

# JAP PREMIER SHIDEHARA, CABINET RESIGN

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### Action Forced As Conditions Get No Better

Coalition Government,  
Headed by Shidehara, Is  
Expected to Eventuate

TOKYO, April 22.—(AP)—Premier Shidehara and his cabinet resigned in a group tonight under pressure from the leading political parties, who were expected to join the deposed prime minister in forming a new cabinet.

All ministers agreed to the resignation after Shidehara and Cabinet Secretary Narahashi explained to them that this action was "necessary to stabilize the political situation," Narahashi said in announcing the decision.

Shidehara became premier six months ago after a series of political shakeups which followed Japan's surrender.

**Food Crisis Brings Rift**

The action, predicted since no party succeeded in gaining a majority in the April 12 election, came after a series of political maneuvers so complex that they dazed the ordinary Japanese and left the makeup of the next

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### Five Hospitalized After Bus Crash

KELSO, Wash., April 22.—(AP)—The driver and four servicemen were hospitalized today after a bus careened from a guardrail into the rock wall on the inside of the highway two and a half miles north of Kelso about 1 A. M. today. State patrolmen said a dozen more of the 39 persons aboard the bus, northbound from Portland, were hurt less severely.

Those hospitalized: Gerald Pollock, 30, Portland, the driver; chest contusions, lacerated ear, shock. Ray Ehke, 19, Navy, Seattle; fractured left leg, head cuts, shock. Andrew Ding, 22, Army, Fort Lewis; lacerations and shock. Philip Mohr, 30, Army, Fort Lewis; scalp lacerations. Jay Quinn, 26, Army; head cuts, shock and cuts. He was released from the hospital after emergency treatment.

State patrolmen said most of the passengers were servicemen.

### Washington-N. Y. City Air Run Made in 29 1/2 Minutes

WASHINGTON, April 22.—(AP)—The Army marked Washington today as just another suburb of New York—less than a half hour's ride by jet plane.

A P-80 Shooting Star covered the distance between LaGuardia Field and National Airport yesterday in 29 minutes and 15 seconds for an average speed of approximately 456 miles an hour or 7.6 miles a minute.

Capt. Martin L. Smith of Kidder, Corp., pilot of the kerosene-burning jet, halved the previous New York-to-Washington record of 58 minutes and 38 seconds established in 1938 by Alexander de Seversky. Commercial time for the 226 airline miles ranges from something under 60 to 80 minutes.

### L. R. Chambers Gets Green Light for New Building

L. R. Chambers has been given the go-ahead signal on construction of a combination business block and 56-room hotel between the Star theater and Copco office on N. Jackson street. His application has been approved by Nelson English, CPA district administrator. Construction, which was halted by the freeze on building materials, is being resumed and foundation forms are being erected.

The U. S. National Bank, Portland, has filed application with the CPA for authority to build a \$47,900 branch building at Myrtle Creek.

### Two Killed, 300 Hurt When Passenger Trains Collide

BOSTON, April 22.—(AP)—Two engineers were dead today, a third was in critical condition and approximately 300 persons reported injured after two New Haven Railroad passenger trains collided head-on last night in the Rendville section.

The dead were: Norman Goodwin, 37, a fireman, and Engineer William E. Bean, 59, who were crushed in the cab of their Hartford-to-Boston locomotive. It crashed into a nine-car Boston to Providence, R. I., train.

Railroad officials said one of the trains had run past stop signals.

### Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

A British scientist reveals that the United States has developed a new atomic bomb, five of which are "capable of destroying all of the U. S. below the Mason-Dixon line." The Democratic administration can be depended on, of course, to see that the secret of the weapon doesn't fall into the hands of the G. O. P.

### U. S. Food Aid To Starving Lands Mapped

WASHINGTON, April 22.—(AP)—Every person in the United States will be asked to take a direct part in helping feed people in starving lands under a nationwide food contribution plan outlined today.

Secretary of Commerce Henry Wallace will serve as chairman of the "emergency food collection" campaign, which begins May 12 "with every community mobilized."

This country's people will be requested to contribute "either food canned in tin or money to buy food," Wallace said.

The proceeds will be distributed through the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration on a basis of greatest needs.

The drive will be conducted as a private campaign but will work closely with the government's famine emergency committee. No deductions will be made for administrative or operating expenses.

Local chairman in the recent victory clothing collection in 1937, cities and towns will be asked to serve in the food drive.

**Would Halt Bread Waste**

The Federal Trade Commission, meanwhile, in a report to President Truman called for tightening war-time regulations to prevent bread waste through consignment selling.

Wholesale bakers take back unsold bread from retailers under consignment selling, the FTC statement said. In 1942 enough returned bread to supply a third of a pound daily to 2,055,000 people was sold for stock feed or destroyed.

**Truman Stresses Crisis**

President Truman sent Congress a report on UNRRA operations today and warned that only concerted action by the

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### U. S. Demand Made On Chinese Reds

CHUNGKING, April 22.—(AP)—Gen. Marshall formally demanded today that the Chinese Communists either publicly retract or furnish details of their unsupported charge that American planes attacked Communists at Szepingkai, Manchuria, and that one was shot down.

Marshall, special American envoy seeking to establish peace between the warring Chinese factions, held an inconclusive meeting with Gen. Chou En-Lai, chief Communist negotiator, and a separate session with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek.

Chou said he was radioing field commanders for information on the reported air attacks, which allegedly occurred near embattled Szepingkai last week.

A Chinese government military spokesman labeled as a "complete fabrication" the charge that U. S. planes had strafed the Communist forces.

Government reports from Manchuria said that Chinese Communist troops are "gathered like clouds" in the Kungchulin district east of Changchun where the government's First Army apparently made slow progress in its effort to reach the fallen capital.

**Russian Planes Fire on U. S. Army Transport**

VIENNA, April 22.—(AP)—Four Russian fighter planes made runs on a U. S. Army C-47 transport and fired from two to four 37 millimeter shots off the plane's wing today as it came into the U. S. Army airport at Tulln, just outside Vienna.

Airmen at the field identified the fighters as P-39s furnished to Russia by American lend-lease. The four followed the transport right to the field, leaving only after it had touched ground. The C-47 was on a test run and carried no passengers.

Because the airport is inside the Russian occupation zone, the Russians have prescribed strict regulations for the operation of American aircraft. They must remain within central lanes when flying to and from the city and are not permitted to fly over Vienna.

**Jap General Koburagi, 4 Subordinates Hanged**

SHANGHAI, April 22.—(AP)—Ghastly-faced Maj. Gen. Masataka Koburagi, former chief of staff of the imperial Japanese 34th army, and four of his subordinates died on the gallows this morning for their part in the torture parade and strangulation of three American fliers at Hankow in December, 1944.

This was the first execution of war criminals by Americans in the China theater.

**Playing Youth Drowns As He Tumbles Off Log**

MOLALLA, Ore., April 22.—(AP)—A fall from a log on which he was playing in the Molalla River was fatal yesterday to Raymond Toedtmeler, 16, Portland.

State police reported the youth was on a family picnic along the river bank and was playing on the log in about 35 feet of water when he tumbled and drowned.

### Chief Justice H. F. Stone Stricken by Illness During Session of Supreme Court

WASHINGTON, April 22.—(AP)—Chief Justice Stone became ill and was escorted from the Supreme Court bench today. Officials later said he had suffered an attack of indigestion.

The court marshal, Thomas E. Waggaman, said a few minutes later that Stone appeared to be getting along well, but would not return to the bench for the regular late afternoon session.

The court clerk, Elmore Cropley, said the chief justice had been working long hours in preparation for today's session and apparently had overdrawn on his strength.

He predicted that Stone would be back on the bench tomorrow for a regular argument session.

**Another Oregon  
Convict Missing**

SALEM, Ore., April 22.—(AP)—Prison officials said today that Melvin H. Logan, 25, was believed to have escaped from the state penitentiary following yesterday's Easter church services—the fourth break in a month.

Warden Alexander said guards were searching the prison grounds today on the chance that Logan might still be there, but that he thought Logan had gotten out.

Logan entered prison only a month ago from Multnomah County to serve 12 years for assault while armed with a dangerous weapon.

Board of control members are expected to meet this week to consider means of stopping the prison breaks, Logan being the ninth man to break out in the past four weeks—if he actually did get out.

The ruling was on an appeal

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### Intra-City Utility Tax Proposed at Portland

PORTLAND, April 22.—(AP)—A new occupational tax of 3 per cent of gross revenues for all Portland intra-city utility business has been proposed here to equalize levies on utility firms and add \$367,744.53 to the city funds.

Commissioner Dorothy Lee said a survey revealed some firms paying the 3 per cent while others were operating virtually free of any occupation tax.

She estimated the 3 per cent levy on all Portland utility revenues would gross \$674,304.48 instead of \$306,559.95 collected last year.

### Bemoded Vet Convicted Of 2nd Degree Murder

SEATTLE, April 22.—(AP)—Einar Olson, much-decorated paratrooper veteran, was convicted of second degree murder here Saturday night in connection with the slaying of Mrs. Majorie Olson, 38.

Mrs. Olson was found dead beside a driveway in her home, a paratrooper decoration on the davenport above her.

Testimony brought out that Olson had escorted Mrs. Johnson home from a tavern.

Penalty under Washington law is 20 years to life. The parole board will fix the exact time Olson must serve.

### Lowered Slaughter Cuts Meat Supply on Coast

TILLAMOOK, Ore., April 22.—(AP)—Curtailling of killing at the Christensen Meat Company plant here today has lowered the meat supply of most coast towns between Astoria and Coos Bay and areas inland as far as Salem, the company said today.

C. H. Christensen reported the decision of the company to halt killing except for hogs and a few "low grade cows" resulted from a federal inspector's down grading of meat the company had purchased as choice grade beef.

### Women in Train Wreck Think First of Nylons

BOSTON, April 22.—(AP)—Women dressed in Easter finery were among the hundreds tossed about or hurt in a head-on collision of two trains last night, and the first thought, of at least some of them, was their stockings.

A male passenger on the local train carrying Easter week-enders back to Providence reported that after the crash, several women nearby screamed: "Oh, my nylons!"

### With Roseburg's March of Progress



—Photo by Paul Jenkins

**COMFY FIVE-ROOM HOUSE READY** — This five-room, white stucco house, owned by Mr. and Mrs. John Wyatt, is on Ballif street. It is completed with the exception of a few minor refinements—"All but the yard," Mrs. Wyatt pointed out, "and that will take a little time but we don't have to do that to be comfortable, right now." This is a "roomy" five-roomer and exquisitely finished.



**IN EASTER PAGEANT**—Photo glimpses of Saturday's Easter parade in Roseburg, staged under auspices of World War II Veterans Club, show the queen's float with Queen Jacqueline I and her princesses (Photo Lab); B. P. O. E. float, winner of first place, with Miss Jean Ullrich depicting Charity, one of the cardinal principles of the order (Photo Lab), and Knights of Pythias Girls' Drum Corps majorettes (Clark's Studio).

### World Rejoices in Easter Observance

(By the Associated Press)

The sounds of warfare gone, millions of Christians in all lands gathered yesterday in their places of worship to rejoice over the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Symbolic Easter services carried special meaning this year to thousands who prayed that this celebration of resurrection might mean also a new life for humanity, freed from the tyranny of war.

In churches, bombed-out cathedrals, on mountain tops and along the sea, worshippers heard the clergy tell again the poignant story of the first Easter.

President Truman slipped quickly into the First Baptist Church in Washington to lead the United States in observing the festival. Mrs. Truman and their daughter, Margaret, attended St. Margaret's Episcopal Church.

Throughout this country, millions streamed out of churches after the service into warm sunshine for the traditional Easter parade.

New York's Fifth Avenue had the greatest Easter parade of its history, with a many-colored crowd of 1,000,000 fashionable strollers.

Throughout the Soviet Union, the devout crowded Orthodox churches and churchyards were used to toll the holiday for the first time in more than 20 years. In Moscow, the Easter festival was the greatest since the revolution.

### Tax Commission Studies New Revenue Sources

SALEM, Ore., April 22.—(AP)—The state tax study commission met here today for an informal discussion preliminary to drafting its recommendations to the legislature, which will meet next January.

The commission reviewed testimony it has received, and discussed proposed new sources of tax revenue, including a sales tax. It also discussed the possibility of reducing the cost of government and whether to remove the constitutional 6 per cent tax limitation.

### Mae Busch, Actress, Dies

HOLLYWOOD, April 22.—(AP)—Mae Busch, 44, who entered motion pictures as a Mack Sennett bathing beauty and rose to stardom in silent films, died Friday of complications following an operation.

Her husband, Thomas C. Tate, civil engineer, survives.

### Says 5 of New U. S. A-Bombs Could Erase Half of Country

BRIGHTON, England, April 22.—(AP)—Quoting information he said he had obtained from "an American" during his last visit to the United States, Prof. Harold J. Laski declared yesterday that the U. S. has a new atom bomb powerful enough to "devastate . . . Indiana and Illinois."

"Five of the bombs could destroy the whole of the United States south of the Mason-Dixon line," Laski asserted.

Laski, who attacked the policy of secrecy surrounding the development of atomic energy in an address before the British Co-operative party conference, declined to reveal the name of his source, but declared that the new bombs were much more powerful than those dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The policy of secrecy was described by the chairman of the British Labor party executive committee as "an onslaught on the well being of the human race."

(Atom bomb experts in Wash-



### Children, Grown-Ups, Plus 4-Footed Entrants, Stage Gay, Colorful Easter Parade

Saturday morning was children's day for the youngsters who brought their decorated scooters and bicycles, and dressed up in costume and carried their pets in the gala Easter parade through Roseburg's downtown streets. Crowds that began to line the curbs in the central district two hours before the parade started, were in holiday mood.

### Salmon Wrecks Auto

LA GRANDE, Ore., April 22.—(AP)—A salmon—safely gaffed and presumed dead—today was credited with having wrecked the auto of James Mantakes.

He reported he lost control of his car and drove off the highway when a "dead" salmon suddenly lunged about.

In front of the Armory, last touches were added to the queen's greenery-bedecked float by members of the Roseburg Veterans Club of World War II, which sponsored the festive parade. A dozen Boy Scouts of Troop 4 guided and directed traffic in the Armory area before the parade.

Later they joined ranks with the Campfire Girls and marched behind the American flag and their own troop standard carried by Dickie John and Don Pearson.

At 11 o'clock the queen and her

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### R. W. Giberson, War Vet, Suicide, Report

R. W. Giberson, 29, war veteran, shot himself to death at his residence in the Miller's Addition, yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, Sgt. Paul Morgan of the state police said this morning. Further investigation is pending.

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