

Wainwright Says Tojo Not to Blame For Mistreatment

TOKYO, Aug. 6 (AP) Gen. Jonathan Wainwright, retired hero of Bataan, has sent a message to wartime Premier Hideki Tojo absolving him of personal responsibility for mistreatment Wainwright received while a prisoner. Tojo's attorney said yesterday.

"General Wainwright asked me to deliver this message to Tojo," said George Francis Blewett, Philadelphia attorney who is serving as American counsel for Tojo—now awaiting judgment of the International War Crimes Court. "Wainwright said: 'tell Tojo that as one general to another, I want him to know that I do not hold him personally responsible for treatment I received while a prisoner of war. I know that as Premier and War Minister he could not be expected to know about such details.'"

Blewett recently returned from the Republican National Convention. He said he met Wainwright there and had a two-hour conversation with the general. He expects to deliver Wainwright's message to Tojo at Sugamo Prison next week, on his regular visit there.

In a book describing his experiences, the General told of many instances of brutalities by his Japanese prison-camp guards.

Rev. David Seaman Dated At Methodist Church

Reverend David Seaman, director of the Wesley Foundation at the University of Oregon, will be in charge of the morning service at the First Methodist Church of Roseburg on August 8 in the absence of the pastor, Rev. W. A. MacArthur, who is currently on a special mission trip to the European countries. Reverend Mr. Seaman, formerly pastor at Elkton-Gardiner, is well known to many Roseburg young people because of his work in Methodist Christian Adventure and Institute Camps and because of his leadership at Wesley Foundation.

Russia's navigable waterways total about 60,000 miles in length.



AIRMAN AND SONS—Douglas Corrigan, who made famous "wrong way" flight from U.S. to Ireland, plays with sons Douglas (left) and Harry at Los Angeles. Corrigan still claims a compass error sent his plane to Ireland instead of California.

Atom Bomb Three Years Old Today But Nobody Staging Celebration

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—Happy birthday to the atom age! It's three years old today, but nobody's baking a cake for it. Never did a new era in the story of man open more dramatically.

It was like something out of the Old Testament or Greek mythology. A big American firebird flew over Hiroshima and dropped a strange metal package. The package opened, and it proved to be a deadly new Pandora's box for the Japanese.

Up bloomed a towering destructive mushroom of death, flame and smoke. And beneath it a city had disappeared.

Three days later American airpower confirmed the arrival of the atom age by dropping a second bomb over Nagasaki. Another mighty mushroom blossomed. Another city, except the

area protected by hills, lay stricken.

The two bombs killed 120,000 people—80,000 at Hiroshima, 40,000 at Nagasaki—and injured 329,000 more.

President Truman justified the dropping of the atomic bombs by saying they had saved 250,000 American lives by avoiding the need of a full-scale land invasion. But he said another global war would mean the end of civilization.

"We are not going to do that,"

he promised. "We are going to accept the Golden Rule and we are going forward to meet our destiny, which I think Almighty God intended us to have—and we are going to be the leaders."

The powerful baby, the most destructive prodigy yet conceived by man's inventive mind and the force of nature, was put into harness and dedicated to the paths of peace.

But the terrible infant also was given secret training to develop his muscles, like a fighter working out for his next battle. And he has grown stronger. Just how strong perhaps no one truly knows, because—like any baby—he is still growing.

His power for peacetime good, however, is growing more apparent. His radiant energy is helping medical men on a hundred fronts in their age-old quest for new methods of fighting disease. He has been put to work on the farm, helping to grow better food products.

And in a laboratory on Long Island by the end of this year, the atomic child will be producing enough electricity to serve the needs of a village of 3,000 people. In time he will supply power for people far removed from cheap sources of coal and oil.

Fear of him has dulled somewhat in three years. People who live under the threat of constant danger have to reconcile themselves to it—or go mad.

In every land the population now worries more over man's eternal problems of food, clothing and housing than over the potential disaster locked within the atom. But the shadow of another global war still lifts and settles like a vagrant cloud.

History's biggest juvenile delinquent—the atom—has done pretty well since he went to reform school.

N. Y. Transit Union Sets Strike in Wage Dispute

NEW YORK, Aug. 6 (AP)—The CIO Transport Workers Union yesterday voted to strike Saturday against the big Third Avenue transit system which serves some 2,000,000 daily riders in Manhattan, Westchester County and the Bronx.

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