

MacArthur Will Prod Russia On Jap Prisoners

TOKYO—(AP)—General MacArthur is expected to make a strong effort this week to get Russia to repatriate the remaining Japanese prisoners of war still in Soviet hands.

The subject will come up Wednesday at a meeting of the four-power allied council for Japan. Japanese are puzzled and irked that they have been unable to get their people home from Russian prison camps. Russia says she is holding only 10,000 Japanese. The Soviets say they are war criminals and will not be repatriated.

But other sources, including many of the 1,300,000 repatriated Japanese, say that up to 316,000 Nipponese are still in Russian hands.

MacArthur is known to have become increasingly annoyed by Soviet refusal to account for all of the prisoners seized by the Russians during their short engagement in the Pacific war.

Japanese newspapers have been encouraged to constantly discuss the question. Japanese families have congregated in front of the Russian embassy clamoring for the release of their men.

Washington has not indicated how far it will support MacArthur in his effort. But it is almost certain once the question gets under discussion many of the problems on which Russia and the United States differ will probably crop out before the council.

Truman In Trim From Vacation

KEY WEST, Fla., Dec. 21—(AP)—President Truman flew back to Washington Tuesday from a three-week Florida vacation.

He was in fighting trim—except for the waistline—to do battle in congress for his "fair deal" and stump for it in the 1950 congressional elections.

Mr. Truman is going down the line in his "state of the union" message for virtually every measure Congress denied him last year.

The measures include civil rights proposals—topped by the fair employment practices bill—the national health program, expanded social security and additional power and reclamation projects, among others.

Altes emphasized there will be no turning back from the course he advocated in his 1948 speech-making campaign and that he is ready to take the stump again next year to help elect candidates to Congress who think along his lines.

Final decisions are yet to be made on whether to seek elimination of war-time excise taxes and to advocate higher taxes on profits to offset them and attempt to balance the budget for the fiscal year starting next July 1.

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By MRS. GEORGE EDES
Jimmie Brant and Zara Potter, students at a Bible college in San Jose, Calif., arrived home Friday for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Russell and four children will leave Thursday to spend the holidays with relatives in Visalia, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Rice and two children, Jimmie and June arrived home Sunday after spending the past ten days attending the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. Rice's parents in Twin Falls, Idaho. Mrs. Marvin Hall worked in the butcher shop during their absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Sgensch spent the weekend shopping in Portland and visiting their son and wife in Salem.

The Home Economics club of Elkhead Grange held their Christmas party at the hall, Dec. 19. A potluck luncheon was served at noon.

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