

FLEET IN TOKYO BAY TO COVER OCCUPATION

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Marshall Shares in Pearl Harbor Disaster Blame

ARMY STAFF CHIEF FAILED IN HIS CONTACT WITH HAWAIIAN HEADS, INQUIRY BOARD FINDS

Criticism Meets Dissent From War Secretary Stimson and President Truman; General Short, Admirals Kimmel, Stark Also Sharply Rapped

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—(AP)—Gen. George C. Marshall, Army chief of staff, was held partly responsible for the Pearl Harbor disaster by an Army board of inquiry but President Truman, in releasing the report today, said the criticism was "entirely unjustified."

The president, who released the long awaited Army and Navy reports on the events leading up to Dec. 7, 1941, said he sided with Secretary of War Stimson in rejecting the findings as to Marshall.

The reports were sharply critical of Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, Admiral Harold R. Stark and Maj. Gen. Walter C. Short.

Mr. Truman told reporters that if court-martial proceedings were indicated prompt and fair trials would be held.

General Marshall, the Army report said, "failed in his relations with the Hawaiian department in the following particulars:

"(A) To keep the commanding general of the Hawaiian department fully advised of the growing tension of the Japanese situation which indicated an increasing necessity for better preparation for war, of which information he had an abundance and Short had little.

"(B) To send additional instructions to the commanding general of the Hawaiian department on November 28, 1941, when evidently he failed to realize the import of General Short's reply of November 27, which indicated clearly that General Short had misunderstood and misconstrued the message of November 17 and had not adequately altered his command for war.

"(C) To get to General Short on the evening of December 6 and the early morning of December 7, the critical information indicating an almost immediate break with Japan, though there

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

LONDON snapshots: American MPs here in London are beautiful to look upon. They wear white helmets, white Sam Browne belts and white gaiters. They are known among their fellows (out of earshot, of course) as "snowdrops."

THE rear echelons, whose number in London appears to the casual eye as the sands of the sea, have had dirt done to them by the award of a green shoulder stripe to officers commanding combat troops.

YOU get your shoes shined in various ways here. If you sleep at a billet, you put them outside your door at night, being careful to leave a thruppence (roughly a nickel) in one of them. The hall porter comes along in the wee small hours, picks them up and shines them and returns them to your door.

If you live at a hotel you leave them outside your door and until you become sadder and wiser you slip the hall porter a tip when you happen to see him—which won't be often, as he is an inconspicuous individual. You are

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Major Gregory Boyington, One-Time Top Ace, Missing 17 Months, Now Reported Alive

ABOARD U. S. S. ANCON, Tokyo Bay, Aug. 29.—(AP)—American land, sea and air forces thrilled today to the news that Maj. Gregory Boyington, 32-year-old holder of the Congressional Medal of Honor and Navy Cross for his daring exploits as a Marine flyer, was alive. He had been missing more than 17 months.

The electrifying report of his safety was flashed from the American cruiser San Juan. Although details were lacking, it was believed the information came from a Japanese pilot guiding the ship into Tokyo bay, or from Yankee units outside the imperial city.

Officially credited with sending 26 enemy planes to their destruction in Pacific actions, Boyington nevertheless is believed by his Black Sheep squadron of Corsair pilots to have shot down at least 40.

He was last seen Jan. 3, 1944, trailing a Japanese plane into a cloud near Rabaul.

The former University of Washington wrestling champion, fondly nicknamed "Pappy" by his friends, got his ace's ratine in downing five Zeros in a single engagement over Ballale air-drome in the Solomons on Sept.



HANDED BLAME—Gen. George C. Marshall (top), army chief of staff, whom an army board of inquiry blamed in a large measure for the absence of defense against the Jap attack on Pearl Harbor. Also sharing in the ascribed blame were Maj. Gen. Short (middle) and Rear Admiral Kimmel (lower), commanders of the Hawaiian departments at the time of the raid.

War Criminal List Issued by Major Allies

24 German Gangsters, Prussian Military Heads Will Face Mass Trials

LONDON, Aug. 29.—(AP)—The four major western allies today named 24 Nazi leaders and Prussian military chiefs—among them Hermann Goering, Rudolf Hess, Marshal Wilhelm Keitel and Karl Doenitz—as defendants in the first mass trial of Germany's arch criminals early in October.

The list furnished the first evidence that Hess, deputy fuhrer for all Nazi party affairs until 1941, when he made his sensational flight to England, was considered mentally able to stand trial with his one-time associates. Hess once was successor-designate to Hitler.

The list also included the name of Martin Bormann, Hitler's secretary. There had been no evidence previously of Bormann's whereabouts despite unconfirmed reports that he and Hitler had perished together. Bormann was Hess' successor as deputy party leader.

Keitel was chief of the Wehrmacht (war planners) and Doenitz, commander in chief of the German navy, took over the role

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Thrice-Damaged Cruiser to be in At Jap Surrender

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—(AP)—The light cruiser Birmingham took her third major battle damage of the war when she was hit at Okinawa last May 4 by a Japanese suicide fighter-bomber.

The Navy, disclosing this today, said the crash took its heaviest toll in the sick bay and officers' quarters. Casualties totaled 45 killed, six missing and 83 wounded. Both the ship's medical officers were killed, together with 19 of the 24 hospital corpsmen.

The Birmingham had suffered serious damage earlier when she was torpedoed Nov. 8, 1943, and again last October when the carrier Princeton blew up alongside her as she was seeking to lend aid.

In action from the beginning of the Okinawa invasion, the Birmingham fought off three direct suicide plane attacks. But after more than 30 days of almost continuous action, the cruiser was hit by a kamikaze which heavy AA fire was unable to swerve from its vertical course.

The plane crashed, along with its 500-pound bomb, just aft of the No. 2 turret. The bomb penetrated three decks and exploded on the fourth level.

Gasoline, spilled by the plane's fuel tanks, ignited and spread. The fire, however, was under control in a matter of minutes.

The Birmingham was repaired at Pearl Harbor in time to return to action before the Japanese surrendered.

The 10,000-ton ship saw action in both theaters of war. She underwent enemy fire for the first time at the Sicily invasion.

Forest Fire Situation in Oregon Quietening

PORTLAND, Aug. 29.—(AP)—The forest fire front remained quiet today, despite predictions that overnight lightning might set new flare-ups in the Cascade mountains.

Forest officials reported the Mount Jefferson blaze in the mop-up stage; the Polk county fire completely trailed; and no new fires spotted.

In the giant Tillamook blaze, crews were digging new trails along the Trask river for additional protection in case of strong winds and hot weather.

Renewal of Voluntary Enlistments Ordered

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—(AP)—President Truman today ordered the resumption of voluntary enlistments in the armed forces.

Such enlistments were suspended Dec. 5, 1942. Today's order revokes that suspension with a view to adding to military forces during the period they are needed for the occupation of Germany and Japan.



TO GET INSTRUCTIONS FOR SURRENDER MEET—Aboard USS Nicholas, destroyer, are Capt. Harry Heneberger, commodore of destroyer squadron 21, (left); Capt. Inaho Otahi, Tokyo naval staff officer, and Capt. Yoshihiko Takasaki (right), staff officer Yokosuka navy base, being transferred to USS Missouri, flagship of U. S. 3rd fleet, for conference. Emissaries received instructions for leading Yanks into Tokyo bay. Ra diophoto from 3rd fleet in Sagami bay.

CVA Project Opposed By Development Assn.

BOISE, Idaho, Aug. 29.—(AP)—Opposition to establishment of a Columbia River Valley authority was expressed yesterday by the Pacific Northwest Development association after a conference here.

Association President J. C. Compton of McMinville, Ore., said the group is made up of representatives from reclamation, flood control and navigation interests in the Pacific Northwest.

Telegrams were sent by the association to Idaho, Washington and Oregon congressional delegates, urging "prompt fulfillment of the Reclamation bureau and Army engineer projects already approved by Congress."

The association said, however, it is "unalterably opposed to the Columbia River Valley authority and believed it extremely dangerous to the future development and security of this great area."

Farmer Asks "Atom Stuff" To Exterminate Bugs

SALT LAKE CITY, Aug. 29.—(AP)—A department store received an order for "only a half pound" of "this here atomic stuff" to use for killing the bugs on a farmer's spud crop.

They referred the order to the Salt Lake Tribune where the statistics department estimated that U-235 in concentrations up to 10 per cent may be available some day at about \$12,000 for a half pound.

Wainwright, Hero of Bataan, Corregidor, to be Present at Jap Surrender Ceremonies

By DONALD HUTH

CHUNGKING, Aug. 29.—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright, in excellent spirits after his trip here from Manchuria, looked forward eagerly today to seeing at the final surrender ceremonies in Tokyo some of the Japanese commanders who accepted with pompous arrogance the capitulation of his heroic American band at Corregidor.

In particular he hoped to see at the scene of Japan's complete humiliation the one-time commander-in-chief of Japanese forces in the Philippines—Gen. Masaharu Homma. Homma was a ruthless victor and an arrogant one.

(The 62-year-old hero of the American stand on Bataan and Corregidor has accepted Gen. MacArthur's invitation to go to Tokyo for the surrender ceremonies, a Manila dispatch said. He will be accompanied by Brig. Gen. Lewis C. Beebe, Col. John Pugh, Maj. Thomas Dooley and TSgt. H. Carroll, all former prisoners of the Japanese.)

"All this group were with me on the tragic day when I had to surrender, and I'm especially anxious that they be present when we accept the Japanese surrender," Wainwright's message to MacArthur said.

Never Taught to Surrender—One officer now in Chungking told how Wainwright, who assumed command of American forces in the Philippines in 1942 when MacArthur was ordered to leave to become supreme commander in the Southwest Pacific, reacted to the second order from the Japanese to surrender on

Rayburn Outlines Legislative Slate

BONHAM, Tex., Aug. 29.—(AP)—Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn will leave Saturday for Washington, he said today.

In an interview he outlined this probable legislation to be considered as congress reconvenes:

Revamping of social security laws to provide liberalization of unemployment compensation.

Strengthening of laws designed to insure veterans their old jobs.

Acting in motion machinery for disposal of surplus property.

Some tax reductions.

Action on a request by President Truman that bureaus in the executive department be consolidated for greater efficiency and economy.

Rayburn, whose vacation was marred last week when he fractured his left elbow, has the arm in a cast.

He fell as he was driving cattle on his ranch.

State Land Board Cuts Interest Rates on Loans

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 29.—(AP)—The state land board will reduce its interest rates on loans of more than \$2500 from 5 to 4 per cent, effective next Saturday, the board said today.

The board said the action was taken to make the rates conform with rates which prevail generally.

Elliott Roosevelt Must Wait for His Publicity

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—(AP)—The House Ways and Means committee informed Brig. Gen. Elliott Roosevelt today it is prohibited at this time by law from making public the Treasury study of his financial affairs.

The committee said it will decide when the record is complete whether to publish the whole record in a formal report to the House.

Chairman Doughton telegraphed the committee's statement to Roosevelt at Beverly Hills, Calif.

Roosevelt, who recently went on the Army inactive list by his own request, wired the committee yesterday requesting that the full report of the study of his business affairs be made public immediately, saying that "continued speculation and erroneous stories can only further distort the facts."

Home Orders Assure Jobs in Northwest for Years

PORTLAND, Aug. 29.—(AP)—Architects and home builders predicted today a backlog of orders for home plans and construction would keep thousands of men busy in the Northwest for several years.

Francis Jacobberger, president of Oregon Architects Institute, said the government could aid the progress if draftsmen were released by the Army.

Edwin Sandberg, Portland Home Builders association president, said materials would probably begin flooding into market on a full scale by January. He predicted greater suburban developments than ever before, particularly when war veterans return and build with government loans.

Lumber Strike Vote Handling Is Criticized

SEATTLE, Aug. 29.—(AP)—A statement criticizing handling of a strike vote being taken among Lumber and Sawmill Workers union (AFL) members in Washington, Oregon, Northern California, Montana and Idaho was issued last night by John Christenson, president of the union's Northwest council.

The union's 65,000 members in the region, he said, would walk off their jobs unless a demand for 20 cents per hour raise in wages was met. Ballots are to be counted Sept. 4 and the union's policy committee will meet at Portland after announcement of the results to decide upon action.

Christenson said the union had found "much in the way of errors, slips, delays mailing and lack of cooperation on the part of some employers" in handling of mailed ballots.

Peace Justice Lesh of Glendale Area Resigns

W. B. Lesh, justice of the peace of Glendale district, has announced his resignation, effective immediately. His resignation has been sent to Governor Snell, who will make an appointment to fill the vacancy. Mr. Lesh also has resigned as a member of the Glendale city council. He is planning to move to Medford in the near future.

PEACEFUL SCENE POINTS TO ORDERLY SUBMISSION OF FOE AS ALLIED FORCES GO ASHORE

OKINAWA, Aug. 29.—(AP)—Admiral Nimitz reached Tokyo bay by seaplane today as General MacArthur waited at Okinawa for the impending mass occupation of vanquished Japan by 18,150 allied troops from air and sea.

Naval officials already have inspected the Yokosuka naval base at close range and Tokyo radio said the Yokohama marine transport board building has been chosen as general headquarters for the occupation forces.

American Marines or Blue-ket units may also board the wrecked Japanese battleship Nagato, at Yokosuka, Admiral Badger said, to make sure her guns won't fire.

Admiral Halsey, whose 16-inch battleship guns will cover the simultaneous seaborne landing at Yokosuka naval base, steamed into Tokyo bay aboard the battleship Missouri, on which the surrender will be signed Sunday.

The Missouri was followed by a line of other warships including the battleships South Dakota, veteran of South Pacific battles and flagship of Admiral Nimitz, and the British Duke of York, conqueror in the Atlantic of the German Scharnhorst and now flagship of Adm. Sir Bruce Fraser.

Other major units of the combined fleets lay across Miura peninsula in Sagami bay or stood in the Pacific ocean outside the bay, ready for instant action and to send their swarms of carrier planes to cover the joint landings.

The parade of American naval might ended at a point which bluntly spoke Admiral Halsey has said should be America's most western naval base. Across the roof of a large Yokohama factory building is a Japanese-painted sign reading "Three cheers for the U. S. Navy and Army."

Plaintly visible from the decks of the warships are many factory buildings blackened and gutted in bombing raids by carrier planes and Superfortresses at Yokohama.

Along the miles of waterfront, Japanese activities appear to have been suspended. Only one of many factory smokestacks is belching smoke.

Situation Peaceful—There is no evidence anywhere of trouble. It was such a peaceful anchorage that soon after it

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Japan Defeated Prior to Atomic Bomb, Byrnes Says

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—(AP)—Secretary of State Byrnes today challenged Japan's argument that the atomic bomb knocked her out of the war.

He cited what he called Russian proof that the Japanese knew they were beaten before the first A-bomb was dropped on Hiroshima.

Foreign Commissar Molotov informed the Americans and British at the Potsdam Big Three meeting, Byrnes said, that the Japanese had asked to send a delegation to Moscow to seek Russian mediation for the end of the war—an act which Byrnes interpreted as proof of enemy recognition of defeat.

Byrnes expressed his views in a news conference mention of the atomic bomb. To the extent that the bomb facilitated surrender, he said, it saved the lives of hundreds of thousands of American boys, and—something we're apt to forget, he added—it saved the lives of hundreds of thousands of Japanese boys and millions more of Japanese people.

It saved far more Japanese lives than were lost, Byrnes declared.

Speaking as a member of President Truman's special committee on atomic bomb policy, Byrnes said the committee had completed and turned over to the president a memorandum for Congress on the form legislation for control of the bomb might take.

Named to Therapy Board—SALEM, Ore., Aug. 29.—(AP)—Mrs. Bernice B. Farr, Oregon City, was appointed by Governor Snell today to the State Board of Cosmetic Therapies examiners, succeeding Mrs. Gladys E. Jones, Portland, who resigned effective September 30.

Prisoners of Missing U. S. Cruiser Located

KANDY, Ceylon, Aug. 29.—(AP)—The evacuation of 300 prisoners of war from Japanese war camps in Thailand, some of them survivors of the U. S. cruiser Houston, began today by plane from Bangkok.

The cruiser Houston had not been heard from since the battle of the Java sea in 1942 until the prisoners were found in Thailand.

The released prisoners were described as "generally in pretty good condition." Evacuation planes will fly the men to Calcutta.

Lovity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reisenstein

According to the latest official estimates, Oregon's wild animal population totals nearly 333,000. This figure does not include the number loose on the highways since the end of gasoline rationing.