

Layton Is on Stand Briefly In Own Trial

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ton had signed the transcripts of two interrogations, one of 28 pages, the other of 18, in which he had admitted responsibility for the girl's death. Capt. Gurdane was questioned about transferring Layton from Hillsboro to Milwaukie. He said that as Layton entered the automobile for the journey he asked, "Does this mean the death sentence?" Gurdane said Layton's intelligence seemed to be average. Sgt. Hadfield said Layton had declared "I picked her up but I didn't kill her."

Mrs. May Layton, Independence, mother of the accused, and Mrs. Gordon, a sister, both told of calls made upon them by Sgt. C. Emahiser, who in both cases asked for clothing belonging to Layton.

At the morning session Mrs. Martha Hildebrand, mother of the dead girl, testified that Ruth was a good swimmer. Ruth's sister, Helen, confirmed this item of testimony and added that she had accompanied Ruth several times to Camp Adair.

Pvt. Cecil Ballard, Camp Adair soldier, whom the girl had visited on the night of her disappearance, June 7, told of having had a date with Ruth and of her leaving about 10 p. m. Other witnesses appearing were Don H. Bower, who had known Layton previously; Dorris Hardesty and Evelyn Albert children from Independence who discovered some of Ruth's clothing, and Vernon R. Boyer, state police officer, who said Layton was uneasy when arrested on the assault charge in Washington county until he learned what county he was in and what the charge was.

High Command Tells Europe To Get Ready

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Speaking over the Algiers radio, he then told the French that they would be informed "when the hour of action strikes," and warned them to remain calm until that hour.

Tonight, the Madrid radio quoted "informed circles" as saying that Gen. Eisenhower had messaged President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill that allied armies were ready for the immediate invasion of Italy. It quoted the same circles as believing the invasion may be only several hours off.

Congress May Have Say in Rehabilitation

WASHINGTON, August 18 (AP) A compromise between congress and the executive department to give the legislators a voice in temporary post-war agreements appears in the making.

Some officials had favored handling them without reference to congress. But some legislators had contended such agreements would be treaties and must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the senate.

Under the proposed compromise, such questions of international cooperation as must be arranged in advance of a final peace treaty would be handled by an "agreement" subject to congressional approval by a mere majority of both sides.

Senator Green (D-RI) reported the first concrete move in that direction today in announcing that a senate foreign relations subcommittee had decided on that procedure for a proposed pact for cooperative rehabilitation of war-devastated countries.

He said the proposed pact had been discussed by the subcommittee with Secretary of State Hull and "intimation" had been given to the state department that congressional approval "would have to be obtained if appropriations are to be made to implement the agreement."

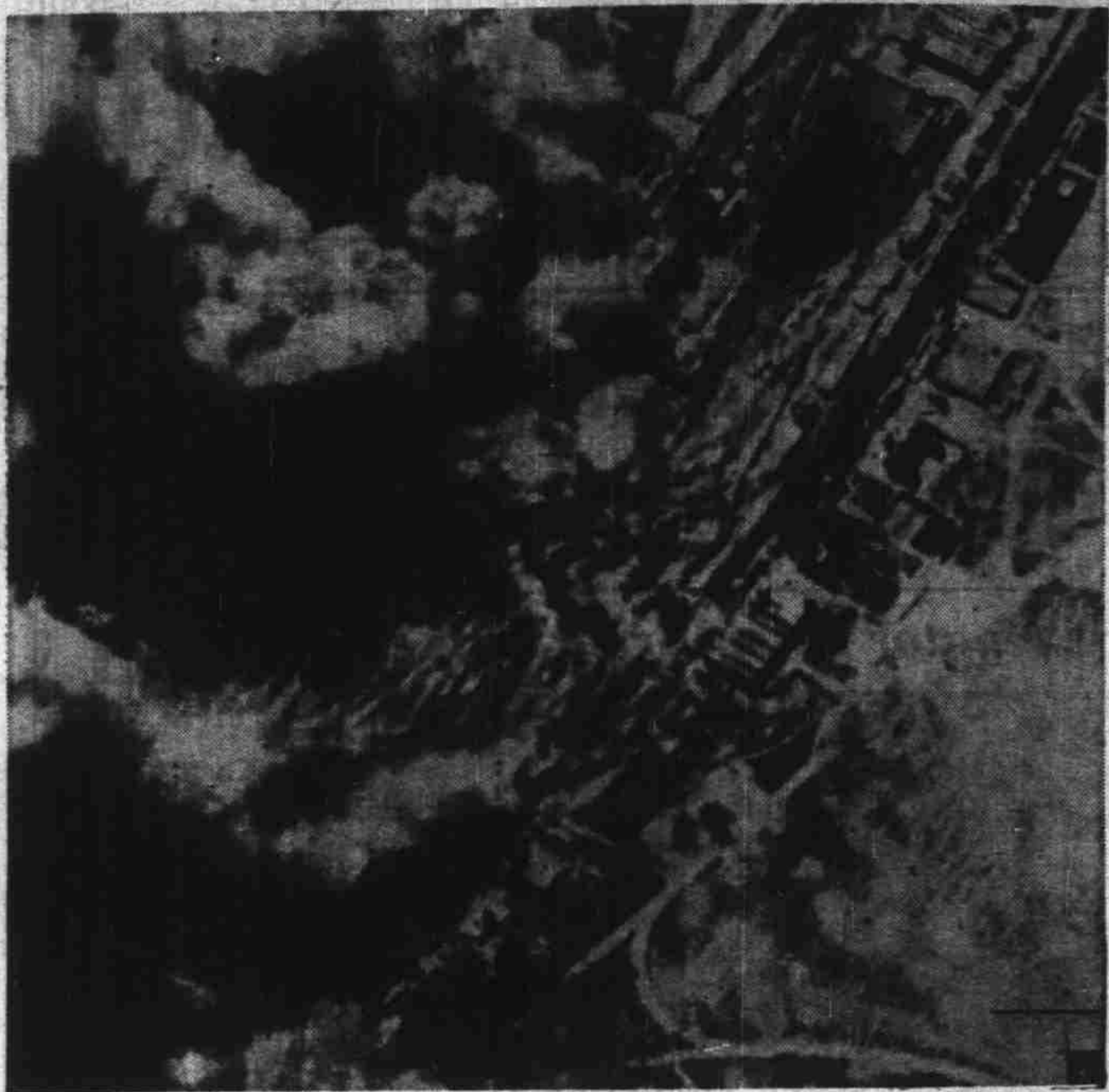
He added that the state department displayed an admirable spirit of cooperation and the conferences were very friendly.

Legion Head Would Turn Chinese Into Japan

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 18 (AP) Roane Waring, national American Legion commander, suggested today that Japan, after her military power has been broken, be turned over to China for the mop-up because "the Chinese would not be as soft on the Japs as we would be."

Japan and the other axis powers "should be completely annihilated, not only from a military and naval standpoint but industrially as well," Waring said in an Oregonian interview. "After we have crushed Japan in a first-class military and naval way, we should turn that country over to China and let the Chinese finish the job. The Chinese would not be as soft on the Japs as we would be."

US 'Marauders' Blast Rome Railway Yards



Bomb-laden US B-26 "Marauders" emptied their lethal vials upon the military installations of Rome August 11. Photo shows smoke pouring from the San Euterio railway yards in the heart of the Italian capital. One train was seen to blow up. Several hits can be discerned on the adjacent airfield. The "Marauders" are part of the Northwest African air forces. (International Soundphoto)

Over 200 Jap Planes Ruined At Wewak

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medium-sized cargo ships, sinking a number of barges and leaving 20 large fires burning in the supply and dump areas. We lost three planes, bringing our total to six. This closes the combat."

In addition to raiding Balikpapan, heavy bombers struck slightly to the east at Macassar, Dutch Celebes.

The third Balikpapan raid was made despite bad weather. The bombers swooped to masthead level to attack the four ships.

Two other ships were damaged and the fires in the refining area were started anew. As on the other raids, the first of which was on August 13, all the raiders got safely home after flying over waters dotted with fortified enemy bases.

The navy battle, fought at night, lasted a half hour, and was precipitated by American interception of an enemy force of four destroyers escorting supply barges.

In addition to the destroyer probably sunk, another was seriously damaged and a third was hit. The American units also destroyed most of the barges.

The earlier naval battle in the Vella gulf occurred at midnight August 6. The gulf also was the scene in late July of an American air triumph, in which bombers sank a cruiser and two destroyers.

Major in Pacific Gets Silver Star

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Aug. 18 (AP)—Lt. Gen. George C. Kenney, commander of the allied air forces in the southwest Pacific, awarded the silver star today to Maj. Gen. Ennis C. Whitehead, deputy commander of the fifth US army air force.

The award was for personal gallantry in action against the enemy over Mubo, New Guinea, on July 6. Mubo, 12 miles south of Salamoua, since has been captured by the allies.

Treat Relocation Japs As War Prisoners Urged

SEATTLE, August 18 (AP)—The tri-state convention of the International Association of Machinists, concluding a three-day meeting here Wednesday, passed a resolution that all Japanese in relocation centers be treated as prisoners of war and advising ultimate deportation in cases where the FBI so recommends.

Delegates chose Oregon as the place for the next convention, city and place to be decided later.

Bardwell to Direct Interstate Pear Shipping

SAN FRANCISCO, August 18 (AP)—The war food administration announced Wednesday the appointment of Ralph G. Bardwell of Medford, Ore., as program manager in Oregon and Washington for management of interstate shipment of fresh pears.

The shipments will be regulated under WFA order No. 65, restricting Bartlett and Buerre Hardy pear traffic for fresh fruit markets outside the two states to 75 per cent of last year's.

Willkie to Talk With 50 Indiana Farmers

RUSHVILLE, Ind., August 18 (AP) Wendell L. Willkie plans to exchange views with 50 Indiana leading farmers tomorrow at his Rushville home, Bruce Hardy of Lexington who arranged the conference said Wednesday.

Kangas Rites Held, Hopewell

HOPEWELL—Funeral services were held Friday at the Hopewell United Brethren church for Mrs. Elizabeth Kangas, 76, who died at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Polvi, Wednesday morning. Gerald K. Jaffe officiated.

Joan Knight was soloist and Mrs. Toivo Bantari organist.

Mrs. Kangas was born in Finland on August 18, 1866. She came to the United States 22 years later settling in Hanna, Wyo., and was united in marriage to Matt Kangas at Rock Springs, Wyo., in 1891. Four children were born, one son dying in Wyoming and Mr. Kangas in 1934. Survivors include a son, George, two daughters, Mrs. Isaac Polvi and Mrs. George Polvi, four grandchildren and a sister living in Finland.

Burial was at the Hopewell cemetery. Mrs. Kangas was a member of the Lutheran church.

Farm Parity Rates Fixed

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (AP) The war food administration announced Wednesday rates of parity payments which will be made soon to farmers who cooperated with the 1942 farm program.

The rates: Corn produced in the commercial corn area, 7.2 cents per bushel; cigar-filler tobacco type 41, 0.2 cents per pound; cigar-filler and binder types of tobacco 42-44, 46, and 51-55, one cent per pound; and wheat 13.7 cents per bushel.

These payments, coupled with market returns and soil conservation payments, will give farmers full parity prices for these crops.

In announcing the payment rates, the WFA said that parity payments will not be made on the other basic crops—cotton and soybeans—since the farm price of these crops and soil conservation payments equal the parity prices.

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FDR Gives Labor Board Bigger Club

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (AP) President Roosevelt handed the war labor board a big financial club Wednesday with which to enforce its orders against defiant unions.

But there was no indication that the board would swing the new weapon immediately in the direction of John L. Lewis, whose United Mine workers have staged the most spectacular insurrection against the WLB. Rather it was expected that any action on the case of the mine workers would await return of the coal mines to private operation. The miners have been back in the pits without a contract since Secretary of the Interior Ickes took over the mines as government administrator after the strike shut-downs of early summer.

The presidential order gives the WLB power to punish a recalcitrant union by withholding check-off dues until it comes into line, or knock out other major contract benefits.

Moving quickly under portions of the new policy which affect employers rather than workers, the board directed two companies on its non-compliance list to appear at hearings within the next ten days and to show cause why they should not comply with the board's orders.

Officials of the Atlantic Basin Iron Works, Inc., Brooklyn, were directed to appear on August 25. The company has objected to maintenance of membership and arbitration provisions of the WLB order.

The McGeorge Contracting company, Bauxite, Ark., was directed to appear on August 27. The order in the case requires maintenance of union membership.

The return of the mines to private ownership appeared to be the "zero" hour for possible WLB action on union sanctions because the UMW policy committee had said its agreement to work until October 31 would "automatically terminate" if government custody of the mines is withdrawn.

Such an eventuality, under the new compliance program, would require Ickes to ask the board for an order withholding "the benefits, privileges or rights accruing" to the union. Specifically, union dues collected by deductions from pay rolls would be held in escrow until compliance was obtained. The government also could drop enforcement of the union shop in the mines pending compliance.

A back-log of more than a dozen non-compliance cases has developed since Lewis' defiance; all are employer defiances. Hitherto the WLB has enforced its orders against recalcitrant employers by referring the cases to the president, who ordered plants seized if the employers rejected his appeal.

Lewis' defiance put a different slant on the subject. Although the coal operators obeyed the board, their properties were seized and no penalties were applied against the UMW. The board was so critical of this policy that it declined to ask sanctions against employers while there was no weapon to deal with union defiance. It worked out and submitted to the White House a comprehensive policy.



OFFICER — Capt. Marion Ross (above) of Toronto is the first woman to be commissioned in the Canadian Army as a medical officer. She accompanied the invasion forces to Sicily.

Eden Arrives In Quebec

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prime minister, W. L. Mackenzie King, has bumped into some political setbacks of late.

Persons close to Mr. Roosevelt said that, aside from a personal friendship dating back to undergraduate days at Harvard university, the president feels that the present administration in Canada is making a real contribution to the allied cause and would dislike to see any upset which could change the situation. Mackenzie King's liberal party still is dominant in the dominion parliament but has lost four recent by-elections.

Furthermore, liberals in the dominion house of commons from Quebec province sometimes jump as the scene of the allied war parley could be significant from that point of view.

Parliament is not in session now in Ottawa but members might be invited to return informally to hear an address by the American chief executive.

Today Mr. Roosevelt and Churchill were hard at the job of formulating war strategy in the citadel on the cliffs above the St. Lawrence. Members of the British and American chiefs of staff and their subordinate experts came and went all day long.

Grass Fire Put Under Control, No Real Damage

AUMSVILLE — A second fire within two days broke out Wednesday on the C. D. Boone place. A burning cigarette stub may have been thrown into the dry grass by the roadside, for the grass suddenly seemed to spring into flames, burning a number of shocks of hay cut on the Boone place, then spread rapidly into the house yard of the Henry Porter place.

The fire was nearing the house when the Aumsville fire truck and volunteer firemen succeeded in getting it under control before any real damage was done. The family living in the Boone house was not at home at the time.

RAF Bombers Demolish Nazi Air Plants

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make their reports. They struck the latter city and flew on to Africa in one major phase of what was termed officially "the greatest operations in American aerial history."

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'This Is Army' Has Full House

High-spirited youth, learning to wear the harness of war—"This Is the Army," and Salem got an eye-fel and earful of it Wednesday night at the Elsinore theatre, where a full house greeted the Army Emergency Relief benefit premiere of the filmed version of two Irving Berlin "soldier shows."

Here and there, heads nodded knowingly as phases of army life struck home to a theatre-full of soldiers' parents, sisters, brothers, wives and sweethearts. Now and then a handkerchief was wadded, but laughter, free and hilarious, was the great and common response to the technicolor picture.

Beginning with 1918's "Yip Yip Yaphank" the production carries through to the stage production of "This Is the Army," weaving in its colorful length a love story of today and the development of lives of soldiers of the first World war.

Enthusiastic applause came spontaneously from the Salem premiere attendance for not only the picture but the musical prologue by the cavalry band directed by Chief Warrant Officer Marion C. Walter.

Cpls. Mackey Swan and Jimmy Leone, members of the band, presented feature numbers in the program of army favorites, several of which were taken from the Berlin repertoire.

Appreciation on behalf of the army for the large ticket sale and resulting large contribution to Army Emergency Relief was expressed by Col. A. H. Stackpole, introduced by Gene Vandeneynede, chairman of the citizens' committee for the benefit.

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Legion Urges Speed-up For Deporting Bridges

SAN FRANCISCO, August 18 (AP)—A speed-up in deportation proceedings against Harry Bridges, west coast CIO longshore leader, was urged Wednesday by the state American Legion convention. In the last session of its three-day 25th annual meeting.

The resolution called upon the Legion's national Americanization committee "to ascertain why the Bridges case had not been pushed to a conclusion, and criticized Attorney General Francis Biddle and the justice department for so-called delay.

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