with the board's orders short of court compulsion.

Statements by John A. Barr and Stuart S. Ball, company spokesmen, charging hypocrisy and bias on the part of public members of the board, were chal-

lenged by both Lewis M. Gill and Jesse Freidin, public members.

Gill said the statements "may have been made in order to goad the board into making a rejoinder which could be used to prove the charges of bias, and that such statements were 'unworthy of a responsible member of the board.'"

Freidin stated that the board had disposed of 51,000 dispute cases, involving 12 or 13 million workers who had abided by its orders.

The company spokesman had accused WLB of granting "undeserved privileges" to organized labor and with encouraging industrial strife.

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Laval Denies Being Enemy Of Republic

"Overthrow" Remark Only "Joke," He Says as Witness at Pétain Trial

PARIS, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Pierre Laval ruefully admitted at the treason trial of Marshal Pétain today that he had said "here is where we overthrow the French republic" when he was pushing through acts which made the old soldier a virtual dictator. He contended his remark was a jest.

"I am not a fascist. I am not a Nazi. I love the republic," he shouted the haggard, former chief of government of Pétain's Vichy regime.

After recounting numerous secrets of France in the days before and after the armistice, including a military alliance with Mussolini after 1936 "against German aggression," Laval was confronted by M. Pomaret, former secretary general of the senate.

Pomaret recalled the fateful July 10, 1940, meeting at which three constitutional acts were passed giving the marshal full powers. He said Laval asked him to get the signature of Jules Jeanneney, senate president, commenting: "This is where we overthrow the republic."

Judge Mongibeaux, who had propelled numerous hostile questions at the former premier, brought under heavy guard from prison, asked if he used those words.

"I cannot deny it," Laval said. "I may have pronounced those words."

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Kidnapper Claims Mental Confusion

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 3.—(AP)—"Every night I pray for my father and mother to come and get me," nine-year-old Marjorie Wick said today in telling how a "grey-haired man" kidnapped her and held her captive for a week.

Marjorie, back home and apparently unharmed, said John S. Borten, 65, held on a charge of kidnapping her, "told me to forget my father and mother, to call him 'Daddy,' but I called him 'Hey.'"

Detectives found Borten and Marjorie in a rented room at Rochester yesterday. She vanished from her home in Buffalo July 25 after being taken for a bicycle ride by a grey-haired man who professed to be a friend of the Wick family.

Police reported Borten told them that a three-months old daughter had been taken from him nine years ago when his wife was committed to a mental hospital and that he thought Marjorie was his "own daughter."

Northwest Development Rests on CVA, Assertion

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 3.—(AP)—Progress of certain phases of the northwest's industrial development will be stymied unless the region approves the proposed Columbia Valley authority, Leland Olds, vice-chairman of the Federal Power commission, said today.

Olds said the area will not enjoy full economic development if left to "just grow, like Topsy."

Olds declared a CVA would give the Northwest "unity of approach" to organize regional resources. Principal criticism of the authority comes from interests anxious to "maintain economic centralization in the east," he said.

Olds said the authority, like TVA in the Tennessee valley, would give the northwest more of a "self contained economic unit" to encourage new industry.

Teacher Granted Divorce From Spanking Husband

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 3.—(AP)—A jury of school boys might have rendered a different verdict but Judge Reuben S. Schmidt granted a divorce to a teacher today.

Mrs. Marjorie Anderson Maxwell, 29, the school teacher, won her suit in which she testified her husband had spanked her.

"He told me he would spank me like a naughty pupil every time he felt it was necessary," and he put me over his knee to do it," she told the court.

Potsdam Accord Omissions Criticized by GOP Solons; London Expresses Approval

"Seeds of Future War" Sown, Claim; Silence on Pacific War Disliked

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Vigorous republican criticism of the Potsdam agreements gave President Truman notice today that there may be senate trouble ahead for the peace treaties that document envisages.

In a statement given added significance because of his chairmanship of the minority steering committee, Senator Taft contended that the Big Three's agreement to give Poland at least temporary control of an eastern slice of Germany "sows the seeds of future war." Taft found room to praise only what he called the "harsh" terms imposed upon Germany.

Democrats led by Chairman Connally of the senate foreign relations committee generally voiced approval of the settlements either reached or proposed for Europe's problems.

Omissions Raise Questions But there were some, like Senator Wheeler, who wondered why no mention was made of many continental sore spots.

Wheeler was sorry, he said, that nothing was said about Yugoslavia, adding:

"It is my understanding that in Yugoslavia they have no freedom of speech, no freedom of press and that the goods we are sending are used by Marshal Tito and his cohorts and not given to serbs."

Others wondered why there was no news of possible Russian entry into the war against Japan, why the disposition of German prisoners in allied hands was not set out, why Greece was unmentioned and whether Russian troops would be withdrawn from Poland.

Stalin Takes, Doesn't Give Observing that the agreements seemed to formalize a Russian sphere of influence in Poland, Bulgaria, Finland, Hungary, Romania and eastern Austria, Taft said the Big Three understandings "in effect recognize that the

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New Plan to Boost Output of Clothing Being Considered

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—(AP)—The government's ambitious program for boosting production of inexpensive clothing may be scrapped soon to make way for another plan to achieve the same end.

The War Production board, it was learned today, is considering abolition of its far-reaching order which currently earmarks about 75 per cent of the civilian fabric supply for low and moderately priced garments.

The order would be replaced by a regulation tagging specific amounts of material for various kinds of now-scarce garments. In operation to a limited extent for some time, the alternative program is said to be the choice of fabric and garment producers.

These manufacturers vigorously have opposed the present order as too broad and unnecessary, now that military clothing requirements have been cut back substantially.

Jerome Ney, director of OPA's consumer goods division, said he could not foresee what effect revocation of WPB's regulation would have on attempts to cut clothing prices. He added, however, that in any event OPA would continue its efforts to achieve a roll-back.

Trade representatives said, however, modification of WPB production controls would make it "extremely unlikely" that the maximum average price plan could be kept in effect.

Pvt. Delbert Hogan Is Killed on Okinawa

Private Delbert (Pat) Hogan, 19, former resident of Wilbur, was killed in action recently on Okinawa, according to word received by friends. He was the son of Mrs. Anna Moxley, a former resident of Wilbur, now residing at Elmira, Ore. Pvt. Hogan, who served with the Seventh Army, was his mother's one brother, Arthur Hogan, Springfield, Ore., and two sisters, Mrs. Louise Davidson, Portland, and Mrs. Olive Barto, Elmira.

Mistakes of Versailles Treaty Avoided in Tough Punishment of Germany

LONDON, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Veteran diplomatic observers agreed today the Big Three's Potsdam communiqué displayed a toughness with Germany sufficient to assure the world that it would be a long time before that nation again would threaten universal peace.

The London press chorused approval of the Potsdam decisions. Virtually the only complaints—either from newspapers or diplomatic observers—were aimed at what the Big Three did not say, rather than at what was announced.

It seemed agreed here in diplomatic circles that the mistakes of Versailles had been avoided and that closer cooperation of the big powers was assured in the reconstruction of Europe.

The Times called the Potsdam plan a "constructive program" which is "just though severe," and said it "holds a promise of an orderly transition for Europe."

Pointing out that there were some "notable omissions" in the plan, including the withdrawal of allied forces in Iran, the feeding of Europe and French claims in the Ruhr and the Rhineland, the newspaper said "continued collaboration and understanding among all three" nations would be necessary to complete the solution of all problems.

Worry For Spain Dispatches from Madrid said it was expected that the sharp

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New Rifle Range Assured Roseburg

Construction of a new rifle range at Roseburg will be undertaken in the very near future, General Ralph Cowgill, Portland, commanding officer of the Oregon State Guard, reported today.

General Cowgill, accompanied by Captain V. Hines of the U. S. Army, visited and inspected the Roseburg rifle company, commanded by Captain J. L. Saunders, at the regular drill period Thursday night. General Cowgill inspected the Roseburg armory and is recommending repairs to the roof as soon as possible.

The Roseburg rifle range recently was transferred from the War department to the Recreation Finance corporation, to be included in the site of the Young's Bay Lumber company mill. Provision is made that the RFC shall secure land of equivalent value to provide rifle range facilities.

Juvenile Terror Nabbed ASTORIA, Ore., Aug. 3.—(AP)—A 14-year-old Astoria boy has admitted to police he set a dozen fires and hanged two dogs with in the past year.

Mistreatment of American Soldier-Prisoners Related In House Committee Report

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—(AP)—In a report on "brutal treatment of soldiers," Chairman May of the House Military committee said today "promotion seems to be a customary reward for brutality."

May's statement was based on a subcommittee investigation into reports of mistreatment of American soldier-prisoners at the Lincoln, Neb., Army Air field.

It dealt with the case of Pvt. Warren C. Miller of Warren, Pa., who was court-martialed in January, 1944, for failure to obey a corporal's order to remove his hand from his pocket while on formation. Miller was sentenced to three months at hard labor.

May's statement then gave this account based on testimony he said was given by the committee:

Pvt. Alfred L. Winkle of Minneapolis, who was guarding Miller, was "dissatisfied with the speed" with which the prisoner was breaking rocks.

In the presence of Capt. Leonard K. Dunn, the provost marshal, and Lt. Stanley T. Jones, the prison officer, Winkle "struck Miller across the left jaw with his right stick, knocking him to his hands and knees, also knocking out two dental fillings."

16 Days in Hospital Captain Dunn then ordered

Forest Fires Rage On; More Aid Requested

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 3.—(AP)—Fire fighters, spurred on by cooler weather, rushed additional equipment to the most stubborn sectors of the Tillamook blaze today to restore lost trails.

Nearly all the fire line along Hembree ridge at the southern tip of the blaze had been lost despite a hard-won battle earlier in the week. Forestry officials appealed desperately for still more crews to check savage fires on the northern front attacking Clatsop County.

Tired crews in Western Washington County, striving to hold the Forest Grove watershed, reported proudly today no trails had been abandoned during the night. Although the fire burned angrily inside the lines, the area was in "fairly good condition," officials said.

Because rugged terrain prevented use of bulldozers for trail building in the watershed region, fighters used more water to keep

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Snell Asks Extradition Of Alleged GI Burglar

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 3.—(AP)—Governor Snell has signed a request for the extradition from Utah of Lee Koch, wanted in Lane county for interrogation concerning a trio of burglaries which occurred June 11 of this year.

Koch is being discharged from the Army, and Army authorities have refused to move him into Oregon where action for his discharge was begun. Lane county authorities have notified the governor.

With another soldier, Koch was found with ration books in his possession, allegedly mailed in Florence and removed from the Florence postoffice, the information upon which the warrant for his arrest was issued. The Florence market, bowling alley and post office were robbed the same night, the governor was told.

Germans Show Respect For U. S. Military Rule

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—(AP)—The War department reported today that neither organized resistance nor serious disorder have occurred in the American zone of occupation in Germany.

The department added that the Germans there have an increasing "respect for military government."

The department commented that the absence of organized resistance was "most remarkable" in view of widespread rumors of underground activity in the closing days of the war.

German civil police have "succeeded in maintaining a high degree of law and order," the statement said. The number of military government courts has been reduced from a high of 496 to fewer than 350.

Nation Will Be Confined to Farming, Domestic Industries Under Decision at Potsdam

Allied Control Until Germany Shows Capacity for Self-Government Provided; Poland Given Big Slice Of Territory; Russia Mum on Japanese Question

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—(AP)—A master plan for reconstructing a peaceful Europe out of the ruins of war emerged today from the decisions of the Big Three conference at Potsdam. But Russia's role in the conflict with Japan remains cloaked in the same secrecy as ever.

The plan provides for a stripped-down Germany, shorn of territories, wealth and power. The nation that once aspired the world dominion is to be limited to farming and "peaceful, domestic industries." And it is to be subjected to years of Allied control until it earns its way slowly back into the family of sovereign nations.

The plan provides also for a reshaped Poland, augmented by huge slices of Germany and stretching westward to within 50 miles of Berlin, and for the addition to Russia of one-third of the territory of German East Prussia.

It leaves most other decisions, however, to future peace settlements. And for these the Big Three agreed on a five-power council, including China and France in addition to the United States, Britain and Russia. Assuming China and France agree to the plan, the five foreign ministers will hold their first meeting in London by September 1.

This evidently means another trip abroad this month for Secretary of State Byrnes, now on his way home from Potsdam with President Truman aboard the cruiser Augusta.

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Britons Peeved Because Truman Misses Throughs

LONDON, Aug. 3.—(AP)—The Evening News speculated today that the explosion of a bomb detonated by disposal squads a few hours before President Truman's arrival might have been the reason for shortening the president's tour through Plymouth streets.

The bomb was exploded Wednesday evening at Plymouth, three miles from Plymouth. Mr. Truman arrived Thursday morning. The newspaper said the bomb was a relic of Nazi blitz days which was being disposed of by one of several engineering units still cleaning up leftovers from air raids.

The London press had expressed mild annoyance that many of the people who turned out at Plymouth to greet President Truman missed the opportunity of seeing him.

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Crash of Navy Plane Kills Its Six Crewmen

SEATTLE, Aug. 3.—(AP)—The 13th naval district headquarters announced today the bodies of five or six men, all unidentified, had been recovered from the burned wreckage of a navy plane which crashed yesterday evening near Port Angeles. The sixth was sought. The wreck caused a woods fire which was controlled by coast guardsmen. The tragedy occurred during a routine flight from Ault field, Whidbey Island.

Amphibian Plane Sinks With 10 Persons Aboard

MIAMI, Fla., Aug. 3.—(AP)—A Pan American amphibian plane carrying 10 passengers and a crew of four sank at about 10:20 a. m. when it came in for a landing at Fort De France, Martinique, airline officials here announced.

Nothing was known concerning the safety of those aboard the plane, which was on a regular north-bound flight from Trinidad through the Windward Islands.

Court-martial Ordered On Charge of Bigamy

ABOARD U. S. S. AUGUSTA WITH PRESIDENT TRUMAN, Aug. 3.—(AP)—President Truman told reporters aboard his warship today he made "no secret agreements of any kind" in his conference with Stalin and Attlee at Potsdam.

Mr. Truman is working on a nationwide radio report he will make to the people of the United States shortly after his return to Washington next week.

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Levity Fact Rant

Bring on the medals for the victors of the world's longest war—the U. S. Navy's research bureau, which has developed an odorless mosquito repellent effective 11 hours. Once placed in general use, the concoction should reduce profanity at least 50 per cent.