

# MACARTHUR IN JAPAN

**The Weather**  
Partly cloudy and warmer to night; occasional light rain and cooler Friday.

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### Truman Asks Lend-Lease Write-Off

#### U.S. Repaid by War Triumph, Congress Told

##### Forced Settlement of Debt Would Upset Trade, Jobs, President Declares

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—(AP)—President Truman notified Congress today that the more than \$42,000,000,000 this country spent on lend-lease aid to its allies should, in the main, be written off the books.

The reason—made clear in a lengthy report Mr. Truman sent to Capitol Hill—is that the administration believes the United States received three things more important than a dollar basis settlement. They are:

1. Victory over Germany and Japan.
2. More than \$5,600,000,000 through last March in reverse lend-lease.
3. A commitment from all nations receiving lend-lease to join in organizing postwar international trade on the basis of lowering barriers.

In a letter accompanying the report, Mr. Truman told the lawmakers:

"With the defeat of the Axis powers, whose ruthless plan for world conquest and enslavement came so close to succeeding, the

#### All U. S. Blamed By Pres. Truman For Pearl Harbor

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—President Truman declared today he thought the whole country, as much as any individual, was responsible for the Pearl Harbor disaster.

Mr. Truman told a news conference he had no objection to a court-martial but didn't intend to order one.

Answering a barrage of questions based on the release yesterday of official reports by boards of inquiry which investigated the events leading up to Pearl Harbor, the chief executive said he had come to the conclusion the whole thing was a result of the policy of the country itself. It wasn't ready for preparedness, he asserted.

False Statement Acknowledged

Preparedness moves by the late President Roosevelt were stifled, Mr. Truman said and Mrs. Roosevelt was vilified for preparedness statements.

"So, he said, the country was as much to blame as any individual.

The President acknowledged that he had made a statement at variance with facts about Pearl Harbor while he was in the Senate. In a magazine article last fall, Mr. Truman had said the Army and Navy commanders at the Pacific bastion were not on speaking terms.

The Army and Navy were ready today to close the books on Pearl Harbor. But Congress kept the furor over America's greatest naval disaster going with demands for courts-martial and more inside information.

#### Story of Jap Cruelty Told By Boyington

##### Rescued American Flier, Others Beaten With Bat, Fed Miserable Rations

ABOARD THE MERCY SHIP OFF OMORI PRISON CAMP, Tokyo Bay, Aug. 30.—(AP)—Surviving 20 months of secret imprisonment and torture treatment with a baseball bat, Marine Major Gregory (Pappy) Boyington, Southwest Pacific flying ace, was rescued today.

Boyington, reported dead when he was shot down over Rabaul, New Britain, had 26 Japanese planes and a Congressional Medal of Honor to his credit.

"I was shot down on the morning of Jan. 3, 1944," the Marine ace said. "I had 20 MM. wounds in my head, neck, arms and an ear, and a broken ankle. My main gas tank blew up. I flipped the Corsair on her back, unfasted my safety belt and dropped 100 feet to the water, stunned."

"My Mae West lifebelt failed to inflate and investigation revealed 200 holes in it. I shucked my shoes and clothes and treaded water. Four Nips in Zeke fighters

#### Oregon Shipyard Swept by Blaze

##### Cabin Painter Killed, Another Man Missing in Portland Disaster That Mounts Toward Millions in Loss

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 30.—(AP)—Flames swept through Oregon Shipbuilding corporation today, destroying possibly millions of dollars of newly completed vessels and killing a cabin painter.

The man, not yet identified, drowned when he dived from a flaming ship into the basin. An asbestos operator was also missing. The fire broke out on the Bexar Victory, a completed ship, and roared within minutes over the U. S. S. Glynn, a troopship lying alongside. Several other ships in the basin were caught in the blaze.

The outfitting dock caught fire. Flames swept under the piling, endangering the four 15-ton cranes on the dock.

The fire, which centered around the outfitting dock and basin, was belittled caused by welding sparks falling on oil being piped into the generator of the Bexar Victory.

Six or seven ships were lying in the basin. Albert Bauer, manager of the yard, feared they would be destroyed, with a loss of \$25,500,000.

Nearly 3,000 workers were on the job when the blaze broke out during the morning shift. The flames, fed by fresh paint, drove firemen from the outfitting dock.

Workers on the ships dived into the water and leaped onto the outfitting dock as the flames roared toward them. Some swam to shore, and others were pulled out by fellow-workers. Many suffered minor injuries.

In addition to the ship loss, the machine shop, sheet metal shop,

#### New Forestry Group Hears Snell's Views

##### End of Split Authority In Prevention of Fires Requested by Governor

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 30.—(AP)—Governor Snell today told the 10 members of his newly-appointed forestry investigation committee that its main problems will be to study the Tillamook burn and the divided authority between agencies responsible for fire prevention and suppression.

The Tillamook burn, which has burned this year for the third time since 1933, presents a program that involves years of work and expenditures of millions of dollars, the governor said.

He told the committee, holding its first meeting here today, that it must determine how and who should remove snags in the area, and how a reforestation program should be financed. It also should determine, he added, when logging should be permitted on the burn, and whether ownership should pass to a public agency.

Shies at U. S. Ownership

"Personally, I am opposed to increased Federal ownership of lands in our state," the governor declared. "The Federal government now owns 56 per cent of the entire state and in recent years has been acquiring additional holdings at the rate of 100,000 acres per year."

"Yet, by the same token, I have always favored Federal-State cooperation."

#### In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AS these words are written, the atomic bomb story has just broken in London. The dense cloud of smoke and dust hasn't yet risen from the Jap test city. The terse ultimatum to QUIT OR ELSE has just been delivered.

Its importance is indicated by the way the papers here play it. There are double headlines clear across the front pages (all of three-quarters of an inch high) with black sub-heads. The complete story is printed in readable large type, which fills a lot of space.

The British papers are never given to big headlines, and just now the acute paper scarcity—which makes whatever scarcities we THINK we are suffering from in the States look like riotous abundance—forbids any waste whatever. But this is an exception. The publishers have obviously said: "This is NEWS! What

#### Atomic Bomb Use Upheld By Plant's Commander

OAK RIDGE, Tenn., Aug. 30.—(AP)—The commanding officer of the Manhattan district which produced the atomic bomb has "no apologies or excuses" for the use of the bombs against the Japanese.

"The atomic bomb is not an inhuman weapon," Maj. Gen. Leslie R. Groves told workers and military personnel at the project yesterday.

"I think our best answer to anyone who doubts this is that we did not start the war, and if they don't like the way we ended it, to remember who started it."

#### Ambulance Driver Posts 5th Assist to Stork

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 30.—(AP)—Veteran ambulance driver Carl Emerson was not surprised when a maternity call took him to the Union bus depot, nor even excited when he had to stop halfway to the hospital and deliver a daughter for his passenger.

Back at his garage, Emerson calmly sketched a safety pin on the door of his ambulance, alongside of four others for infant deliveries made en route.

#### Army-Navy Merger Backed by Truman

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—President Truman threw his support today to a renewed drive for merger of the armed forces.

As the Pearl Harbor report sparked a new unification drive in Congress, the President said he always has favored unity of command for the Army and Navy. He said he did not want to amplify his views now.

Congressional supporters of the movement termed the Pearl Harbor report "convincing evidence" that a lack of coordination existed between the Army and Navy when the Japanese attacked.

They said the situation would not have existed had the Army and Navy been working together under one head both in Hawaii and Washington.

Likewise, he added, a recurrence can be prevented only by creation of a national department of defense.

Merger advocates said they will press for early action by the House Postwar Military Policy committee, which conducted hearings last winter but made no recommendations.

#### Big Cut Slated in U. S. Forces Left in Germany

BERLIN, Aug. 30.—(AP)—Gen. Eisenhower said today that the 2,500,000 American troops now in Germany would be reduced to a fixed occupation force of about 400,000 well before the end of the winter.

The American commander said the importation of food from the United States to feed Germans was inescapable, but that he did not mean he intended to fatten the Germans.

He said he hoped to have the Germans elect their own officials in city and rural areas this fall.

Eisenhower declined to predict how long the allied occupation of Germany would last, saying this was a matter of higher government policy, but added that the Americans did not expect to stay here forever.

#### Enlargement of Veterans Hospital Here Is Urged

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 30.—(AP)—The Portland Retail Trade bureau asked the Veterans' administration today for immediate expansion of hospital and medical services in the Northwest.

The bureau urged Washington and Oregon residents to appeal for enlargement of the hospital here to 2,000 beds; larger quarters at Boise, Idaho, Walla Walla, Wash., and Roseburg, Ore., and a new service in Southern Oregon.

#### Tongue Point Wins Naval Base After 45 Years

ASTORIA, Ore., Aug. 30.—(AP)—A campaign started more than 45 years ago has been rewarded by selection of the Tongue Point naval station here to berth a 514-ship reserve naval fleet.

Notified yesterday by the Navy of Astoria's selection, civil leaders recalled that Oregon congressmen had championed development of the Columbia River naval base since Rear Admiral Bradford reported its advantages in 1900.

War in the Pacific added \$7,000,000 worth of installations to the state's only pre-war naval station and brought 2,000 officers and enlisted men here to operate the airport, small craft port and air depot and naval hospital.

#### Widow of Ex-Judge Found Dead of Bullet Wounds

PORTLAND, Aug. 30.—(AP)—Mrs. Lucy Mason, 57, widow of former Justice Henry F. Mason of the Kansas Supreme court, died last night in her rooms at a quiet residential hotel, two bullet wounds in her body.

City detective Sgt. Dan Mitola said notes were found addressed to a niece, Miss Ann G. Keller, Portland, and a sister, Carolyn G. Jonson, Beaverton, Ore.

One note very carefully identified herself as the widow of the Kansas court justice. It then read "died of an overdose of sleeping powder." This was scratched out and "died of her own hand" added.

#### Ex-Censor Chief Given Advisory Post Overseas

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—(AP)—President Truman announced today that Byron Price is being sent to Germany as public relations adviser to American occupation forces there.

The president said Price, now winding up his work as director of censorship, will go as his personal representative to advise with Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Lt. Gen. Lucius V. Clay on all matters concerned with public relations.

Mr. Truman said the officers asked for Price.

#### Wormuth, Noted 'One-Man Army' of Bataan, Freed

CHICAGO, Aug. 30.—(AP)—Capt. Arthur W. Wormuth, Chicago's famous "one-man army" of Bataan, has been liberated from a Japanese prison camp, his wife, Mrs. Jean Wormuth, said Wednesday. She reported receipt of the information in a War department telegram.

Wormuth gained his nickname by killing 135 Japanese before Bataan fell, and was decorated three times, including the Distinguished Service cross.

#### Per Capita Income in U. S. Doubles During War

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—(AP)—Per capita income in the United States practically doubled during the war.

The Commerce department said today in a survey of income payments to individuals during the years 1940 through 1944. The survey showed per capita income for individuals jumped from \$75 in 1940 to \$147 in 1944, or an increase of 94.3 per cent. The figures were reached by dividing total income by the civilian population.

The trend was for income in the Southeast, Southwest and West to come closer to the income levels of the East and Midwest.

But the department added that "over the period only two states, Oregon and Indiana, shifted from the lower to the higher group, and none of the high-income states lost status."

#### Woman Cashier's Yell Routs Would-Be Robber

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She ducked below the counter, pulling the telephone with her. Then she screamed to the person on the other end of the wire: "I'm being held up!" The would-be robber fled.

### OCCUPATION ACCOMPLISHED SMOOTHLY; WOODEN-FACED JAPANESE MAINTAIN ORDER

(By the Associated Press)

General MacArthur landed triumphantly in Japan with 18,150 battleclad occupation forces and found the bloodless "invasion" "going splendidly."

The supreme allied commander established his headquarters in bomb-shattered Yokohama. Admiral Halsey ran up his pennant at Yokosuka, transforming Nippon's second largest naval base into the first U. S. Navy shore headquarters in Japan. Nearby Atsugi airdrome was alive with paratroopers, arriving in the greatest mass flight the Pacific has ever seen.

MacArthur gave the Japanese no opportunity to forget their first invasion of American territory. His transport plane was named "Bataan."

#### Eggs (Over-Ripe) Offered for Sale By Government

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 30.—(AP)—The government is trying to get rid of some eggs that aren't what they used to be—eggs that would have made a fairly large omelet once, but now aren't so appetizing.

The Commodity Credit corporation has offered for sale some 540,000 pounds of frozen henfruit that has been labeled over-ripe by food officials.

The quantity is about 430,000 dozen, or enough to have served some 2,500,000 for breakfast, two eggs apiece. More than a little odoriferous now, and well seasoned with charcoal, the eggs would hardly tempt any human consumer.

Officials say the loss, which may run around \$150,000 for more than 5,000,000 eggs, is just a premium paid for having plenty of eggs 18 months ago.

Goal is Overshot

The government bought the eggs in the spring of 1944. It had told poultrymen to go ahead and increase production, and it would protect them against loss. Poultrymen overshot the mark, and flooded markets with more eggs than even voracious fighting men and war workers could consume. Uncle Sam made good, and bought the surplus at 37 cents a dozen.

Those were times when farmers were short of help—so short they couldn't always get the eggs out of the nests on schedule. They couldn't get enough crates. Dealers couldn't get enough labor either—especially candler. Railroads couldn't always furnish enough cars to move the product to breaking plants. Firms where the eggs were broken into cans didn't have enough workers to watch quality. Some bad eggs got in the cans—and one or two bad eggs can—and did—work plenty of sabotage in a 30-pound container.

Government men think maybe the eggs can be used for chicken feed.

#### Periods of Enlistment Slashed by Army, Navy

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—(AP)—The way was cleared today for resumption of enlistments in the armed services on a voluntary basis.

President Truman issued an executive order yesterday vacating an order of December, 1942, which suspended voluntary enlistments for the duration.

Voluntary enlistments in the army will be on a three-year basis, the same as before the war. The Navy's previous "draft" was six years, but the Navy disclosed today orders had gone out reducing the first enlistment term to four years.

The Army announced recently that any man in the Army now who reenlists would be given 90 days furlough at home, and any now in the Army by voluntary enlistment who reenlisted would be entitled to reenlistment bonus.

#### Kerr-Gifford Flour Mill At Pendleton Burns

PENDELTON, Ore., Aug. 30.—(AP)—Fire of unknown origin destroyed the Kerr-Gifford flouring mill here last night, causing an estimated loss of a quarter million dollars.

The mill originally was built about 1887 and was a Pendleton landmark, generally known as the old Walters mill.

The Union Pacific railroad lost five boxcars.

#### Doolittle Flier Killed In Crash, Parents Told

TULE LAKE, CALIF., Aug. 30.—(AP)—Staff Sergeant William Dieter, one of the Doolittle crewmen listed missing since the historic April 18, 1942, Tokyo raid, was killed in the crash of the bomber that day, the War department has notified his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse T. Dieter said they presumed the War department learned of their son's fate from First Lt. Charles J. Neilson, Hyrum, Utah, one of the four Doolittle fliers rescued in Pimpin.

Lt. Neilson was the navigator on the plane which crashed with Dieter over enemy territory.

#### Rationing Board Office To Close on Saturdays

Conforming to new Federal regulations prescribing a 40-hour week for all government offices and departments, the Roseburg rationing board will change its hours, starting Saturday, Sept. 1. Story fles, chief clerk, announced today.

The office will be closed all day Saturdays and will be open to the public Monday through Friday from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.

#### Avoid "Shameful" Acts, Japanese People Told

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 30.—(AP)—Gen. Shimomura, Japan's war minister, today cautioned his defeated countrymen to avoid any "shameful acts" during the allied occupation of their homeland.

Shimomura's Tokyo radio broadcast was directed to the armed forces and civilians alike. He urged the people to increase food production, hasten Japan's reconstruction and obey the emperor.

The war minister announced the withdrawal and disarming of Japanese troops from Manchuria, Korea, Karafuto, Formosa and elsewhere was proceeding smoothly.

#### Jap Christian Leader Pleads for Magnanimity

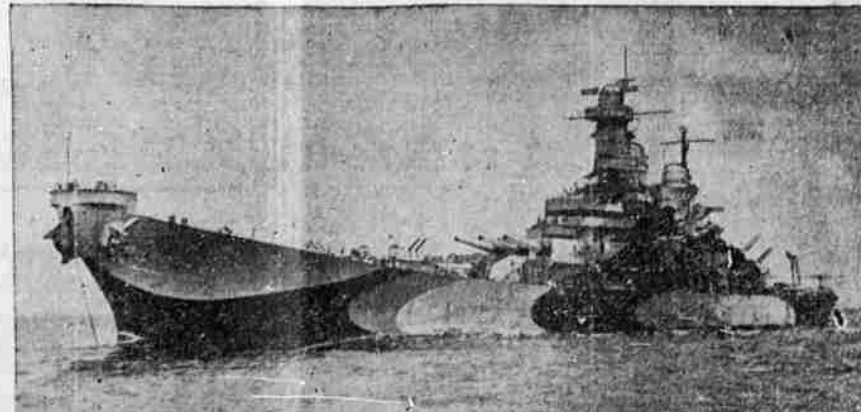
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 30.—(AP)—Dr. Tovahiko Kagawa, 57-year-old Japanese Christian leader and social reformer who before the war was a popular lecturer to church groups in America but for the last three years has been broadcasting anti-American propaganda from Tokyo, appealed to Gen. MacArthur today to be "magnanimous."

Kagawa's appeal was broadcast by the Dome news agency.

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TO BE SCENE OF JAPAN'S SURRENDER—Leader of the American naval armada in Tokyo bay is the 45,000-ton battleship Missouri, pictured above, bearing the name of the home state of President Harry S. Truman, the formal surrender of Japan will be signed next Sunday, ending a bloody war that began with the sneak attack of the Japanese on Pearl Harbor in December, 1941.

#### Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

One suggestion to some motorists for Labor day travel: Make it DRY-ving.