

MINESWEEPERS CLEARING PATH TO TOKYO

The Weather
Partly cloudy tonight and
Tuesday; fog Tuesday and
warmer.

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Gulf Hurricane Lashes Coastal Area of Texas

Damage Done To Rockport Half Million

Other Localities, Boats
Smashed; Wind Velocity
Up to 135 Miles an Hour

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex., Aug. 27.—(AP)—Radio reports to the Texas highway patrol here said winds ranging from 100 to 135 miles an hour lashed towns along San Antonio bay as a furious gulf hurricane hugged the Texas coast near Port O'Connor.

The 135-mile an hour wind struck Sea Drift, on the north-east side of the bay, which stretches to the south and west of Port O'Connor behind Matagorda island, patrolmen in the field reported.

Three feet of water surged against the shore at a village on the southwest side of the bay. A hundred-mile-an-hour wind was reported at Port Lavaca.

The fury of the storm had moved up the coast from Corpus Christi, and this immediate area began assessing damage from heavy winds which buffeted it.

Rockport Suffers Heavily
A half million dollar property loss at Rockport was estimated by Juliet Knight, Rockport newspaperwoman. She said wind at Rockport last night reached 135 miles an hour, unroofed numer-

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

CAMBRIDGE. Following the 8th Air Force ceremony at the Guildhall, there is a British-American luncheon at one of the recreational centers. You know a half-black away that Americans are in on it, for there is a high, cheerful rattle of conversation.

The British are good enough talkers, but they tend to be quieter. Nothing is noisier, in its way, than a cocktail bar at a fair-sized American hotel. At the British equivalent of such a place, you speak in an undertone, knowing that if you raised your voice even to normal speaking volume you'd be heard clear across the room.

The townspeople present seem to be holding up their end, and it flashes across your mind that they've been living for three years with young Americans and are learning our ways instead of teaching us theirs. You wonder whether it's all to the good. We have much to learn from the British.

THERE is a baseball game, and then a reception and tea at Pembroke college, founded in

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Public Works Program for Oregon, Washington Calls For Outlay of Billion Dollars

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—(AP)—Materials for public works construction in Washington and Oregon will be available in about two months, a War Production board spokesman said Saturday.

The two states are due for approximately \$1,000,000,000 worth of dams, reclamation, roads, airways installations and river and harbor projects already blueprinted.

The total cost of work now planned is only a fraction of that poured into the northwest during the war years.

WPP said Oregon received \$2,043,643,000 and Washington 5,190,989,000 in war facility and supply contracts for a "rand war total of \$7,234,632,000."

The two months lapse in getting materials for northwest projects was explained as part of the administration's plan to give private industry full access to the initial flow of materials needed to convert.

A summary of major federal works plans follows:

The Army corps of engineering has \$209,400,000 earmarked for rivers and harbors and flood control in Washington and Oregon.

The Bureau of Reclamation and

War Emergency Not Ended, Truman Warns; Continuance Of 18-25 Ages Draft Urged

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—(AP)—President Truman urged congress today to continue induction into the armed forces of men from 18 to 25 years, cautioning that the Far East situation still involves "many elements of danger."

At the same time he cautioned congress against premature attempts to declare the war emergency at an end, asserting:

"Tragic conditions would result if we were to allow the lifting of military service to expire by operation of law while a substantial portion of our forces have not yet been returned from overseas. I am confident that the congress will take no action which would place the armed forces in such a position."

Asserting he could not recommend abandonment of the selective service inductions, the president declared:

"The situation in the Pacific continues to have many elements of danger, and war-torn and disorganized Europe is facing a difficult winter season with scarcities of food, fuel and clothing."

"Our occupation forces in those areas must be held at the safe levels determined largely by General MacArthur and General Eisenhower, who are on the ground and familiar with the situation. We cannot stop the certain in-flow of replacements

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Japan Occupation To Free Thousands

MANILA, Aug. 27.—(AP)—Allied headquarters announced tonight that rapid evacuation of thousands of American and allied prisoners of war will begin "almost simultaneously" with the entry of General MacArthur's occupation forces into Japan.

The American Red Cross reported tonight that 5,000 messages from relatives in the United States were received today by special transport, addressed to prisoners of war soon to be released and brought to the Manila area.

Most of the communications include pictures of wives, mothers and children, and will be distributed promptly. They will be the first direct word from home in months, to the prisoners.

Heard quarters' announcement said many of the prisoners in China and Manchuria also would be sent through Manila in addition to those from Japan and Korea.

One Drowns, Four Hurt as Auto Plunges Into River

LEBANON, Ore., Aug. 27.—(AP)—One man was drowned and four passengers injured yesterday when an auto missed the approach to a bridge crossing the South Santiam river here and plunged into the water.

Earl Spencer, 24, Jefferson, who drowned, was pinned beneath the car as it rolled down the embankment into the shallow water. The injured included Barney Sharp, 25, the driver; Robert Laurie, 16, and Roy Glenn Wickham, 16, all of Jefferson; and Doris Shuler, 19, Albany.

Sharp was still unconscious last night at the Lebanon hospital where the four were taken for treatment. Extent of his injuries had not been determined.

Ellsworth Foresees No Serious Unemployment

MEDFORD, Ore., Aug. 27.—(AP)—Representative Ellsworth declared here America faces no danger of serious unemployment for five years.

"We are being propagandized, but what reason I do not know, but I propose to find out as soon as I get back to Washington," he told a forum. Ellsworth was en route to Washington, via California.

Second Death Follows Iron Fireman Disaster

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Russia, China Sign Pact To Block Japan

Return of Manchuria to Chinese Rule, Joint Use Of Port Arthur Provided

CHUNGKING, Aug. 27.—(AP)—Russia and China were bound today in a 30-year friendship treaty which is designed to block for that period any possible Japanese aggression in Asia and which apparently paves the way for a peaceful settlement of Chungking-Chinese communist differences.

The pact, terms of which were announced simultaneously by the Chinese and Russian governments last night, provides that Russia will give military supplies and moral support to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's nationalist government to the exclusion of the Northern China communist regime and calls for mutual aid in the event of any Japanese attack.

The treaty also assured the return of Manchuria to the Chinese, with Russia promising to complete withdrawal of her occupation troops—which wrested this country from the Japanese within the next three months.

The treaty ends a long undercurrent political strain between the two great Asiatic powers brought about by the activities of Chinese communist elements who frequently have been at odds with the central government in Chungking. A race between Chungking and communist forces to occupy North China cities and capture Japanese arms there had brought about a threat of civil war since the capitulation of Japanese troops.

The agreement provides for its own renewal automatically for an "unlimited period," unless within one year before the expiration date one of the signatories notifies the other that it desires to end the pact.

Major Points Listed
The principal points of the treaty:

1. Russia to give military supplies to China.

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Melrose, Brockway Girls Win at Baking, Canning

Jean Matthews of Melrose route, Roseburg, was awarded the county championship in the Sears Roebuck foundation breadbaking contest held last Saturday in the Roseburg High school. Nancy Nichols of Brockway was county champion in the Spreckels Sugar company canning contest held the same day. Jean Matthews will receive as additional award a one-half paid scholarship to 1946-47 Summer school. Both girls will participate in the state contest to be held later in the year. Both the county winners will receive free photographs from Bishop's Photo studio as additional prizes.

Five girls competed in the canning contest and three girls in the breadbaking.

Former Husband Slain During Family Quarrel

PORTLAND, Aug. 27.—(AP)—George M. Turner, 22, was held for questioning today in the slaying of Kenneth F. Pickle, 26, shot after a two-hour dispute in the apartment of Pickle's ex-wife.

Sgt. S. C. Heath said the victim appeared at his former wife's apartment early yesterday morning and was admitted. Later, Mrs. Pickle, 26, Turner's aunt, Mrs. Henri Van Alstine, and Pickle became involved in an argument. Turner was called from his second-floor bedroom by his aunt. After several attempts to quiet the group, he obtained the rifle and ordered Pickle to leave Heath reported.

A rifle bullet was fired into Pickle's stomach when they tussled for possession of the gun, the officer said.

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Lane County Fair-Minded

EUGENE, Aug. 27.—(AP)—Lane county plans to blossom forth with six fairs and a rodeo during September.

The Lane County Sheriff's posse will sponsor its annual rodeo here Sept. 1-3, with posers from Roseburg and Reedsport competing in races and drills.



FIRST FORMAL JAPANESE SURRENDER MOVE—Signing what is believed to be the first formal surrender of Japanese in this war is Capt. Masanori Shiga (pen in hand), who unconditionally surrendered to American forces shortly after high noon Aug. 22, aboard U. S. S. Levy anchored in Mille Lagoon, Mille Atoll, Marshall Islands. Participating are (left to right) Capt. Shiga, Imperial Japanese Navy, atoll commander at Mille; Lt. E. R. Harris, USNR, New York, N. Y., psychological warfare officer; Lt. Col. G. V. Burnett, USMC, Detroit, Mich.; and Capt. H. B. Grow, USNR, Greenville, Mich., atoll commander at nearby Majuro, who accepted surrender on behalf of Rear Admiral W. K. Harrill, commander of Marshalls-Gilberts area, and for commander in chief of Pacific fleet and Pacific ocean areas.

Rain Aids Control Of Forest Blazes

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 27.—(AP)—Forest fires in the northwest smoldered today after a two-inch rainfall over the weekend brought most of them under control.

Oregon's big Tillamook blaze was quiet on all sectors except a few spots near the northernmost fork of the Trask river near Foss. Fighters reported flames had slowed.

National foresters at Bend said the fire in the Deschutes national forest had been checked on its eastern edge and heavy timber stands near the Skyline country were safe. The lightning-set blaze had covered about 6,000 acres in the high Cascades between Mt. Jefferson and three Fingered Jack.

Oregon Forester Rogers said 800 men still are battling the Willson river fire, but boundaries have remained the same for several days.

A Polk county fire, which slashed through almost a mile-square section of timber, was under control.

Crews were trailing edges of a Linn county fire Sunday to prevent flames from moving into valuable stands of Douglas fir and Sitka spruce.

Death Strikes Author of "The Song of Bernadette"

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., Aug. 27.—(AP)—Franz Werfel, refugee author of some 35 books including "The Song of Bernadette," movie novel that became an academy award motion picture, died here last night of a heart ailment. He was 54.

His wife, Alma, composer Gustav Mahler's widow, with whom the poet-novelist-playwright-essayist lived to this country before the Nazi terror in 1940, found Werfel slumped to the floor in front of his desk.

In an executive order the president put such information, including patents, under the jurisdiction of the War Mobilization and Reconstruction board. He asserted he wanted scientific and industrial information obtained from Germany and Japan to be "of maximum benefit to the public."

Proposals Asked for Annex to Rose Hotel

Bids for construction of an annex to the Rose hotel will be received in Portland August 29 by Architect Lee Thomas, it was announced today. Three alternate plans have been prepared, it was stated, and decision regarding construction will await the results of bidding, George Smith, owner-manager, states.

The principal proposal calls for a three-story addition, 24 by 50 feet, extension of existing facilities and general remodeling.

Light Quake Jars Area Of San Francisco Bay

BERKELEY, Calif., Aug. 27.—(AP)—An earthquake, described by the University of California seismologist as "sharp but not large," awakened many residents of the Bay area at 2:13 A. M. today.

Prof. Perry Byerly estimated the quake centered 40 miles in a southeasterly direction from Berkeley. It lasted nine minutes on the seismograph record and was barely perceptible at the end.

Emergency Housing For Eugene, Springfield Off

EUGENE, Ore., Aug. 27.—(AP)—Plans for federal emergency housing have been cancelled, and Eugene and Springfield will have to work out the solution to their growing housing problem without government assistance. James E. Maxwell, Portland NHA official, told citizens today.

Good News For Women

Good news rolled in from the production front. New authoritative reports included: Clothing: Plenty of women's and children's dresses, slips, vacuum cleaners "fairly plentiful" by Christmas. But—

3. Sellers of these new goods headed into a full-scale run-up with OPA. They say OPA's policy on retail price ceilings—the same as in 1942 or very little higher—is too low. They'll meet here for a fight tomorrow.

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Allied Fleet At Anchor At Capital Gate

Japs Told To Neutralize Coast Batteries; Yankee Fliers Land in Shanghai

(By the Associated Press)

American minesweepers began clearing a path to Tokyo today while other units of 111 allied warships spearheading occupation forces dropped anchor within 25 miles of the shattered and confused Japanese capital.

General MacArthur, preparing to move toward Japan, disclosed that American occupation would be extended to the Asiatic continent and named Lt. Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger's Eighth army, veterans of the Philippines, as among occupation forces in the Tokyo area.

The 24th corps, victors in the Philippines and on Okinawa, will take over Southern Korea. Other 10th army units will occupy the Ryukyu islands immediately south of Japan.

In the ever-extending occupations already under way, China-based U. S. air forces were reported landing in the Shanghai area; Chinese took over more mainland strongholds; Soviet troops moved into three more Kurile islands immediately north of Nippon.

Liberalizing forces brought the British governors of Singapore, Hongkong and North Borneo into Free China.

Sabotage on Sakhalin

Russian front dispatches reported that Soviet troops still were encountering some opposition in the southern part of Sakhalin island. Japanese saboteurs were said to have set fire to stores and factories in the city of Maoko.

Soviet eastern fleet units, meanwhile, were reported riding at anchor in Port Arthur, which the Japanese won from czarist Russia 40 years ago.

General Eichelberger will accompany MacArthur and 7,500

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"Tiger" Yamashita Makes Surrender Bid From Luzon

MANILA, Aug. 27.—(AP)—General Yamashita, "The Tiger," commander of Japanese forces in the Philippines, opened surrender negotiations with the U. S. Army today from his mountain hideout in Northern Luzon.

In a letter delivered to an Army outpost near Kiangnan, Yamashita said he had received instructions from Tokyo to surrender and that he had ordered his surviving troops to stop fighting.

The famed tiger said he believed negotiations could be entered into immediately, although he was still further instructions from Tokyo.

The fantastic finale to the long quest for the conqueror of Malaya and Corregidor resulted directly from Yamashita's action in releasing an American fighter pilot unharmed. He was Capt. Eric Shaw of Poteau, Okla., who returned with a letter from Japanese mountain headquarters praising him for refusal to disclose information during 11 days he was held captive.

Shaw pointed out the exact location of Yamashita's headquarters, and planes were sent over giving specific instructions to the enemy general on how to surrender.

Three Persons Killed In Truck-Auto Collision

WALLA WALLA, Aug. 27.—(AP)—An automobile-truck collision yesterday 10 miles north of Dayton on the Spokane highway, in which the entire top of the car was torn off, caused the death of three persons and injury to four.

Rosa Williams of Dayton, Del. M. Jolstead of Walla Walla and a soldier stationed at Walla Walla Army air field, whose name was withheld by military authorities, were victims of the collision. The injured were all from Walla Walla.

White Rabbit Bears Record Litter of 22

OREGON CITY, Ore., Aug. 27.—(AP)—Gust Karos today claimed a world championship production record for his New Zealand white rabbit.

The bunny bore a litter of 22 doe rabbits, and all lived to fry size. Other record litters have died at birth or shortly after, Karos said.

Reason his rabbits lived: the shrewd mother fed them in shifts—eight at a time—and permitted no "seconds."

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Retzenstein

Final chapter in the return to peacetime normalcy will not have been written until circumscribed peanuts are again sold for 5-cents a bag.