

## Reporter Hears 'Last Words' of Former Premier

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Guards advised us Tojo was not at home.

While we waited, Maj. Paul Kraus of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's counter-intelligence corps arrived with orders for Tojo's arrest.

At 4:15 p.m., Tojo returned. He entered hastily, then opened a side window to his study and peered out, a smile on his face. He asked what was wanted. His gold teeth showed as he spoke.

**Lean and Brown**  
Lean and brown, he appeared in perfect physical condition. Kraus told him:

"Open the door so I can come in and present my credentials." Tojo waved his arms and replied: "Unless this is an official order, I do not care to discuss it."

Kraus turned to an interpreter.

"Tell him to quit this damn fooling around and let's get going," Kraus said. "Tell him to open the front door so I can present my credentials. Tell him to prepare himself for a trip to General MacArthur's headquarters at Yokohama."

**Heard Shot**  
Tojo slammed his window down hard. We thought he was moving to open the front door and went to the front of the house.

At 4:21 p.m., a shot rang out. Kraus rushed to the front double door. They were locked, but he pulled them open and ran into the entrance hall with correspondents immediately behind him. Other newsmen had arrived at the scene with Kraus.

The door leading from the entrance hall to Tojo's study on the left was locked. Kraus called on Tojo to open it.

There was no reply. Kraus kicked in the door.

**Groaning**  
Tojo was slumped in an easy chair. A red smear bubbled from his midriff. He was unconscious, but groaning heavily with every breath.

In the next room to the rear was a young man sitting cross-legged on a mat, his head bowed in silence. Takamatsu said he was one of Tojo's sons.

Kraus sent a jeep to Tokyo for medical aid. Beads of sweat appeared on Tojo's forehead, bald head. His groaning continued uninterrupted. Photographers took pictures and correspondents roamed the house.

Suddenly Tojo regained consciousness. He waved his left arm to summon interviewers. We crouched around him.

**Bad Wound**  
Then he made what undoubtedly was his dying statement, assuming responsibility for the war and saying he now was "happy to die."

Tojo's son appeared from the next room with a glass of water. A medical corpsman ordered the general not to be moved.

The wound was a bad one. It appeared almost six inches long and continuously bubbled red froth.

I wondered why he had not shot himself through the heart if he actually wanted to die. Japanese newsmen explained, however, this was the place where a formal hara-kiri dagger normally is plunged into the abdomen.

**Took Advice**  
Takamatsu told me in the car driving to Tojo's home the 61-year-old war lord's associates had already advised him four different times that hara-kiri was the only honorable course left open to him.

It is evident Tojo's personal prestige among the Japanese people had reached the lowest conceivable ebb.

Tojo became premier in October, 1941 and immediately assumed domination of Japan's future war policy.

He resigned July 18, 1944 after the fall of Saipan, and afterwards visited Manchuria where he used to be chief of staff.

**Given Plasma**  
Sustained by plasma injections and semi-conscious, the little brown man was loaded into an American ambulance and taken by way of a first aid station near the Meiji shrine to the 98th evacuation hospital at Yokohama.

The Japanese foreign office asked that Tojo not be removed from his residence because of the gravity of his condition. But a U. S. army doctor gave him a chance to survive, and the ambulance carted him away.

Capt. James Johnson, U. S. army doctor, gave him a chance

## 18 La Grande Grads To Begin College At Eastern in 1945

Eighteen applications have thus far been received from graduates of La Grande high school who intend to begin their college careers this fall at Eastern Oregon college. There are five men in this group, two of whom are veterans. Ralph E. Jones, principal of the high school, has indicated there should be about twice this number enrolled at the college by the time the fall term opens.

La Grande high school graduates entering EOC are Melvin Keltz, Alyce Gordon, Mary Ann Smith, Earl Carpenter, Iris Severn, Arlene Wiseman, Kathleen Marxh, Faith Lee, Carol Larson, Patricia Jacobson, Fanchon Godfrey, Dolores Gibson, Barbara Daniels, Ruth Barlow, Richard Wright, Denece Decker, Morris Richardson, and Vernon Peterman.

## Pacific War Cost Army 200,058 Tons Of Cargo Lost

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 (UP)—The war department reported today the Pacific war cost the army 200,058 ship tons of cargo lost at sea in 31 vessels sunk and two damaged.

This was only 0.46 percent of the 43,520,000 ship tons of war goods sent to the Pacific, Alaska and India theaters, the war department said.

Of the 31 vessels, 18 were sunk by submarines, air attacks or mines, and 11 were lost because of fire, running aground, collisions or explosions. Two are listed as overdue.

During the war in Europe, 105 vessels carrying army cargo from the United States were sunk. Ten others were damaged. Of these 74 were sunk by U-boats, six by mines, eight by bombings and four by unknown causes. Fifteen ships were involved in collisions, two in explosions and six were lost in storms or went aground.

Total army cargo exports from December, 1941, through July, 1945, to all theaters amounted to 119,169,000 ship tons. The per-

centage of cargo lost in the Pacific was 0.46 percent.

Stretchers bearers who had taken him from the house where he was living in retirement as a country squire carried him into a tent lighted only by searchlights.

The stretcher was placed on a table under an operating lamp. The lamp would not work. T/4 Richard Widdington of Mount Aida, Ark., began administering the plasma by flashlight. He was assisted by S/Sgt. Donald Hawk of Dover, Md., and T/3 Ernest Roblesky of Westfield, Mass.

Tojo was barely conscious when he was taken into the aid tent. His eyes flickered several times when the plasma needle was jabbed into his arm.

Cpl. Everett Sayre of Racine, O., exclaimed, "Who is it?" Lt. Frank Aquina, who assisted Johnson at Tojo's home, said:

"That's Hideki Tojo. That's what I have been waiting for."

"Well, he did a good job of it," someone chimed in.

"No, he didn't," Aquina disputed. "It was a little low."

**First Church of Christ Scientist**  
Cor. First and Washington Morning worship 11. Wednesday evening meeting at 8. Testimonies of healing, experiences and remarks on Christian Science are given.

This church maintains a free reading room in the West-Jacobson Bldg., 111 El street. Open daily except Sunday and legal holidays, from 1:30 to 4. Here the Bible, the works of Mary Baker Eddy and authorized literature may be read or borrowed. The son Bldg., 111 Elm street. Open services and to use the reading room.

**FIRST SOCIETY MEETING**  
The first meeting of the fall season will be held by the Presbyterian Ladies Aid at 2 p. m. Thursday at the church. Officers will be in charge of the program and social hour.

Drone bees have no fathers. They have a maternal grandfather, however.

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**CHILDREN AMONG ATOMIC CASUALTIES**—Innocent victim of war is this burned Japanese child rescued after atomic bombing of Nagasaki, in which more than 100,000 persons were killed as flash of fire spread through city. Bandaged rescuer carries child, apparently suffering excruciating pain.

## Hospital Notes

**St. Joseph's Hospital**  
Admitted: Mrs. Ray Province, Floyd Taylor, Mrs. James Cameron, La Grande, Sandra Conley, Elgin, John Simmons, Enterprise, medical.

Dismissed: Mervin Mortensen, Viola Stiles, Guy Vincent, Fred James, La Grande, Mrs. Ernest Tuel, Wallawa.

**Grande Ronde Hospital**  
Admitted: Mary Elizabeth Sterne, Mo., Mrs. George Bilden, Mrs. Pearl Walker, Mrs. John Bennett, Frank Jester, La Grande, John Phillips, Imbler, Albert Haynes, Pendleton, medical; Glen William Mullenburg, La Grande, surgery; Reed Hansen, La Grande, accident; Ora Bechtel, Elgin, gunshot wound.

Dismissed: Marion Conrad, Enterprise, G. W. Mullenburg, Reed Hansen, La Grande, Mrs. Harry Slater, North Powder, Stanley Robertson, Union.

**New Paving Planned At State Fairground**

SALEM, Sept. 11 (UP)—Tentative plans have been made for an extensive paving program at the state fair grounds, Manager Leo Spitzbart announced today.

The project will cost an estimated \$35,000.

The proposed plans call for laying of blacktop paving in the main aisle of the livestock building and the entire floor area of the machinery building. All of the midway from the grandstand to the machinery building, and a large area between the livestock barn and the stadium will be reurfaced. Half the floor area of the poultry building and some sidewalks on the grounds will be replaced.

Much of the outside area was damaged by vehicles when the stry was using the grounds, Spitzbart said.

**Sailor Finds Savings In Guam Bank Intact**

PORTLAND, Sept. 11 (UP)—Navy authorities disclosed today Joseph R. Young, chief radioman, of Cottage Grove, Ore., was one of five navy enlisted men who returned to Guam from Tokyo last Sunday after 45 months imprisonment to find their savings still intact in the island bank.

Young, who is the son of Mrs. J. E. Young, Cottage Grove, and husband of Mrs. J. R. Young of Clatskanie, was last heard from in Sept. 1942, when he wrote he was "getting along fine" in spite of poor living conditions and lack of food.

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## Society Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. Al Thompson and daughters, Mrs. Wayne Wolfe and Mrs. Melvin Gekeler, left yesterday for Spokane, taking Wayne Wolfe who is returning to his army base in North Carolina after a furlough here. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson will go to Peck, Ida., to visit her niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Courtney, and their two daughters will return here today.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Renfrow of Modesto, Calif., visited in La Grande with old friends, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Ballard and Mr. and Mrs. Al Thompson. All are former residents of Wallawa county. Sunday the Renfrows visited in lower Cove with Mr. and Mrs. Don Gray, and have gone to Wallawa county now to visit relatives and other friends.

The meeting of the Pollyanna club, scheduled for Friday, has been postponed until Friday, Sept. 21, when the organization will meet at 2 p.m. with Mrs. A. B. Hiatt.

Circle No. 2 WSCS members are asked to bring material for afghans and crochet hooks to the meeting to be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the home of Mrs. R. F. Tyler.

Mrs. W. H. Bohnenkamp returned last night from Wallawa lake, where she has been since June 1. She has as her house guest Mrs. Anna Polack, Long Beach, and her brother, Rupert Schwaiger, who will be with her for a two-month visit.

Mrs. John Holt and children left Sunday evening for Portland after visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Huff in La Grande.

Hope chapter, Order of Eastern Star will hold its first meeting of the fall season at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Masonic hall. A highlight of the meeting will be a special installation of Mrs. Louie Morgan as Adah and Mrs. Pauline Ainsworth as Martha. They will fill these stations for the remainder of the year.

Lt. (jg) and Mrs. Douglas V. Olds visited here two days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Zurbrick, Lieutenant Olds, who flew to the states last week from Guam, has now gone to San Francisco for reassignment. He is a navy pilot with 18 months service in the Pacific area.

Mrs. Frank Tyler and her daughter arrived here early this morning after visiting with her sister near Portland. They will remain here a few days at the home of her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Tyler. After a short trip to the home of Mrs. Tyler's parents, in Payette, she will return here to attend the local college.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hummelt of Baker, formerly of La Grande, spent yesterday in the city visiting. Hummelt came here in 1931 and coached at Riveria grade school, and left here in 1930 to make his home in the neighboring city. His son, Dr. Bernard

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## Society and Clubs

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### Rainbow Girls Elect Officers For Fall Term

Rainbow girls, meeting last night at the Masonic temple for the first meeting since last spring, elected officers for the fall term. The officers will be installed Sept. 24.

The new officers are: Betty Murray, worthy adviser; Marlyn Chandler, associate worthy adviser; Della Jean Dahlstrom, charity; Barbara Murray, hope; Pat Carman, faith; Lois Murray, chaplain; Fern McCabe, drill leader; Barbara Garrison, love; Alta Baker, religion; Dorothy Chidsey, nature; Betty Brookland, immortality; Rosalie Wilson, fidelity; Bethel Harris, patriotism; Pat Hatmaker, service; Barbara Detrick, confidential adviser; Helen Pierson, outer adviser; Arlene Gaither, music; Frances Voruz, choir director; Lynn Russell, refreshments chairman; Phyllis Sherwood, cleanup chairman; Anita Vickers, publicity chairman.

### Council of Camp, Hospital Meets, Votes Thanks

Union county council of camp and hospital met last evening in Red Cross headquarters, and voted their thanks to the motor corps for taking the women on their trips to the various hospitals and meetings.

It was announced at the Eastern Star lodge provided the August birthday party for ward 21 at McCay hospital, and that the Rebekahs provided for the September party. It was decided to have two birthday parties each month and other organizations may volunteer to furnish the necessary items.

The La Grande country club volunteered to provide the telephone fund for the coming six months. Union county council has subscribed to the Readers Digest and funny books for the locked ward for a year. Pledges for the magazine fund have been made by the Daughters of Union Veterans, Neighborhood club, and Lions club. More are needed.

Hummelt, well known here for his athletic ability during his school days, is now in Nevada City, Calif.

### Legion Auxiliary To Meet Wednesday

The American Legion auxiliary will meet at 8 p. m. Wednesday in the small ballroom of the Sacajawea hotel. Mrs. George Tis, president, and the new officers will be in charge.

Reports will be given on the recent convention. This month is designated music month and will be under the direction of Mrs. Guy Spencer, chairman and her committee, Mrs. Henry Hess, Mrs. Allie Albertson, Mrs. Mae Andrews, Mrs. Walter Bean, Mrs. Gilbert Barron, Mrs. Nell Bohnenkamp, Mrs. S. H. Burleigh, Mrs. John Camp and Mrs. J. D. Cash.

### DUV Has Meeting

Daughters of Union Veterans held their regular business meeting yesterday afternoon in the Neighborhood club house. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Charles Dawson, Mrs. Harry Hansen, past-president, conducted the meeting. The next will be on the second Monday in November in the Neighborhood club house.

### Girl Scouts meet

Girl Scout troop of the Presbyterian church held its regular meeting last evening in the recreation rooms of the church. After a business meeting the second class girls worked toward their dressmaker badges. The girls in the tenderfoot group worked on their singing and dancing activities. Games followed the class work.

## Social Calendar

**TUESDAY**  
8 p. m. WBA lodge, I. O. F. O. F. Hall.  
8 p. m. Wesleyan Circle of First Methodist church will meet with Mrs. Kermit McCully, Albany street.

**WEDNESDAY**  
2 p. m. Circle No. 2, WSCS of First Methodist church will meet with Mrs. R. F. Tyler.  
2 p. m. WSCS of Fir street Methodist church, in the church parlors.  
7:30 p. m. Hope chapter, O.E.S., first meeting of the year, Masonic temple.  
8 p. m. Wesleyan Service Guild of Fir street Methodist church will meet with Mrs. Lloyd Gray, 1516 Y avenue.  
8 p. m. American Legion auxiliary, small ballroom Sacajawea hotel.  
8 p. m. Hope chapter, Order of Eastern Star, in the Masonic hall.

**THURSDAY**  
2 p. m. Presbyterian Ladies Aid, Presbyterian church.  
2 p. m. Riverside Ladies Aid in Lane Chapel, First and Crook streets.  
8 p. m. Sew and So club, with Mrs. Alex Nebeker, Cove avenue.  
8 p. m. Navy Mothers, USO room.

**AID WILL MEET**  
Riverside Ladies Aid will meet at 2 p. m. Thursday in the Lane chapel, First and Crook streets. Each member is to take a white elephant gift and pieces of material for pillow tops for McCaw's hospital. Mrs. Fred Tufverson and Mrs. Fred Grieves will be hostesses for the afternoon.

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