

Federal Action Is Held Unlikely in Nisei Terrorism

WASHINGTON, May 31 (UP)—The federal government believes it has little right to intervene in cases of terrorism against Japanese-Americans on the west coast, it was learned today.

Justice department attorneys have been studying the 19 cases reported to them and have concluded that there is possibility for federal action in only one.

Eleanor Bontescu, department attorney, said investigation of that case is not complete. She said federal authorities could step in only under special circumstances, such as on the request of a state governor, if force is used to deprive Japanese-Americans of property or civil rights or if federal laws are violated.

In most cases, she indicated, action was up to local authorities.

(A justice of the peace in Parlier, Calif., placed a rancher on probation Monday after convicting him of firing a buckshot-charged shotgun into the home of Charles Iwasaki. No one was hurt and Justice L. B. Crosby said it was "more important that this not occur again than it is to punish 'this man for the act that did occur.'")

Tomato, Spinach Ration Values Up; Meat Unchanged

WASHINGTON, May 31 (UP)—Lower point values in June for tomato and mixed vegetable juices and higher values for canned tomatoes and canned spinach were announced today by the office of price administration.

The new values are effective June 3 to 30. Canned tomatoes are raised 10 points to 40 points for the No. 2 can, the highest to date, and spinach is advanced 10 points each on the No. 2 and No. 2½ cans, making them 20 and 30 points, respectively.

Meat Supply Drops

Along with the processed food changes OPA announced that point values for most meats, fats and oils will remain undisturbed for the June period but warned that there will be seven per cent less meat for civilians than in May.

He said there would be 6,700,000 pounds less beef, 12,300,000 pounds less pork, 600,000 pounds less lamb, but 5,300,000 pounds more veal and 1,000,000 pounds more mutton.

Values for fatback or salt pork were increased three points bringing them to eight points a pound, plate bacon the same and pork sides, dry and cured, one point to nine points a pound. Lard, shortening, salad and cooking oils were left at 10 points a pound, margarine at 12 points and butter at 34.

Juice Values Reduced

Canned tomato juice and vegetable juice combinations containing 70 per cent tomato juice were set at two cans (up to and including the No. 2½ size) for one blue ration stamp (10 points). Cans bought singly, however, still require one blue stamp (except for the No. 10 size.)

WPB Lifts Ban On Production of Farm Machinery

WASHINGTON, May 31 (UP)—The war production board today removed restrictions from the manufacture of farm machinery—a month ahead of schedule.

The restrictions had been scheduled to expire on July 1, but WPB said they were lifted immediately in an effort to boost 1945 production 30 per cent above schedule.

Manufacturers now may use material on hand and any they can obtain without WPB assistance to make machinery above quota, the announcement said.

The farm machinery advisory committee has advised WPB that farmers still are exceedingly short of manpower and must have more machinery as well as materials to repair that they already have on hand.

WPB said that at present only the production of tractors is on schedule. Other farm machinery and equipment is from seven to 24 per cent behind schedule.



PATTERN OF JAP STRATEGY FOR THE SHOW DOWN—The chips are down on Japan's great gamble for victory in the Pacific. The enemy raked in some fat profits in the early days of the war, when the allies thought he was bluffing, but found he held many an ace. Now, with his luck running out, the Jap is playing 'em close to his vest. Troops withdrawn from central China will solidify northern defenses for strong possible stand there. Forces several hundred thousand strong in southeast Asia and the East Indies may be left to their fate, with orders to fight suicide stands and impede allied advance as much as possible. U. S. aerial, submarine and surface forces, cutting their vital sea-borne "life-line" at many points, have virtually isolated them from Japan, anyway.

Aluminum Plant Expands Output

PORTLAND, May 31 (UP)—A third potline opened today at the Troutdale plant of the Aluminum Company of America as the war production board speeded up production quotas.

The Troutdale plant once operated four potlines, then cut to three, and dropped to two last September at WPB request. Reopening of the line called for an additional 240 men whom works manager George R. Stout hoped can be found within a few days.

Meanwhile, workmen still struggled to unfreeze aluminum melting pots at the Vancouver Alcoa plant which had to be shut down last week during a three-day sidown strike.

Music is Feature Of Liberty Film

Music that ranges from the ridiculous to the sublime has a prominent part in the motion picture, "Music For Millions," now showing at the Liberty theater.

The music ranges from Jimmy Durante's hilarious "Umbrigo" number to the works of Handel, Grieg and Victor Herbert played by a symphony orchestra directed by Jose Iturbi.

Margaret O'Brien and June Allyson have the leading roles and Marsha Hunt, Larry Adler, Hugh Herbert and Marie Wilson head the supporting cast.

Rail Freight Traffic Shows Sharp Rise

WASHINGTON, May 31 (UP)—Loadings of revenue freight in the week ended May 26 rose 15,803 cars to a four-week high at 882,437 cars, the association of American railroads reported today.

Loadings in the latest week compare with 868,634 in the previous week and 868,821 in the corresponding week of 1944. For 1945 to date loadings aggregate 18,897,283 cars, compared with 18,946,315 a year ago.

Claude A. Remington Called By Death

Claude Arthur Remington, 64, route 2, La Grande, died yesterday in a local hospital following a long illness.

Remington, who was born May 27, 1881, in Hercules, S. Dak., had been a resident of La Grande for 7 years.

Survivors include his wife, Freda, and two children, Mrs. Dorothy Clark and Virginia Remington, both of La Grande.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Monday in the Snodgrass funeral home with Rev. Mark A. Talney officiating. The body will be sent to Portland for cremation.

Baker Man Slain In Holiday Row

BAKER, Ore., May 31 (UP)—An autopsy and inquest was scheduled late today for John Dignin, Baker laborer, who was shot to death yesterday in an altercation with C. C. Cox of Baker.

Cox was held in custody by state police while they investigated his report that he fired in self-defense when Dignin threatened him with a hammer. Cox is a long-time Baker resident and has been identified in mining activities for many years. The shooting occurred in the Cox apartment, Coroner A. L. Schroeder said.

Jealous Father Who Slew Girl Killed By Police

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 31 (UP)—Cornered in a dingy store-room home where he killed his daughter Tuesday night in a fit of jealous rage, Ray E. Davis, 42, fired a shot into his chest today, then attempted to shoot it out with officers.

Within five minutes Davis was dead. Officers at first believed the police bullet, fired by Lt. Charles Welch, homicide chief, had killed him. Examination of the body at the morgue later, however, indicated Davis had shot himself below the heart.

Welch, another detective and a United Press reporter had gone to the home where Davis killed attractive 21-year-old Lulu Mae Davis Tuesday night.

They heard a shot and Davis emerged barefooted and running. Gripped in his hand was the .38 caliber revolver with which he fatally wounded his eldest daughter. Welch fired once, the bullet striking Davis in the arm. Davis fell and died almost instantly.

Davis shot his daughter as she prepared to go out with Pvt. David Sharp, 23, her schoolyard sweetheart, just back from three years overseas.

As her father sought to shoot Sharp in a jealous rage, the girl shielded the soldier with her own body.

Mrs. Davis and two other daughters, Mildred, 19, and Wanda, 14, Sharp and his mother have been held in protective custody since the fatal shooting.

Germany Control Commission Soon To Start Work

LONDON, May 31 (UP)—A Moscow announcement of an imminent meeting of the allied control commission for Germany indicated today that Russia, America and Britain are agreed on the main points of policy in the three-way occupation of the Reich.

British sources confirmed the Soviet report that a meeting of the control commission was shaping up. They said the exact date had not been set, but there would be no undue delay.

Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov, Russia's No. 1 professional soldier, will represent the Soviet union on the commission.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower will represent the United States and Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, Britain, on the commission.

France has not named her delegate, but it probably will be Gen. Jean de Laitre de Tassigny, commander in chief of the French first army.

The commission hopes ultimately to sit in Berlin, but lack of housing facilities will keep it out of the capital at least temporarily.

Inhabitants of Greater London normally make an average of 487 trips a year by train, tramway, or bus.

War Production Project for Vets in Hospital Aids Health and Morale



Assembling nuts and bolts not only contributes something to the war effort, but helps Walter Lewis, East Cleveland, O., to strengthen his left arm and wrist. Lewis, wounded in both wrists on Saipan, suffered a broken leg in a fall. His left arm and leg are in casts, and he works with the aid of a bed tray.

CLEVELAND, O., May 31—Four hundred disabled war veterans in the great Crile general hospital here don't feel that they have yet done everything they can to help the war effort—so, in bed and sitting up in wheel chairs, they are engaged in war production.

Under a plan of industrial production combined with occupational therapy worked out by the hospital authorities and the Lamson and Sessions Co., they work on nuts and bolts that the company uses in making war material. The project is the second of its kind in the country, the only other one being conducted in Birmingham, Calif., by the Northrup Aircraft Co. and army hospital authorities.

At Crile, rehabilitation work is designed for bed patients and those veterans far enough recovered to work in a shop. The work pays 75 cents an hour, no matter what operation the patient is engaged in, or how much or little he produces.

Chooses Work That Fits Needs

In the shop, the veteran operates automatic machines that thread nuts onto bolts, files dies, or helps in the shipping department. In the machine operation,

the patient either works his feet on treadles that operate some of the nutting machines, or works with his hands on machines that thread the nuts on the bolts. Former operation is designed to strengthen weakened leg muscles; the later reconditions arm and finger muscles. Filing dies is an intricate job that strengthens arm, shoulder, and finger muscles.

Bed patients, incapable of shop work, are supplied with a tray on which the nuts and bolts are spread. The worker picks up the pieces from this tray and slowly turns the nut onto the bolt. As his injured arm or hand heals, his production speeds up, and soon he is ready for a job in the shop.

As organized by Capt. Max Goldenberg and H. W. Mordell, supervisor of industrial therapy at the hospital, the program allows a man to work no more than three hours a day. Work is conducted seven days a week. Veterans can earn about \$15 a week.

The program was started last December. At the end of that month, 62 workers were on the payroll. By the end of January, 367 men were employed.

Kaiser Awaits U. S. Ok to Launch Plane, Auto Plants

OAKLAND, Calif., May 31 (UP)—Shipbuilding czar Henry J. Kaiser said today he is awaiting only a government okay before moving into new production fields.

Kaiser, who has been conferring on "total postwar employment" with President R. J. Thomas of the United Automobile workers (CIO), said he has completed several models of a new lightweight car as well as four types of private airplanes.

Steel Plant Is Key

Greatest obstacle to immediate decision on an expansion, he said, is the pending reversion of his \$110,000,000 Fontana, Calif., steel plant to a peacetime basis. The reconstruction finance corporation has been asked to approve a \$60,000,000 loan from private banks to keep ownership of the plant in Kaiser's hands.

One point discussed in the Kaiser-Thomas conference was the possibility of Kaiser's taking over the Willow Run plant, still not released by the army but scheduled to be closed shortly by the Ford motor company.

Veteran Engineer Dies Suddenly

George W. Hillman, 71, a retired railroad engineer, died of a heart attack yesterday at his home, 1607 Sixth street.

Hillman, sportsman and lover of the outdoors, was one of the first engineers to run the Streamliner through La Grande.

He was born May 8, 1874, in Dover, Wis., and had resided in La Grande 46 years. He was a member of the Union Pacific Old Timers and the Masonic blue lodge in Baker.

Survivors include two brothers, Martin and John Hillman, and a sister, Mrs. George Petry, all of Spooner, Wis., and two stepsons, Bert Hansen and Edward Elliott of La Grande.

Funeral services are set for 2 p. m. Saturday in the Snodgrass funeral home under the auspices of the Masonic lodge. Interment will be in the Masonic cemetery.

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