

Freed Woman Says Japanese at First Brutal Then Kind

FAIRFIELD, Calif., Sept. 13.—(AP)—A gallant, gray-haired school teacher, the only American woman captured by the Japanese in the Aleutian campaign, stepped from an Army transport plane today after a flight from Japan.

She was 65-year-old Mrs. Etta E. Jones, whose husband, Charles, was killed by the Japanese at Attu, where both were captured, early in 1942.

Very frail, she told with calmness and dignity of having been kicked and dragged by the Japanese, of spending three years hidden from the world in a Nippon prison. She could still speak with kindness of the children of Japan and of "the poor people."

Her husband, 62, had gone to work at Attu as a weather observer and radioman, and she was attached to the Indian service there to teach the native children. They were the only white people on the island.

Attu Invaders Brutal
The Japanese came, 2,000 strong, on June 7, 1942, Mrs. Jones recalled today.

"I was beaten with the butt end of a rifle, and struck across the back by a Jap soldier who had been acting as interpreter," she said. "He knocked me down, stepped on me and kicked me in the stomach. Then I saw them hit my husband and knock him down."

The two were thrown into separate buildings. The next day natives told her that her husband had been killed by the Japanese; that the natives had buried him. She never learned other details.

Treatment Reversed
Within a few days she was taken by transport to Yokohama and escorted to the Bund hotel. There, she said, whether the enemy guards respected her age, or for whatever reason, she received remarkably fine treatment.

She was treated like a guest for the next three years, had good quarters, good food, and the help of servants occasionally. Sometimes she could even walk the streets of Yokohama, accompanied by a guard.

A month after her arrival she was joined by 18 Australian nurses who had been captured at New Guinea. She said she saw two of them slapped and knocked down.

Jap Children "Teachable"
Later the 19 women were transferred to the Yokohama Yacht club, where they spent many months. When it was apparent that Yokohama would be bombed, they were moved 21 miles away to the village of Totsuka. Food became worse.

She heard the broadcast of Emperor Hirohito ending the war but did not grasp his significance. Then a Japanese cook told her "American bombs have killed lots of people and the Emperor has decided to end the war." On Aug.

31 U. S. troops liberated the group.

War's Official End Now Would be Loss For U. S. Farmers

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—(AP)—A delay of at least four months in declaring the war officially at an end could be a multi-million dollar boon to farmers.

It also would give them until 1949 to adjust their war-expanded production of food products to prospective smaller peacetime requirements.

Early in the war congress passed a law directing the Agriculture department to support farm prices at not less than 90 per cent of parity for a two-year period after the war.

Under terms of that law, the two-year period does not begin until the first day of January, after the President, by proclamation, or the congress, by resolution, declares the war ended.

Hence, should the war be declared officially over before next January 1, farm price supports would cover 1946 and 1947. On the other hand, should official end of the conflict be delayed until some time in 1946, the government would be committed to support farm commodities for a three-year period ending Jan. 1, 1949.

This latter course appeared the more likely. President Truman, in his message to congress last week, emphasized that "the time has not yet arrived" to proclaim the war ended.

Agriculture department economists have estimated that it may cost the government more than \$1,000,000,000 a year to carry out the farm price support program.

Prisoners Freed In Formosa Tell Stories of Horror

By FRED HAMPSON
MANILA, Sept. 10.—(Delayed)—More than 1,600 Allied prisoners of war and civilian internees—many of them no more than living skeletons—arrived in Manila yesterday from Formosa aboard two escort carriers and four destroyers.

Even after two weeks of good food following liberation from Formosan prison camps, many of these feeble skeletons were glazed of eye and in a stupor, too weak to stand. The hangar decks of the two carriers were literally fields of stretcher cases.

Among the freed were 74 Americans who were captured in the Philippines, and 1,050 Britishers almost entirely from units taken in Singapore and Malaya. Also aboard the mercy ships were 24 Dutch, captured in the East Indies, 12 Australians taken in Malaya and the Indies, and one Canadian.

It was the first arrival here of British Singapore captives. The Britishers were among the worst prison cases I have seen yet, although they said they were treated no worse than the others. It was useless for interviewers to question some of the dazed, starved men.

Prison Ship Is Hell Hole
The Americans said 650 Yank prisoners were loaded in the hold of a prison ship for 39 days, during which 38 died and many went crazy. Almost all became ill. It got so bad," said one man "that I prayed a submarine would sink us and get it over with."

Another said the Americans once were made to stand at attention while Britishers were forced to beat them. An epidemic of meningitis killed 11 in one small camp. Beatings became more frequent after American planes began sinking Japanese ships.

Maj. Ruth, (only name given in cable) of Okene, Okla., said that of 9,000 Yanks at Camp O'Donnell, in the Philippines, 1,500 died in the first six weeks and 3,000

died after transfer to the prison hell hole at Cabanatuan, also on Luzon island. He estimated that 50 per cent of the men who laid down their arms on Bataan died in the first year of captivity.

Bus Depot Operators At Yoncalla Changed

YONCALLA — Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Roberts, who have operated the Roberts Service station, and bus depot for the past ten years, have retired. Their son, Robert, and his wife have taken over the service station.

The bus depot has been moved to the Williams cafe, next door to the post office. Water rent will be paid at the central office. Mrs. Jobe has taken over the work of treasurer of the city, the position formerly held by Mr. Roberts. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts left Thursday, to spend the winter visiting in Colorado and Arizona. They plan to return to Yoncalla in the spring to make their home.

Atoms in an ordinary kitchen stove emit enough invisible infrared rays to permit the taking of photographs of nearby objects in total darkness with a photographic film sensitive to the rays.

Boy Drowns in Columbia

PORTLAND, Sept. 11.—(AP)—Seven-year-old Jerry Steinprice drowned in the Columbia river yesterday while paddling in shallow water with a 10-year-old playmate.

ed into a deep pool. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stein-

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