

Weather
 Data for 24 hours to 7 a. m.:
 Temperature:
 Maximum 89
 Minimum 51
 Forecast: Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday, scattered light showers and thunderstorm in south and east portions.

Union Women Work On Highway Crew; See Story Page 3

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FIVE CENTS

Japs Will Open Talk Monday

MANILA, Aug. 18 (UP)—Japan's surrender mission took off from the enemy homeland at 3 p. m. PWT Saturday and the formal conference with Gen. Douglas MacArthur will open Monday, it was announced today.

A spokesman for MacArthur said the Japanese surrender party should arrive at Ie Shima about 12:20 p. m. Sunday (8:20 p. m. PWT Saturday).

At Dusk
 The Japanese credentials will be examined immediately. The Japanese will then be transferred to an American plane for the flight to Manila. The flight to Manila, it was explained, will require about six hours.

A headquarters spokesman said the surrender party should reach Manila "about dusk." He said the type of planes carrying the Japanese party could not bring more than four passengers each in addition to the crew.

Use "Bataan"
 Further clarifying the procedure of the envoy planes, MacArthur at 11 p. m. (7 a. m. PWT) messaged Japanese imperial headquarters radio codewords and channels at Ie Shima and again emphasized the call sign "Bataan" to be used in identifying the Japanese planes.

"In reply to your message No. 9 dated Aug. 18, the aircraft control tower at Ie Shima is designated "Moca" and will guard 6970 kilocycles for voice communications," the message said.

"The air communications center will guard 8915 kilocycles with the voice call 'pinball' and 'RD' for voice or code transmissions.

"Desire your two airplanes use call sign 'Bataan One' and 'Bataan Two' as designated in my radio of Aug. 13."

MORE JAPANESE SURRENDER TO REDS
 LONDON, Aug. 18 (UP)—A soviet communique tonight reported Japanese troops in substantial numbers are surrendering. See JAPS . . . Page 7

Jaycees Discuss Proposed National Building Fund

A proposed national building fund for the junior chamber of commerce was discussed today by directors of Oregon and Washington state Jaycee chapters.

The matter came up at the tri-state meeting which will have an institute on Jaycee problems all day tomorrow and which will be joined by Idaho members. Banquet tonight will wind up the proceedings of today.

Building
 The suggestion of the national building fund will be passed on to local chapters for action as will discussions of other proposals such as the suggestion to organize national committees to deal with public relations, governmental affairs, fire prevention, public safety, Christmas activities, aviation and town meetings.

Proposals for participation for activity to find jobs for returning veterans, recommendations for establishment of a state publication and a national radio week were also discussed.

Medford was chosen as the site of the next meeting of the state board, probably in October.

80 Arrived
 More than 80 Jaycees from the two states had arrived by this afternoon and the delegation from Twin Falls, Nampa and Boise is expected late tonight.

Speaker at the banquet tonight will be Mearns Gates, national executive vice president, and Lofton Tatum of Portland, state director, will be toastmaster.

Other national officers present are Henry Kearns, Pasadena, president; Harold Herman, executive vice president; and Robert Graham, Washington national director.

Delegations are here from Klamath Falls, Medford, Salem, Portland and Eugene, besides the local group, and from Wenatchee, Seattle, Spokane, Bellingham, Vancouver, Everett, Yakima, Pomeroy, La Crosse, Richland, Sunnyside, Pullman, Dayton and Walla Walla.

END WARNING SYSTEM
 SALEM, Aug. 18 (UP)—Gov. Earl Snell announced today termination of the air raid warning communication system in Oregon and the western defense command.



AIMS HIGH — Release of the atomic bomb has caused R. L. Farnsworth, above, of Chicago, president of the U. S. Rocket society, to petition the government for rights to use atomic energy for rocket plane trips to the moon. Reports say the trips will be "inexpensive!"

Vinson Expects Lower Business Taxes By 1946

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (UP)—Lower taxes next year, especially for business, were seen today as a distinct possibility following a press conference statement by Secretary of the Treasury Fred M. Vinson.

Vinson said the treasury is giving serious consideration to revision of taxes on 1946 income. He would not enlarge on this statement but referred reporters to his mobilization report to congress July 1, in which he called for modernization of the tax structure.

Meanwhile Sen. Harold O. Burton, R., O., a member of the senate commerce committee, demanded reduction of the excess profits tax by Jan. 1.

Sen. Dennis Chavez, D., N. M., predicting congressional study of the reconversion tax problem by year end, promised to seek tax reductions for those who have lost jobs in war industry and returning service men.

Burton said he does not think drastic reductions in individual income taxes are as urgent as cuts in the levy on corporate earnings. Congress should wipe out the excess profits tax or "any tax that tends to restrict production or investment in new industry."

Downey Wants Proof Draft Is Necessary

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (UP)—Sen. Sheridan Downey, D., Calif., today demanded proof continuation of the draft is necessary beyond the end of the Japanese war.

The question of continuing the draft is expected to be one of the first issues to confront congress next month. The war department wants to continue drafting 50,000 men a month to relieve long-service veterans.

Downey, a member of the senate military affairs committee, said he has an open mind on the question. He said, however, he will "have to be shown."

Programs For Farms Merged

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (UP)—Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson announced today a reorganization of his department to effect "a marriage of production and marketing activities" in various commodity programs.

A new unit, the production and marketing administration, will start Monday.

Undersecretary of Agriculture John B. Hutson will head the PMA. Gale G. Armstrong, special assistant to the secretary, will be administrator. PMA will be composed of 10 commodity branches, several functional branches, and an over-all field service branch.

Also included are the commodity credit corporation, which Hutson will head as president, and the federal crop insurance corporation. Frank Hancock, who recently resigned as CCC president, will continue as farm security administrator.

The reorganization was proposed by a special committee headed by Milton S. Eisenhower, president of Kansas state college. Regional agricultural adjustment agency offices will be discontinued. Anderson said the reorganization may "magnify the AAA because it brings marketing problems right in hand with production problems."

He said the new administration "has a good clear line of authority and should result in substantial savings and some other things badly needed."

Japanese Lost 333 Ships, Nearly 3 Times U. S. Loss

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (UP)—The Japanese lost nearly three times as many warships as the United States in nearly four years of war, it was learned today.

A naval spokesman revealed the Japanese lost at least 333 warships from submarines to battleships while total U. S. losses in these categories including those lost in the Atlantic war came to 143. The Japanese also probably lost 130 submarines, which inflicted very small losses on U. S. warships.

The Japanese began the war Dec. 7, 1941, with a maximum of 242 warships. During the war they built approximately 203 ships, mostly destroyers and submarines. They now have a maximum of only 112 combatant ships, many of which are damaged.

Thomas Appointed By Farmers Union

SALEM, Aug. 18 (UP)—State representative Lyle D. Thomas, Dallas, has been appointed field representative of the Oregon Farmers' union, Ronald E. Jones, state president, announced today.

Thomas is a graduate of the Oregon college of education and the university of Oregon. For 10 years he was principal of the west Salem schools, and for two years was principal of the Dallas junior high school.

Eight Youths Hurt in Auto Accident Near Island City

Offer to Give Up Baby Brings Response to Couple

MALDEN, Mass., Aug. 18 (UP)—A social service worker's promise of aid gave renewed hope today to a distraught army officer and his ailing wife who in desperation offered their paralyzed daughter for adoption, so she might have adequate care.

"Only as a last resort would we permit our baby to be adopted," said Lt. Travis T. Bryan of Vancouver, Wash., who was due to leave for a camp in Texas Tuesday.

"What we want is proper institutional care. I did say if there was no other way out we might consider adoption. But we would only do if we were sure foster parents really loved our baby, were financially able to take care of her and could if necessary place her in an institution."

Love the Child
 "We didn't mean to make any sensational offer. When my wife saw how awful it sounded she started crying and she sobbed all night. The story seemed to make us look cruel and heartless. We're not, we really love our baby even if she isn't normal."

The child in question—eldest of the couple's three daughters—is Diana, a blonde, blue-eyed 3-year-old. During birth she was injured and incurred spastic paralysis. It rendered her legs useless. She neither can talk nor feed herself.

Her pretty young mother, who weighs but 96 pounds, has been in a hospital several times and Bryan said it was almost impossible for her to care for Diana and the other children, Patricia, 19 months old, Jeri 8 months.

Offer Help
 Bryan said he told his story only after being unable to place the child in a state institution. These hospitals, he said, are overcrowded, understaffed and unable to take a child as young as Diana. Only two private institutions would take the child, he said. One charged \$175 monthly, the other \$95.

"Since my pay is only \$290 a month that would be too much for me to handle," he said. "I was a sergeant before the war and may be dropped to that rank in peace time which would mean I'd get only \$114 a month."

Soon after the story appeared in newspapers, the couple said, Mrs. Helen Stevens of the greater Boston community fund said she expected to help them and perhaps find a means of having Diana admitted to a state institution.

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Japanese Continue to Attack Yank Reconnaissance Planes

OKINAWA, Aug. 18 (UP)—One American was killed and two wounded today in a running fight between two photo reconnaissance B-32s and 14 Japanese Zero fighters over the Tokyo area.

It was the second time in two days that Japanese fighters had attacked American reconnaissance planes over the Tokyo area despite the fact Emperor Hirohito presumably has ordered his armed forces to cease operations against the Americans.

The Japanese, it was plain, knew what they were doing. When one of the B-32s was hit by a Japanese fighter, it called out to the companion plane over the intercommunications radio: "Can you slow down? My number 3 engine is shot out and I can't keep up with you."

A Japanese fighter said: "Yes, please slow down so I can catch you and shoot you down."

Both the B-32s managed to return to base here but one, commanded by Lieut. J. R. Anderson, of Columbus, Ind., and Charlotte, N. D., was badly holed.

Yesterday a flight of four B-32 photo reconnaissance planes was also attacked by Japanese fighters. B-32s shot two attackers while making their getaway without casualties.

Carrier Escapes 11 Planes, But 12th Completes Attack

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (UP)—The escort carrier Sangamon, which has seen service from north Africa to Okinawa was knocked out of action by a Japanese suicide plane, the navy revealed today.

The converted tanker, one of the first of the navy's "baby flattops," suffered casualties of 12 dead, 13 missing, and 18 wounded. She was swept by raging fires for five hours.

The action took place near Okinawa, at 7:33 p. m. May 4. Twelve Japanese planes attacked. Nine were shot down by marine Corsairs, a 10th fled, the 11th was shot down by the ship's guns, but the last one got through to crash the center of the flight deck.

The enemy pilot had dropped his bomb just before crashing. For five hours the Sangamon burned, for five hours the crew fought fire without communications, sometimes without control of the ship and sometimes without water pressure. They won despite the fact the fire divided the ship, making it impossible for those in the forward portion to reach those in the after part.

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Two Girls, 4 Boys in Hospital

Tire Blows Out, Causes Car to Leave Road

Two girls and four boys are in Grande Ronde hospital today following an accident on the Island City road at 12:45 a. m. today in which they narrowly escaped death.

Injured are: Paul Carmen, 17, 1512 First street, who was driving, fractured left collarbone, cuts about the head and chest, and minor injuries.

Julianne Dunn, 14, 1513 H avenue, back injuries. Carroll Jean Nichols, 14, 1513 H avenue, back, chest, and pelvic injuries.

Roy Allen, 14, H avenue, back injuries. Robert Mathis, 15, by Greenwood school, fractured right wrist and back injuries.

Two others, Stanley Porter, Y avenue and Robert Bradshaw, by Greenwood school, both 16, received minor injuries, and have been released from the hospital. Bradshaw and Mathis are half-brothers, and Carroll Jean and Jim Nichols are brother and sister.

The accident occurred on the bend of the highway entering Island City when the left front tire blew out on the 1932 Ford sedan in which they were riding. The car swerved from the road, hitting the guy wire of a telephone pole, and tearing off the top of the automobile.

The "teen agers were "just going for a ride," traveling north on the highway, when the tire, badly worn, burst.

State police arrived at the scene shortly after the accident occurred, an ambulance was sent for, and parents of the children were notified.

Building Here in July Increased From Year Ago

July building volume for La Grande, compared with figures for July, 1944, shows 92 percent increase, with 17 percent increase from June, 1945. Figures are: July, 1945, building, \$6,155; June, 1945, \$5,225; July, 1944, \$3,200.

Showing the most intensive building activity of any month thus far in 1945, July building in the northwest reached a high of \$7,258,089 in 36 key northwest cities, and showed a 112 percent gain over July, 1944. Residential construction accounted for 45 percent, or \$3,308,306 of the total building, due in part to building priority granted war veterans.

Washington state reported the highest increase of 205 percent over a year ago, with Oregon next with 135 percent. Two-thirds, (24 out of 36) of the northwest cities surveyed gained 100 percent or more over July, 1944, the greatest number of cities for any month to double or better their year-ago building.

Figures for Pendleton building are: July, 1945, \$932,125; June, 1945, \$10,510; July, 1944, \$750; change from June, 1945, to July, 1945, 64 percent; change from July, 1944, to July, 1945, 2200 percent.

Building figures for Portland are: July, 1945, \$982,125; June, 1945, \$996,385; July, 1944, \$381,320; change from June, 1945, to July, 1945, 64 percent; change from July, 1944, to July, 1945, 149 percent.

BULLETINS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (UP)—President Truman ordered today that labor disputes which interfere with reconversion shall be subject to the same penalties that were applied to disputes in war plants.



PARADE IN HONOR OF VICTORY — While thousands of La Grande and other eastern Oregon residents looked on, the parade in honor of victory over Japan marched through the downtown section of the city Wednesday. Here is shown some of the members of the Mavericks club and a portion of the crowd which gathered to celebrate the end of the war.