

Weather

Data for 24 hours to 7 a. m.
Temperature:
Maximum 93
Minimum 57
Forecast: Clear tonight, somewhat cooler over interior Saturday.

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Army Promises Aid to Every One of 5 Million Dismissed

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (UP)—War department promised today every one of the 5,000,000 soldiers scheduled for demobilization within the next year will receive a "helpful shove" in his re-orientation back to civilian life.

Gets Help
After the soldier is quartered, the next step is a call to turn in all non-essential equipment. Then he goes to the clothing warehouse where he gets two new complete uniforms. He also receives one pair of shoes and is told to keep all such personal items such as handkerchiefs, ties, socks and toilet articles.

The soldier next reports to a lecture where he learns details of property disposal, final allotments, pay and transportation. Here, too, he is given information on the problems of going back to civilian life.

Counsel Free
Three films are shown him, one on the subject of discharge, one on life insurance and the last on the GI bill of rights. Individual counseling service is also available. Also present for the soldier's convenience are representatives of the veterans administration, civil service commission, U. S. employment commission, American Red Cross and selective service.

Last Lap
After a physical examination, the soldier signs his separation papers and is on the last lap of his army career. He then has only to receive his final pay, pick up his discharge emblems and railroad ticket and attend a final separation ceremony. The soldier receives only \$50 of his final pay in cash. The remainder by check, so there will be less inclination to "fritter it away." He may wear his uniform for 90 days after being discharged.

Second Heavy Rain In Week Causes No More Damage

ELGIN, Aug. 17 (Special)—Heavy rains fell in this vicinity late yesterday and puddles of water were still standing in the streets and at the harvest of small grains was not interfered with. No damage from a rather high wind was reported and there was no hail with the storm, observers here said.

Dry period extending back to the first week in June had been ended Sunday when heavy rains fell for a few minutes.

Hail fell north of Gordon creek, doing some damage to pea fields and marking apples on the 200-acre holdings of the Lamb Fruit company. Eugene and Vern Dunham, Elgin farmers, reported one tract of 25 to 30 acres of Alaskan peas was severely damaged, although the crop was partly covered by insurance.

Crops on the Earl Moore farm, closely adjoining the Dunham property, also suffered some damage, as did those on the Mattson farm in the Rockwell area.

Rain at this time is considered of no value, with the exception of benefit recovered by the forest and range lands. It is of no value to grain crops and results in some damage to dible and seed peas, since it causes the pods to crack open.

Meanwhile, recent rains have lessened the fire hazard on forest and range lands.

More High Test Gas Soon For Motorists

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (UP)—The petroleum administration for war today removed the restriction on the manufacture of high test gasoline for civilian motorists.

Meanwhile, the office of defense transportation announced the 35-mile an hour speed limit for automobiles will be removed soon.

Virtually all restrictive orders administered by the refining division of the petroleum administration were removed.

Deputy petroleum administrator Ralph K. Davies said telegrams had been dispatched to all refineries ending many of the controls as of Aug. 15. Other controls will be continued for 30 days so the refineries can complete certain contracts.



GETTING THE BAD NEWS—Photo above, first one ever released showing Japanese prisoners of war in a U. S. camp, shows the Nips looking over the bad news at camp McCoy, Wis. They are reported to have shown complete indifference because, like some 3800 of their fellows in camp McCoy, they had taken an oath to die rather than surrender. They did surrender, therefore are considered "dead" in their homeland.

Rocket Which Seeks Its Own Target Will Join Atom Bomb

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (UP)—The atomic bomb moved over a little bit today to make room among portents of the future for the Superfort bomber, a rocket that seeks out its target, and bomb guided by television. Existence of these hitherto secret weapons was revealed by Gen. Henry H. Arnold, chief of the army air forces. He also disclosed that he plans to relinquish command of the air forces at a time "not too far off."

Arnold said new weapons already in existence, in addition to the atomic bomb, make it absolutely essential this country continue intensive scientific research. He disclosed these new weapons:

1. A super-super bomber with a range two and a half to three times greater than the B-29 Superfortress. He said it could cover all Asia, the Pacific, and the Atlantic from present U. S. bases. Thus far it is nameless. Automatic.

2. A rocket drawn automatically to its target by the presence of heat, light, or metal in the target area.

3. Bombs guided by television apparatus operated by a man in a plane 15 miles away.

Listing the bases he said the United States should keep, Arnold said air warfare of the future would be so terrible war should never again be permitted to happen.

"If the other fellows know what we have," he said, "they will think twice."

Thousands of Ship Workers to Leave

PORTLAND, Aug. 17 (UP)—Thousands of shipyard workers will be let out of the three maritime shipyards of the Portland-Vancouver area within a few days. In addition, the navy is reportedly making a cutback or re-vamping its ship repair program in this port.

Some 8,000 or 9,000 persons will be discharged within the next few days from the Oregon Shipbuilding corporation which has been employing about 25,000 persons. The remaining 14,000 or 15,000 workers will finish the ships there.

Practically all forces will be reduced except outfitting which will need a few extra workers. All work has been completed at the Oregon plating, assembly, boiler erection, shell erection and vocational school.

Superforts Flew 100 Million Miles

GUAM, Aug. 17 (UP)—American Superfortresses flew more than 100,000,000 miles and dropped 169,421 tons of bombs in raids on Japan from India and the Marianas, Gen. Carl A. Spaatz announced today.

The commander of the Pacific strategic air forces said the B-29s reduced Japan's aircraft production 60 percent by destroying or severely damaging 23 major Japanese aircraft factories.

Steel production capacity was cut 15 percent by the severe damage of two major steel plants. Japan's major oil-refining capacity was destroyed, Spaatz said.

De Gaulle Lessens Petain's Sentence

PARIS, Aug. 17 (UP)—Gen. Charles De Gaulle commuted the death sentence of Marshal Henri Philippe Petain to life imprisonment today.

A ministry of justice statement said De Gaulle's action was taken on the recommendation of the French high court of justice which on Wednesday found Petain guilty of treasonable collaboration with the Germans and sentenced him to death.

Petain was stripped of his honors as a marshal of France and his property confiscated under the sentence.

Farms Provide Quick Jobs for War Workers

PORTLAND, Aug. 17 (UP)—Oregon farms offer an immediate opening for thousands of workers who have completed their jobs in war plants, J. R. Beck, state farm labor supervisor in the Oregon state college extension service, said today.

He estimates at least 9,000 more farm workers than are now in sight will be needed to harvest crops in Oregon during the next two months.

Hop harvest will take about 40,000 pickers, and there is a prospective shortage of about 5,000 in the Willamette valley. Picking will be in full swing by next week and will continue until late September.

1,000 More
A thousand more men and women can be used in picking and packing pears in the Rogue river valley. Harvest of Bartlett pears is under way this week and will continue through Oct. 15.

In the Hoodriver district, harvesting of apples and pears will go on from Aug. 20 to Oct. 30. Five-hundred more pickers can be employed, and more labor is needed for the packing plants.

The Willamette valley and the Umpqua valley, the two main western Oregon prune producing areas, can use about 1,000 more families for picking between Sept. 10 and Oct. 5.

Potato Harvest
The big potato harvest in the Klamath basin will start in mid-September and continue until about Oct. 25. About 500 more pickers can be employed. Around Redmond and Prineville, about 300 more adult workers are needed.

Beck cautions those who may want to go into the harvest that they should find out about housing before leaving for the areas. Farm labor offices can supply this and other information.

Legion Will Hold State Convention Sept. 6, 7, 8

PORTLAND, Aug. 17 (UP)—The Oregon state department of the American Legion will hold its first peacetime convention in five years in Portland Sept. 6, 7, and 8, state commander Penn C. Crum of Hood River announced today. Crum said the end of hostilities influenced the decision, as plans for a state convention had earlier been discarded.

Four hundred thirty five delegates, with district commanders, are eligible. Election of state officers will highlight the meeting.

At the same time plans for a membership drive, in cooperation with the national department, will be instituted. The convention will entertain the national commander Sept. 6.

De Gaulle to Visit Chicago, Canada

PARIS, Aug. 17 (UP)—A foreign office spokesman said today Gen. Charles de Gaulle probably will visit New York, Chicago, and Canada as well as Washington during his 10-day trip.

The spokesman said de Gaulle and Truman probably will discuss the French occupation zone in Germany, which is in two parts without railroad or other good communication. De Gaulle will take with him a file of figures showing the amount of reconstruction France already had undergone.

Records of Pearl Harbor Probe Asked

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (UP)—Chairman David I. Walsh, D-Mass., of the senate naval affairs committee, today requested Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal to file with the committee all records of the Pearl Harbor disaster.

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Racketeers Hunted

PORTLAND, Aug. 17 (UP)—It's against the law in Portland to discharge fire-crackers within the city limits, but that isn't the problem bothering Portland police.

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'Get Move on,' MacArthur Prods Japanese to Meeting

San Francisco Asks Navy to End Unbridled "Celebrations"

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17 (UP)—The city has had all the celebration it wanted. Hundreds of vigilant city police and shore patrolmen patrolled San Francisco to prevent further victory "celebrations" when a temporary "off limits" order affecting 100,000 naval personnel is lifted at noon today.

They kept a weather eye on Market street, where thousands of drinking, looting and boisterous sailors surpassed even the most raucous binges of the city's gold-poke bonanza days.

The 12th naval district permitted liberty grants to 50 percent of petty officers and 25 percent of non-rated men at stations within 100 miles. The order prohibited personnel from having opened liquor bottles in public places and called upon all navy men to assist in preventing disorder.

Another conference between city officials and representatives of tavern owners was scheduled for today to forestall further "celebrations" which have already taken a toll of 11 dead and 1,000 given emergency treatment.

Administration and civic leaders deplored public molestation and rape of women and teen-age girls. They asked the navy to prevent further outbreaks of "unbridled and unrestrained acts of a lot of undisciplined men in uniform—the result of unrestricted liberty."

Reporters said young women were accosted and dragged into alleys and doorways and molested in public squares by both enlisted and officer personnel of the navy at the height of the Wednesday night orgy.

Work Continues On Housing Project No New Contracts To Be Let, However

Although the national housing agency today had stopped awarding contracts for government financed war housing and had speeded plans for disposition of such existing housing, it was not expected to affect the progress or work on the housing project here.

The contracts are already awarded here and the project is within a couple of weeks of occupancy, or perhaps nearer

than that, since the work was expected to be complete by Sept. 1. The chamber of commerce here does not expect a second application to be accepted.

None of the orders affect any persons already living in war housing, the agency announced. There had been no orders received here to discontinue the building and it is assumed the project will be completed.

Reorganization of State Department Foreshadowed

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (UP)—Appointment of Dean G. Acheson to be undersecretary of state indicated today a thorough reorganization of the U. S. foreign service.

Secretary of State James F. Byrnes cast aside a custom when he selected the 52-year-old Acheson, not a career diplomat, to be his No. 1 assistant.

Foreign service officers—career diplomats—look upon the undersecretaryship as the top post for one of their ranks inasmuch as the secretary is a political appointee, Acheson is known to believe the foreign service needs some drastic reforms.

Promotion of Acheson from assistant secretary to undersecretary to succeed Joseph C. Grew, resigned, is the first in a number of top-level changes Byrnes is expected to make.

One of Byrnes' major objectives is to create some system whereby the various departments and government agencies involved in foreign affairs will have closer and better liaison—especially between the armed services and the state department.

Grew was U. S. ambassador to Japan for 10 years prior to Pearl Harbor. Since his repatriation, he had been the state department's expert on far eastern affairs.

Men Close to 85 Points Not To Go To Pacific Front

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (UP)—The war department said today the army will try not to send to the Pacific enlisted men with less than 85 points who are likely to become eligible for discharge later when the point system is liberalized.

Whenever possible, it said, the army will remove these men from units which are destined for Pacific duty.

All Restrictions On Sports Travel Removed by ODT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (UP)—The office of defense transportation today removed all of its restrictions on sports. Effective immediately, the agency cancelled:

The ban on transportation of race horses and show animals. The limitations on amounts of travel by baseball and football teams, and other professional and amateur sports groups.

While the action swept all official limitations on sports travel, the ODT asked them to "take it easy," pointing out railroad passenger facilities will continue to be jammed for several months.

Lifting of restrictions eliminated any doubts about the world series being played. ODT pointed out restrictions on travel had been nestablished through voluntary cooperation between the agency and colleges, high schools and professional sport groups.

The action is not an invitation to indulge in widespread travel. The ODT said if the railroad situation should change for the worse, "the whole situation might have to be revived again."

The ban on auto racing was ended yesterday.

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Small Nations Will Oppose U. S. Stand On Plane Routes

MONTREAL, Aug. 17 (UP)—Small nations tightened their lines today to battle a United States' bid for a "fifth freedom" of the air which would permit airlines on international flights to pick up passengers at points along the route.

The issue dominated the third day's session of the interim council of the provisional international civil aviation organization as the conference went into private consultations.

Greece and Egypt figured prominently in the struggle but representatives of Latin American republics watched closely because decisions taken here may set the pattern.

Australians Demand Bigger Peace Role

CANBERRA, Australia, Aug. 17 (UP)—Australian Prime Minister Joseph B. Chifley demanded today his country be given a bigger role in the Japanese surrender negotiations, proportionate to its contribution to the Pacific war.

In a statement issued after a cabinet meeting, Chifley said his government believed Australia had not been given sufficient recognition by the United States in the dictation of armistice terms to Japan.

Baseball Results

Table with columns for AMERICAN and NATIONAL leagues, listing teams and scores.

Promise To Come Sunday

MANILA, Saturday, Aug. 18 (UP)—The Japanese government, reacting quickly to a stern "hurry-up" order from Gen. Douglas MacArthur, broadcast word today its surrender envoy will fly to Manila tomorrow.

A brief message flashed over the Tokyo radio and addressed directly to MacArthur's headquarters said the unidentified Japanese envoy has been selected and will leave Tokyo Sunday.

"Further details will follow," the broadcast said.

It was heard in Manila only a few hours after MacArthur had warned the Japanese bluntly to stop stalling and send their surrender delegation to Manila "without further delay."

"Our representative to Manila has been selected," Tokyo's reply said. "Due to necessary internal procedures, he is scheduled to leave Tokyo, Aug. 19."

The supreme allied occupation commander, plainly irritated over Japanese hickering, brusquely answered Tokyo's request for clarification of the duties of the Manila mission.

Clear, Explicit
"Your assumption signing of the surrender terms is not among the tasks of the Japanese representatives to Manila is correct," MacArthur informed Japanese general headquarters by radio.

"The directive from this headquarters is clear and explicit and is to be complied with without further delay."

Other developments:
1. Japan formally asked MacArthur to halt the Russian offensive in Manchuria on the grounds it was making Japanese compliance with a cease-firing order difficult.

Give It Back
2. Japan admitted Japanese planes attacked some 12 allied transports which approached extremely near the coast of the home island of Shikoku yesterday, but pointed out the incident occurred four hours before Hirohito had issued his cease-fire order.

3. The official Japanese Domei news agency said Japan has made arrangements to return the occupied Portuguese half of Timor island northwest of Australia to Portugal.

4. Tokyo said vice admiral Takijiro Onishi, chief of the Japanese naval general staff had committed suicide at his official residence yesterday.

5. A new Japanese cabinet cabinet headed by Prince Naruhiko Higashi-Kuni, a cousin of Hirohito, was sworn in at the imperial palace.

Council Denies Mechanics Lease

Mechanics at the airport petitioned the city commission last night for permission to lease the shop on the airport grounds, but the petition was refused for the reason that if La Grande were selected as an airport stop, the transaction might be interfered with, the city commission said.

Application for public dances to be held from 12:01 a. m. to 3 a. m. on the morning of Labor day, Sept. 3, and also on the evening of Sept. 6, were received from Orella Holmes. The commission allowed the evening dance, but refused the early morning dance on the grounds it would be too disturbing.

Resolution was passed to sell Lots 12 and 13, Bl. 21, Predmore's addition, La Grande city, to Charles H. and Eva E. Taylor for \$250.

A. A. Fidler was granted permission to build concrete walk on Jefferson street, sloping it from the building to the gutter, which will eliminate the curb.

Price was set on Lot 10, Blk. 15, Grandy's second addition, La Grande city, at \$100; and on Lot 11, Blk. 15, Grandy's second addition, La Grande city, at \$75.

Truman, Congress Clash on Draft Expected in Month

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (UP)—Congressional sources predicted today President Truman and congress will have their first major clash over continued drafting of men for the army.

Truman has ordered continued induction of 50,000 men a month, compared with the recent rate of 80,000. Senate and house military affairs committee leaders have expressed a desire to stop inductions immediately, but the pres-

ident told reporters yesterday he saw no reason why some of the young men who aren't doing anything right now shouldn't relieve the men at the front so they can return.

Will Continue
He said the draft would be continued until replacement are sufficient to send veterans home from the occupation fronts.

His added remark congress must decide how long the draft

will operate, indicated some form of compromise may be in the air. Other congressional sources pointed out that if congress abolished the draft law, it would wipe out local draft boards which have an important role in veterans' reemployment.

Big Slump
Truman also may find himself at odds with congress on his forthcoming recommendations for peacetime military training. He

told newsmen yesterday he would make such recommendations shortly after congress reconvenes but he warned against calling the program peacetime conscription.

Strong congressional sentiment for a peacetime training program existed before defeat of Germany. But it dwindled to some extent after the German surrender, and now, with the war ended, it is expected to take a big slump.