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(By the Associated Press)

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New Premier Of Japan Foe Of Militarists

Shidehara, Ex-Envoy to U. S., Pledges Formation Of Liber. Government

TOKYO, Oct. 6.—(AP)—The trembling old hands of Baron Kijuro Shidehara, who fought Japanese military aggression from its start, today picked up the reins of Japanese government—which he said he hopes to make truly liberal.

The 76-year-old enfeebled baron was summoned dramatically from 14 years of retirement, forced upon him by the militarists whom he opposed, to become premier of Japan at its most critical point in history.

He promised Emperor Hirohito to "do my best" to form a cabinet that would meet with the approval of allied occupation authorities. Ex-Premier Prince Higashi-Kuni and the first postwar cabinet resigned en bloc yesterday because they were unable to put into effect sweeping measures designed to substitute democratic freedom for feudalism in Japan.

Shidehara's first official act was to reappoint Shigeru Yoshida as foreign minister. Domel reported, Yoshida, who had stepped out with the Higashi-Kuni cabinet, was said to have accepted the reappointment.

Plans "Liberal" Cabinet
American and Japanese sources said the new premier was expected to call on General MacArthur at the first "suitable opportunity," but probably not until

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Justice Clark to Wed Actress Violet Heming

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6.—(AP)—President Truman left today for Berryville, Va., to act as best man at a wedding—first engagement on a five-day, six-state trip.

First on his schedule was an engagement today as best man at the wedding of Bennett Champ Clark, former Missouri senator and now a judge of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

Judge Clark will be married at the Grace Episcopal church, Berryville, Va., to Violet Heming, the actress.

Medford Deer Hunters Find Jap Balloon-Bomb

MEDFORD, Ore., Oct. 6.—(AP)—Three Medford hunters today claimed a Japanese balloon-bomb as well as two deer.

Broken branches of a nearby tree indicated the bomb fell more than a year ago, the hunters said. A steel cylinder about 18 inches long and 5 wide, the burned-out bomb was half-buried in gravel. The part above ground, including the contact firing mechanism, was partly intact, but intense heat had melted that below ground with surrounding rocks.

The nimrod reported their find to Camp White authorities.

Big Five Conference Fizzle Doesn't Banish Byrnes' Hope For European Peace Meeting

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6.—(AP)—Despite the breakdown of the five-power conference in London, Secretary Byrnes still has hopes today for "a truly representative" European peace meeting before the end of the year.

He indicated Russia's attitude will determine whether it materializes.

Soviet Foreign Commissar Molotov has not rejected the United States proposal for such a conference, Byrnes said in a radio report to the nation last night. He added he hopes the Soviet Union will agree "that the nations that fought the war—the world war—shall have a chance to make the peace."

Byrnes strongly emphasized his belief that this means all allied nations directly involved—not just Russia, Britain and the United States.

At different points in his address, he put it in the following ways:

"At Berlin it certainly was never intended that the three powers present or the five powers constituting the council (of foreign ministers) should take upon themselves the making of the final peace."

No Dictation to Allies
At London "the American delegation took the position that, in an interdependent, democratic world, peace cannot be the exclusive concern of a few presently powerful states."

"The United States is willing to dictate terms of peace to an enemy, but is not willing to dictate terms of peace to its allies."



TREASON TRIAL FOR LAVAL BEGINS—Pierre Laval, former premier of collaborationist Vichy government, declares "I am a patriot and I will prove it!" in the opening session of the treason trial accusing him of intelligence with the enemy and acts endangering safety of the state. Laval faces the same high court of justice which condemned Marshal Petain to death, with sentence commuted by Gen. DeGaulle.

Laval Expelled Second Time From Courtroom in Trial on Charges of Betraying France

PARIS, Oct. 6.—(AP)—Pierre Laval's trial was suspended today after the former Vichy chief of government was expelled from the courtroom for the second time in three days and then refused to continue his defense when recalled to the chamber.

After ordering Laval from the French high court of justice for failing to answer a question from the bench, Judge Mongieaux announced that the session was suspended for an "indefinite period."

Laval was brought back into the court a short time later, but went on a one-man, sit-down strike. Mongieaux immediately discontinued the interrogation of Laval and suspended the session a second time when there were no witnesses present to continue the trial.

Upon his return to the courtroom, Laval said:

"The insulting way you put your questions and the behavior of some of the jurors lead me to believe you are about to commit a judicial crime in which I will not take part and I, therefore, prefer to sit down."

Laval's expulsion and the day's first suspension produced an uproar in the court. Everyone rose. A juror shouted: "That's not French justice!"

In the French press box someone within earshot of Mongieaux said:

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Dog Gains Membership In R. R. Brotherhood

PEORIA, Ill., Oct. 6.—(AP)—Bowser, a cinnamon-colored dog of mixed ancestry, is a full-fledged, paid-up member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

Every afternoon, when the Burlington switch engine starts on its daily chores, Bowser comes running from his home across the street and leaps aboard. He sits on the perch of Fireman Ray Litz all during the 4 1/2 hours run.

The day and night crew workers pay Bowser's monthly dues in the Brotherhood—\$3.50.

Wage Dispute May Be Settled at Iron Fireman

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 6.—(AP)—Because the United States and Britain have not yet recognized those regimes, Russia apparently believes they object to the friendliness of the two Balkan governments for the Soviet Union, Byrnes said. He asserted:

"There could be no greater misconception of our attitude."

Russia Rears Snag
Byrnes made it plain, too, that another stumbling block was Russia's insistence on excluding France and China from discussions of peace treaties for countries with which they had not been at war.

Russian demands that France and China have no part in the Balkan discussions led Byrnes to formulate a compromise proposal, including the suggestion for a general European peace conference.

Under the Byrnes plan, Russia, Britain and the United States alone would draw up the suggested treaties for Romania, Bulgaria and Hungary. But those documents would have to be written into final form by the general peace conference.

Women Join Tide of Revolt In Argentina

Demonstrators Charged By Police; Cuba Students To Strike in Sympathy

By LAURENCE F. STUNTZ
BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 6.—(AP)—New tension gripped stormy Argentina today as the result of a charge by revolver-wielding mounted policemen into a crowd of 500 women demonstrators last night.

One woman was injured by a saber blow when the government patrolmen attacked the group as it sought to enter the central plaza in front of the government palace.

The women paraded to the editorial offices of La Nacion and La Prensa, under the leadership of Dr. Alicia Moreau Justo, widow of the founder of the Argentine socialist party. They requested both newspapers to deny censorship and publish full accounts of conditions under the state of siege imposed by Col. Juan Peron, vice-president and strong man of Argentina.

They also asked that news of sports and theater be cut down as a symbol of national mourning.

University Is Closed
The government, which yesterday smashed a week-long protest strike of students in the nation's six universities, moved against further opposition last night. A decree was issued closing the University of Buenos Aires for the remainder of the school year. An official statement said the action was taken because the students "continuously participated in political matters foreign

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Canadians Tell Of Jap Torture of American Fliers

VICTORIA, B. C., Oct. 6.—(AP)—Further stories of Japanese prison atrocities were told by 386 liberated Canadians who arrived here yesterday.

Cpl. Orin Hicks of Beloit, Kansas, member of the Winnipeg Grenadiers imprisoned at Hong Kong, said:

"I was getting along pretty well until a Jap guard noticed the Stars and Stripes tattooed on my wrist. He went berserk and struck me on the face with his bayonet. Just as he was going to bayonet me a bomb from a trench mortar came through the roof and he beat it."

United States airmen received the worst prison treatment of any, said Cpl. W. Henderson.

"When I was in a hospital near Shinagawa, being treated for pleurisy, they brought in five blindfolded Americans. They were kept outside in a shed three or four days."

"One of them," Henderson continued, "a 19-year-old American from Chicago named Felly, was then put in a bed near mine. He was nearly finished. He had been starved and beaten and had pellagra. They had to soak his clothes off."

He said the Japs went after the pilot especially for information. They poured water down his throat trying to make him talk. He was taken away somewhere and that was the last seen of him.

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The accident occurred at the Floyd Trine home at Goose Neck, 17 miles northwest of here, where Mr. and Mrs. Everett Oviatt, the boy's parents, were visiting.

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A-BOMB INVINCIBLE? Scientists Defy Crosby Research Claim of Defense

CHICAGO, Oct. 6.—(AP)—Eight scientists who worked on the University of Chicago's atomic bomb project stood ready to work at our laboratory benches while Mr. Crosby's scientist attempts to explode us" in an effort to disprove a claim by the Crosby Foundation that it had discovered a defense against the atomic bomb.

The claim of a defense was published Monday by Larry Crosby, brother of the crooner, as president of the Crosby Foundation, Hollywood, Calif. Crosby said the defense technique was so simple that atom bombs could be detonated without even knowing their exact whereabouts.

The Chicagoans, repeating their assertion that "there is no defense against the atomic bomb," said in a statement:

"The recent claim of the Crosby Research foundation to have found a defense against the atomic bomb is as preposterous as the foundation's previous claim to have set off an atomic explosion with a piece of material the size of a pea."

Trailway Drivers' Strike is Settled

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 6.—(AP)—One of three bus lines halted by strikes was scheduled to resume service today after officials agreed to pay drivers the wartime pay scale.

Pacific Trailways drivers, who struck Monday in protest of a cut to 3.75 cents a mile, will get 4.7 cents a mile pending arbitration for a new contract, company officials said.

Myrl Heaver predicted buses would be operating by noon today.

The line, which employs 45 drivers, runs from Portland to Boise, south to Klamath Falls, and through Central Oregon.

Harold Oathes, business agent for the AFL Motor Coach employees, said an arbitration board to discuss the new wage contract would be set up within 10 days.

Overland Greyhound, in the sixth day of strike, and Pacific Greyhound, which halted service Thursday at midnight, have reached no agreement with management.

Hitler's Half-Brother Seeks to Change Name

HAMBURG, Germany, Oct. 6.—(AP)—Adolf Hitler's half-brother, Alois, has been released by British authorities who arrested him nearly two months ago for questioning.

He appeared in Hamburg town hall today seeking to change his name and requesting a room from the military government for the winter. Alois, a Berlin beer tavern proprietor before and during the war, said Hitler hated him and never had visited him in the last 10 years.

Kimmel Accuses Army of Let-Down at Pearl Harbor

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6.—(AP)—The Army "let down" the Navy in its radar detection of the Japanese planes which attacked Pearl Harbor, Pearl Harbor naval commander, was relieved of his post after the attack.

His testimony was disclosed in a supplemental report yesterday by the Army investigating board covering defense construction and aircraft warning contacts.

18 Refugees, 5 Crewmen Killed in Plane Crash

LONDON, Oct. 6.—(AP)—Eighteen Czechoslovakian refugees returning to their homeland by air were burned to death yesterday in the crash of a plane which burst into flames. Five crewmen also were killed.

The plane crashed shortly after the takeoff near Eilevetham in southern England.

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CIO Parley Takes Recess Of Five Days

Two New Injunctions Hit AFL Pickets; Plant at Tacoma Plans to Reopen

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 6.—(AP)—Threat of a CIO strike which, added to a walkout of 61,000 AFL workers, would completely paralyze the Northwest lumber industry was delayed again today with negotiations recessed until Thursday.

Authorized by a strike vote among 40,000 workers, a CIO International Woodworkers of America tie-up was averted earlier when federal conciliators arranged sessions between employers and union men. After two days' meetings in which "some progress" was made, Commissioner George Brewer last night announced the five-day recess. CIO demands for a flat 25-cent hourly wage boost will be discussed further next week.

Meanwhile friction between the CIO-IWA and the AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers, who have been picketing CIO operations, continued to smolder. Two temporary injunctions—one CIO obtained, the others jointly

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Army Engineer Exonerated in Pearl Harbor Quiz

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6.—(AP)—Secretary Patterson closed the Army's Pearl Harbor investigation today with a decision that facts do not warrant disciplining Col. Theodore Wyman, Jr., Army engineer formerly in charge of Hawaiian defense construction.

He made public a previously withheld section of the board's report in which the Army investigators reported "lavish" parties given by Hans Wilhelm Rohl, German-born contractor, at which Wyman was present.

Patterson said the relationship between the engineer officer and the head of the firm doing defense construction was "quite close" but that it was doubtful this influenced Wyman to "follow any course that was prejudicial to the government."

The secretary said his study of the report showed nothing in it to indicate that the conduct of Wyman, Rohl or any of the other contractors contributed to the Pearl Harbor disaster.

Included in the evidence of the report was a memorandum by an Army military intelligence officer which described Rohl as a "confirmed drunkard."

Patterson declared that Wyman performed later "one of the outstanding construction and operating tasks of the European theater" while in charge of the port of Cherbourg in the critical months of the Normandy invasion. He was awarded the Legion of Merit for that work.

Tigers Win 4th Game; Score 4-1

The Detroit Tigers this afternoon defeated the Chicago Cubs 4 to 1 in the fourth game of the World Series and thereby knotted the series victories at two-all. Dixie Trout pitched the full game for the victors. Prim, Cubs' starter, was blasted from the mound in the fourth inning, when the Tigers secured all their runs.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Relzenstein

Roseburg is credited with having the lowest wind velocity of any city in the U. S. A., but it's beginning to look as if the Roseburg High School Indians would give the local ballclub a reputation for tornadoes before the current football season is over.

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Mass Murder Confessed by Belsen Beast

LUENEBURG, Oct. 6.—(AP)—Joseph Kramer, "the beast of Belsen," confessed that he gassed prisoners at Natzweiler concentration camp in a signed statement presented today as the prosecution concluded its case against 45 SS men and women guards accused of conspiracy to commit mass murder.

Kramer, who saw duty at five concentration camps, also admitted that he was fully aware of the gas chamber and crematorium at the Oswiecim camp he commanded.

Kramer's confession contradicted an earlier statement, which was introduced by the prosecutor four days ago. At that time the surly Nazi denied existence of a gas chamber at Oswiecim and categorically denied allegations of mass executions, whippings and other demonstrations of cruelty.

Murder Order Recited
His face strained and ashen, Kramer listened to the prosecution read the deposition, which said in part:

"Orders I received were in writing, signed by order of Reichsfuehrer Himmler by Gruppenfuehrer Glücks. As nearly as I can remember, they state a special transport would arrive from Oswiecim and that people on it were to be killed and their bodies sent to Strassburg to Professor Hirt. It further said that I should communicate with Professor Hirt as to how the killing was to take place."

"This I did and was given by Hirt a container of gas crystals"

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No Accord Reached By Coal Conferees

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6.—(AP)—Umw Chieftain John L. Lewis and soft coal operators emerged from a conference with Labor Secretary Schwelbent today, apparently still at odds on ways of averting a nationwide coal strike.

As Lewis left Schwelbent's office, he referred reporters to the secretary for an account of the session. Asked to elaborate, he replied: "How can one elaborate when there is nothing on which one can elaborate?"

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