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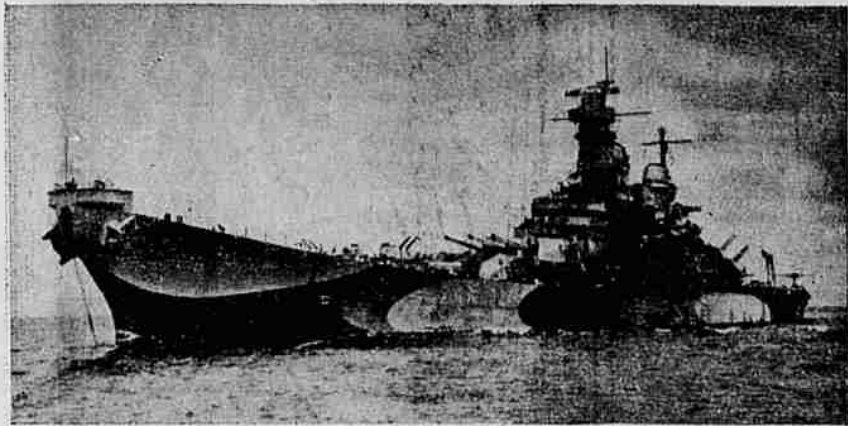
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FIVE CENTS



THE U.S.S. MISSOURI, bearing the name of the president's home state, will close her world war career in a blaze of glory Friday when she will serve as the scene of the unconditional surrender of Japan to the United States.

Occupation of Japan Starts Smoothly; Headquarters Set 20 Miles from Tokyo

MANILA, Aug. 28 (UP)—Occupation of Japan began smoothly today with establishment of American advance headquarters 20 miles from Tokyo and the anchoring in Tokyo bay of a nine-ship task force with 10,000 marine and bluejackets.
An advanced party of 150 technicians — the first occupation troops to land on Japan — radioed back from Atsugi airfield tonight all 48 planes in the initial airborne force had landed safely.

Arrive Early
Radio communications were set up and preparations begun to ready the airfield for the mass air-borne landings scheduled to begin Thursday morning. Gen. Douglas MacArthur, supreme occupation commander, will be among the early arrivals Thursday.

An NBC correspondent on Okinawa quoted the Atsugi party as saying that the Japanese garrison served some of the Americans a six-course dinner on a white tablecloth while other pilots guarded the planes. Curious Japanese soldiers and civilians had to be pushed away from the planes.

Plane Crashes
The main communications plane for the advance party crashed on its takeoff from Okinawa airfield early this morning and all 19 occupants were killed. Some valuable equipment was lost, but a substitute plane was sent immediately to Atsugi in its place.

Rear Admiral Oscar C. Badger's flagship, the cruiser San Diego, led a troop-laden transport, four destroyers, and three seaplane tenders through narrow Uraga strait into Tokyo bay without incident.

Ships Ready
Situation on Pacific surrender fronts: TOKYO BAY—Nine American

Pictures Shown of Oregon University

Mrs. William Glang, new assistant dean of women at the University of Oregon, and Betty Lou Siegman were here from Eugene last night to attend a meeting of the Oregon Federation held in the Presbyterian church, and to advise persons interested in attending the university.

Miss Mary Ingle is the local federation chairman and assisted in arrangements for the event. Present at the meeting were Harriet Turner, Hildegard Rottig, Mary Jasper, Maxine Snider, Pat Ferdinandsen, Janie Richardson, Della Jean Dahlstrom, Charles Reynolds, Pat Baron, Mary Ingle, and interested townspeople.

Colored pictures of the campus and activities at the school were shown to the group.

Mariana Airfields, Fortunately, Close Together These Days

SAIPAN, Aug. 28 (UP)—Airfields in the Marianas are so close and numerous anything can happen. Storm clouds poured tropical rain over Saipan and Tinian the other night when a pilot's voice saying "I'm coming in" was heard at the Saipan control tower.

S/Sgt. George Spachtholz, Grinstead, Pa., answered from the tower: "Roger, but I don't see you. Turn on your lights." The pilot said: "They are on, I'm over the runway making the landing now." "I still can't see you," Spachtholz replied. A few moments later Spachtholz called the pilot again and found he had landed successfully—on Tinian.

Army Will Cut Points to 80 When M'Arthur Gives Word

Air Operators List Advantages of Feeder Line

Choice for La Grande is probably no air line at all or else, to begin with, a feeder line, members of the La Grande chamber of commerce airport committee were told Monday afternoon in a meeting at the chamber office with two officials of Zimmerly Airlines.
The two men declared if Baker is included as a stop on a transcontinental airline, a feeder line would not be interested in crossing this territory now because Baker would be an important point in a feeder line development.

Mackey's Entertain 164 Old Friends at 40th Anniversary

Celebration of the 40th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Claude L. Mackey was observed at their home, 2013 First street Sunday, with approximately 164 former customers, friends, and neighbors attending.
Mackey and his wife, the former Nora Bussard, were married at noon Aug. 27, at the home of Mrs. Mackey's father, M. M. Bussard, Albany. Bussard, who will be 88 his next birthday, was the only one of the family present at the celebration.

Justice Douglas to Speak Here Tuesday

William O. Douglas, associate justice of the U. S. supreme court, who has been spending his summer vacation in the Lostine country, will address a community meeting here at noon next Tuesday, it was announced here this afternoon.
Justice Douglas will speak on "The work of the supreme court." He had previously been scheduled to speak on world events and the outlook for peace, but thought he would rather stick to the work of the court.

New Students To Register at High School Saturday

All students entering La Grande high school this fall for the first time are asked to appear at the library in the high school building at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 1.
At this meeting they will be acquainted with the schedule of studies and be given an opportunity to ask as many questions as they wish. Students will be advised as to the requirements for graduation from La Grande high school, as well as the requirements of any standard high school in the state of Oregon. There will also be a discussion of the requirements for entrance into accredited colleges and universities.

Tri-Council Labor Meets Here For Quarterly Talks

After more than 40 members of the tri-council labor group, composed of the central labor councils of La Grande, Pendleton and Baker, met Saturday evening in the labor temple here, it was announced the labor disputes now before the war labor board will be settled by the organization, but any arising in the future will be handled by the department of labor in Washington.
Next meeting of the tri-council will be held in Baker sometime during November.
Portland visitors here for the occasion were J. T. Marr, executive secretary of Oregon State Federation of Labor, J. D. McDonald, president of that group, R. E. Brownell, executive secretary of State Council of Carpenters, W. L. Duncan, field man for Columbia river district council, Miss Green of the Tuberculosis association, Stack, of the Union Trade labels.

Beverly Decker To Attend Art, Music School in Salt Lake

Miss Beverly Decker, pianist, who was awarded scholarships to Eastern Oregon college and to Northwestern Conservatory of Music, has chosen McCune Conservatory of Music and Art in Salt Lake City to attend this year.
Miss Decker was graduated from high school in La Grande in 1944 and attended the local college last year where she made a straight A grade average, and is a member of the national honorary society, Sigma Alpha Chi.
She plans to continue with piano and also take instruction in pipe organ.

RITES FOR NOVELIST BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., Aug. 28 (UP)—Funeral services for Franz Werfel, 54, European novelist whose early attacks on the nazis forced him to flee to the United States in 1939, will be held here Wednesday.

Society to Hear Stories of Grande Ronde

Union County Historical society appointed a committee to plan for publication of a book and outlined the program for the coming year last night at the Sacajawea hotel.
The committee is Dr. Robert Maaske, George Cochran, Mrs. Grace Powers, Ann Firkins and James Woodruff. They will take the steps necessary to publication of "The Life of Dunham Wright," written by Frank Jasper.
Program for the year is set as follows, with all the meetings set for the Sacajawea until further notice:
September—Reba Davis will present the "huckleberry story."
October—George Curry "History of Union county newspapers."
November—Edith Curry, "Early La Grande."
December—The annual Christmas party.
January—Bessie Scriber, "Dead man's hill."
February—Kate Hanely, "President Harding at Meachem."
March—Grace Molitor, the life of her father "John Caviness."
April—Dr. Charles Quaintance, "Early wild life of the Grande Ronde valley."
May—Charles Hamana, "Hot lake."
June—Frank Jasper "The story of the man who built chimneys."
July—End of the year, annual election.
At the meeting last night Mrs. Charles Spencer gave a history of the "Battle of the Grande Ronde."

Reduce Size To 2 Million By Next July

WASHINGTON, August 28 (UP)—The army disclosed today it will reduce the point discharge score from 85 to 80 as soon as Gen. Douglas MacArthur gives the word, and that it plans to cut its size from 8,050,000 to 2,500,000 by next July.
Additional demobilization plans and the projected point revision were submitted to the house military affairs committee as it began an inquiry into the administration plan to continue drafting young men.
No More
Maj. Gen. Stephen G. Henry, assistant chief of staff for the army's personnel division, said a new point plan reducing the required number of points from 85 to 80 will go into effect only after MacArthur finds his Pacific manpower needs are provided for and discharges can be accelerated.
Officials here assured them of every co-operation, should they be granted the permission they seek.

Wreckage of B-24 Located

WALLA WALLA, Aug. 28 (UP)—Wreckage of a B-24, missing since Saturday night has been found seven miles north of Tollgate, Ore., but the fate of the 15 men aboard was undetermined, the army reported today.
The announcement said the plane was spotted from the air in the rugged mountainous region of northeastern Oregon and that word was being awaited from a ground party.

Changed Needs

Edwards explained the Japanese surrender had changed the types of units needed in the Pacific.
When the invasion of Japan was being planned, he said, the army dispatched service units. Now, the need is for combat units instead, he explained.
On next July 1, Edwards predicted, army strength will be as follows: 370,000 troops in Europe; 830,000 in the Pacific; 115,000 in Alaska, the Caribbean and other islands, and 1,185,000 in the United States. The troops in this country, he said, will include a "strategic striking" reserve of 200,000; 485,000 operational personnel and 500,000 non-operating personnel.

Miss Hendrickson Hurt in Accident

Miss Elizabeth Hendrickson is recovering today in Grande Ronde hospital following an accident on the highway near Hot Lake in which she received a fractured skull. Miss Hendrickson and an unidentified soldier from Walla Walla air base, were riding on a motorcycle, when the machine overturned. Although the accident occurred last Wednesday Miss Hendrickson entered the hospital only today.

Two Families go in For Tonsilectomies

Tonsilectomy becomes a family affair, just before school starts each year, as was exemplified by two different families at the Grande Ronde hospital so far this week.
Lyman and Wallace Baker, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Baker of Burns, had their tonsils removed at the hospital. Three children of Mrs. Edna Mobley also were at the hospital at the same time, for tonsilectomies. They are Ernestine, 7, Ernest, 6, and Lillian, 10. They live in La Grande.

Ray Smith Injured In Woods Accident

Ray Smith, route 1, is convalescing today in St. Joseph's hospital after an accident in which his right hand was severely injured. Smith and Gaylord Neer, a neighbor, were cutting wood at the foot of Mt. Emily at 11 a.m. today when the cable on the carriage of the two-man sawmill broke, catching Smith's hand.
His hand was injured from the thumb to the little finger, with every tendon being torn, and every bone being broken.

Policeman Held For Shooting Soldier

McMINNVILLE, Aug. 28 (UP)—Police officer George Egger is being held in the county jail today pending filing of formal charges against him for shooting to death Pvt. George R. Yasic, 30, of Chicago.
The district attorney is out of town, but county sheriff's officers said Egger will probably be charged with manslaughter.
Police reported Yasic and his companion, Cpl. Jack Lee, both of Camp Adair, had engaged in three fights and were molesting shoppers. When Egger attempted to quiet the pair, they jumped him, beating the officer badly.
Egger escaped, called police headquarters for reinforcements and returned to hold the two soldiers. They attacked him again, officers said, and Yasic knocked Egger down three times before the officer pulled his gun and fired. Yasic died an hour and a half later at the hospital.
Corporal Lee, who was held following the shooting, has been released to military authorities.

36 Prominent Japs Commit Suicide

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 28 (UP)—Thirty-six members of "ultra-patriotic" societies have committed suicide since Aug. 15, radio Tokyo said today.
A Domei broadcast recorded by United Press said the total included 10 members of the Sonjo Doshikai and "Okusei Domei," who committed ceremonial hara kiri.
No mention was made, however, of earlier Tokyo reports of mass hara kiri in front of the imperial palace.
Meanwhile, Domei revealed party leaders in the house of representatives met today to discuss the forthcoming diet session.

Texas Hurricane Decreasing; Six Dead in Storm

HOUSTON, Aug. 28 (UP)—Latest U. S. weather bureau's advisory today reported the tropical hurricane now has struck Sealy, Tex., 50 miles west-northwest of Houston but is decreasing.
The storm was reported moving slowly north with gales of about 40 to 50 miles per hour around the center and possibly winds up to 70 miles over a small area at the center.
It now was believed that, with the course the hurricane had taken, Houston might miss the full force of the blow.
Missouri Pacific railroad officials reported two of the company's trains were missing. Communications were down, but it was believed they had reached the small town of Francis, near Bay City, where sufficient trackage would be found to support them.
Death toll was six.

Sugar Certificates Soon To Be Sent

PORTLAND, Aug. 28 (UP)—Issuance of home canning sugar coupons, suspended temporarily pending a review of the sugar supply quota situation in the Pacific coast region, has been resumed, Frederick F. Janney, acting district OPA director said today.
Local boards continued to accept applications for the sugar throughout the suspension period. Housewives are asked not to telephone their boards as accumulated applications will be mailed as soon as possible, Janney said.

Mercy Fleet Of Superforts Takes Food To Prisoners

GUAM, Aug. 28 (UP)—A mercy fleet of 125 Superforts dropped more than 875,000 pounds of food, clothing and medical supplies into 60 allied prisoner of war camps on Honshu and Kyushu late this afternoon, the 20th airforce announced.
Officials estimated 20,000 prisoners are held in the "target" camp.
Each of the gleaming B-29s carried 7,000 pounds of supplies. Some of the camps required only half a load. In the oil drums were soup, cocoa, C and K rations, fruit, candy, vitamin tablets, shoelaces, sewing kits, khaki uniforms, soap, toothpaste, razorblades and other toilet articles.

Wainwright, Dutch, British Officers Reach Chungking

CHUNGKING, Aug. 28 (UP)—Lt. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright, American commander at Bataan and Corregidor, and a group of senior British and Dutch officers liberated from a Manchurian prison camp arrived by plane today.
Lt. Gen. A. E. Percival, British commander at Singapore, was among the officers who accompanied Wainwright back to free China. Both Wainwright and Percival will tell their stories to the press later today.
They were liberated from a Japanese prison camp, at Sian, 100 miles north of Mukden, by American paratroops and Red army forces last week.