

Japanese Believe War Nearly Finished

Say Fighting To Peter out

'Undeclared Peace' Would Follow 'Undeclared War' Is Belief

By RELMAN MORIN
TOKYO, Aug. 24—(AP)—Well-informed Japanese believe the war in China is nearly finished. "The air is thick with peace," one high-ranking government official has put it.

For home consumption, however, Japanese officials make such statements as that of Lieut. Gen. Seishiro Itagaki, war minister, who asserted recently that Japan would continue fighting as long as Chiang Kai-Shek remained head of the Chinese government, and added: "That may be for ten or twenty years."

"Peace" Kept Quiet
The government is calling on the public to make great sacrifices, and it is believed the various campaigns for thrift and "spiritual mobilization" would come to a quick end if the man on the street thought the war were nearly over.

It was an undeclared war, and informed Japanese believe it will be an undeclared peace.

The war simply will peter out. It will fall in successive levels from active fighting to guerrilla warfare and then to a condition of peace — without the diplomatic trimmings.

Publicly, Japanese military men say they will chase Chiang clear to the borders of Tibet, if necessary.

Want Coastal Chunk
What they plan to do, however, is to carve out a chunk of China, along the coastline, then stop.

Once they stop the positions will be reversed. Japanese will be on the defensive, content to remain within the borders of the 400,000 square miles her army of some 600,000 has taken from China since the war started July 7, 1937, at a cost of \$5,000,000 a day. Chinese will be forced to take the offensive to dislodge them.

City Bonded Debt Shown \$3,550,369
An official statement recently issued by City Treasurer Paul H. Hauser reveals Salem's bonded indebtedness at the present time as \$3,550,369.97, of which \$715,500 is general obligation; \$634,869.97 street improvement and \$2,200,000 water bonds.

With the assessed valuation of the city at \$12,750,134, the per capita bonded debt on a basis of 21,000 population is \$114.52 and the ratio of bonded indebtedness to assessed valuation is .24.

Exclusive of Bancroft bonds and interest or water bonds and interest, for 1939 the city is obligated to levy taxes to meet general obligation bonds falling due in amount of \$59,000 and interest of \$28,892.50, or a total of \$87,892.50.

Vaults to Death From Gate Bridge
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 24—(AP)—Ignoring the pleas of two bridge workers, a man leaped to his death today from the 240-foot high deck of the Golden Gate bridge.

Three coast guard cutters and a police patrol boat started a search for the body.

The leap brought the total suicide toll from the Golden Gate bridge to a known seven.

No Apologies
MEDFORD, Aug. 24—(AP)—Frank J. Tierney of Portland, state democrat chairman, said the party had no apologies for its primary nominations and urged unity at the general elections in November. Tierney and Senator A. E. Reames spoke at a democratic rally.

Testimony Halted
A witness in the trial of Earl Browder, Communist leader, in a play, was asked to leave the stand before completing his testimony before the Dies House Committee, in Washington, investigating un-American activities.

At time, Committee was investigating alleged Communist control of Federal Theatre.

William H. Humphrey, who once impersonated Earl Browder, Communist leader, in a play, was asked to leave the stand before completing his testimony before the Dies House Committee, in Washington, investigating un-American activities.

Refuses Medical Aid for Son



The Rev. Winstead and wife pray at bedside

Refusing medical aid for their afflicted son, Carl, 7, who is suffering from a serious bone infection, the Rev. James Winstead and wife of Woodward, Okla., resort to prayer in an effort to heal him. The case has attracted attention of authorities who are considering legal action to force the Pentecostal church pastor to allow treatment for the boy whom he claims has "been touched by God" and will recover through faith.

Higher Education To Ask \$3,600,000

Record Enrollment Next Year, Millage Tax Drop Factors

Reports were received here Wednesday that the state board of higher education would ask the next legislature for approximately \$3,600,000, exclusive of the revenues received through the millage tax for higher educational institutions.

Of this amount \$600,000 would cover costs for the current biennium. The remaining \$3,000,000 would be used in conducting the higher educational institutions during the two years starting next January.

College Enrollment Up
Officials indicated that this state appropriation would be necessary because of the marked increase in enrollment at the university, state college and normal schools and the reduction in millage tax revenues.

The enrollment for the next year will be the highest in the history of the state, it was predicted.

In case the legislature refuses to authorize the proposed appropriation it may be necessary to curtail some of the educational activities, officials said.

State Budget Director Wharton refused to discuss the proposed appropriation.

Professionals Cut Auto Mishap Rate

Professional drivers made an outstanding contribution to traffic safety in Oregon during the first six months this year, by scoring a 22 per cent reduction in accidents in which they were involved compared with the same period last year, Secretary of State Snell announced Wednesday.

This percentage reduction was greater than that of any other group, Snell said.

Bus accidents dropped from 250 during the first six months of 1937 to 122 this year, taxicab accidents from 170 to 101 and truck accidents from 3302 to 2191.

"I believe these sensational declines in the number of accidents involving commercial vehicles reflect the effective work being done in promoting fleet safety," Snell declared.

Ex-Game Commissioner Pleads Innocent, Rape

KLAMATH FALLS, Aug. 24—(AP)—Harry W. Poole, veteran theatre operator and former state game commissioner, pleaded innocent at his arraignment today on an indictment charging statutory rape.

Poole asserted he did not know the person he was accused of attacking.

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Picketing Bill Hit by Labor

State Federation Files two Arguments; Say It Will Kill Unions

Two arguments opposing the initiative measure designed to regulate labor organization activities in Oregon were filed in the state department here Wednesday by the state federation of labor.

The initiative measure prohibits picketing unless there is a bona fide dispute between an employer and a majority of his employees relative to wages, working hours or working conditions. Jurisdictional labor disputes are outlawed under the proposed initiative measure. The measure was filed by the Associated Farmers of Oregon.

Measure Called Unfair
One negative argument alleged that the proposed initiative measure was unfair and its approval by the voters would make it impossible for labor union legislation. It also was held that picketing virtually would be prohibited in all cases.

"Picketing is the only means available to unions to inform the public that there is a strike," Ben Osborne, executive secretary of the labor federation, said. "If the voters approve this measure there will be no labor unions in Oregon."

Pay Measure Unopposed
The time for filing arguments against the 13 initiative measures, referendums and referred legislative bills expired last night. The time for filing affirmative arguments expired August 7.

No argument was filed against the constitutional amendment increasing the salaries of legislators from \$3 to \$8 a day and lengthening the legislative sessions from 40 to 60 days.

Both the affirmative and negative arguments will be printed in the measures pamphlet to be issued prior to the November election.

Hop Recheck Set By Grower Body

PORTLAND, Aug. 24—(AP)—The hop growers' allocation committee, formed to regulate marketing agreements for California, Oregon and Washington, said today final crop estimates had not yet been prepared.

The committee said it could not estimate how much the 1938 crop would exceed the 28,500,000 pounds eligible for marketing under the agreement.

Previous field crop estimates were reconsidered today, the committee said, and arrangements will be made for a recheck of each grower's yard.

The committee urged growers to leave at least 20 per cent of their crops on the vines, unharvested, pending determination of the allocations, thus saving harvesting costs.

Naval Board Inspects Harbor at Marshfield

MARSHFIELD, Aug. 24—(AP)—Rear Admiral Arthur J. Hepburn and six members of the statutory board of naval establishments inspected Coos bay for a possible air operation today.

They studied data on harbor width and prevailing winds before leaving for Astoria.

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Admiral to View Tongue Point as Plane Base Site

ASTORIA, Ore., Aug. 24—(AP)—Rear Admiral Arthur J. Hepburn will head a naval board which will inspect Tongue Point Thursday as a possible naval shore base.

Congressman James Mott, a member of the house naval affairs committee, met the board at Marshfield and will accompany it here.

McNary Requests Subsidy for Flax

Hurst Transferred Here for Inquiry to Need for Payments

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24—(AP)—Senator Charles McNary, minority leader, sent a telegraphic request to the department of agriculture today for a subsidy on this year's Oregon flax output.

The government has paid subsidies to the Oregon growers for two years but eliminated payment this year when agriculture officials said they believed the industry could manage without assistance. Oregon producers complained and obtained \$25,000 for an investigation now underway.

W. M. Hurst has been transferred to Salem for the duration of the inquiry. S. H. McCorry, chief of the department's engineering division, reported.

Father Heibel Alcun, representative of a group of flax growers near Mount Angel, conferred with government men before leaving for the west. He recently returned from Europe where he studied flax conditions.

Plan of Meetings For GOP Formed

Six Sessions to Be Held in Key Points Over County, Plan

Plans for a series of half a dozen meetings with precinct committee men and women at key points throughout Marion county were formulated at a gathering of executive officers of the Marion county central committee, together with representatives of the county republican club and Pro America, last night at the Marion hotel.

County Chairman Lewis Judson presided over the meeting, which was attended by 20 persons.

It was also decided to sponsor a county republican booth at the Oregon State fair, and to cooperate to any necessary extent with the state central committee in obtaining and manning a state republican booth.

Members generally expressed themselves favorably toward State Chairman Kern Crandall's recent call for a "house to house" campaign, and indicated that a great deal of effort will be expended upon personal contacts during the coming weeks.

A drive will also be made to obtain small personal contributions to the county campaign chest from as many persons as possible.

Chairman Judson reported upon the Willamette valley republican picnic held August 14 at Silverton, with nearly 1500 persons in attendance.

Gas Kills 10,000

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 24—(AP)—A gas attack took ten thousand lives today in downtown Los Angeles. The wholesale slaughter was made by the city health department which reported approximately 10,000 bats, discovered in an attic of a building on East First street, had been killed by cyanide gas.

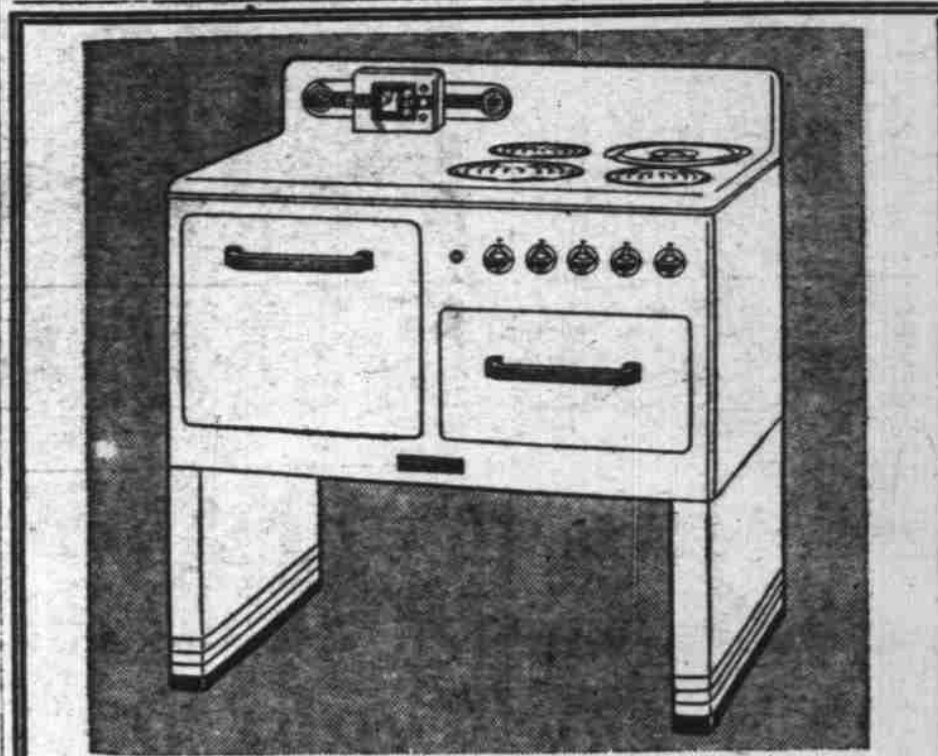
Falls City Seeks Grant for School

Falls City school district No. 57, of Polk county, has applied to the public works administration for a grant of \$11,400 to construct a school building estimated to cost \$25,300.

J. A. Reiber, chairman of the district board, filed the application. Frank H. Struble of Salem is the architect. The application will be sent to Washington for approval.

Pruitt Is Robbed

ROSEBURG, Aug. 24—(AP)—A burglar entered a hotel room last night and stole \$15 and valuable papers from Harold G. Pruitt of Salem, state republican club president.



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