

Munitions Found Aboard Fake Jap Hospital Ship

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King George Welcomes Truman at Plymouth



President Truman shakes hands with King George VI as he is piped aboard the British battle-cruiser *Renown* at Plymouth, England, where the two met after the president returned from Germany and the Big Three conference, en route to the U.S. (AP Wirephoto via radio from London).

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

The Polish corridor was the excuse used by Hitler to touch off the second world war. A study of the map of the new boundaries of Russia, Poland and eastern Germany offers ground for prediction of a third world war if Germany ever rises to military stature as a great power again. One cannot identify the boundary lines as in any way related to the Russia of Poland or Germany that was.

Take East Prussia. The northeastern portion, with the capital and principal port of Königsberg, is given to Russia. Never in history was it part of Russia. The southwestern portion is given to Poland, though it never was an organic part of Poland. This region on the Baltic was settled and dominated by the Teutonic knights. Poland may have claimed some tenuous authority in the region but it ceased being a fief of Poland in 1657.

As far as Poland is concerned, following its three partitions (1772-1795), Russia held dominion over most of the country, but not over eastern Galicia with Lwów, its principal city. Now Russia extends her boundaries westward to the Bug river and embraces eastern Galicia.

In the west, Poland is to be compensated with liberal slices of eastern Germany, including some lands lying east of the Oder and much of mineral-rich Silesia. This area was never Polish, always German.

We need have little charity for Germany whose double sins (Continued on Editorial Page)

Construction of Battery Factory To Begin Soon

The National Battery company, which purchased a site in West Salem several weeks ago, probably will begin construction within the next 10 to 15 days, it was learned by The Oregon Statesman Friday. The company, with head offices at St. Paul, Minn., will build a plant for the manufacture of batteries and will employ around 125 persons on a year-round basis.

Animal Crackers



"Yeah, how can you tell?"

Defeat of Japan, Liberation Of Nip-Conquered Territory Planned by High Commands

ABOARD U.S.S. AUGUSTA WITH PRESIDENT TRUMAN, Aug. 3-(AP)—Powerful new blows to speed the complete defeat of Japan and the liberation of Japanese-held territories were planned by the Anglo-American high commands at the Potsdam Big Three conference, it was disclosed officially today.

At the same time, President Truman told reporters aboard this homeward bound cruiser that he had made "no secret agreements of any kind" in the meeting with Generalissimo Stalin and Prime Minister Attlee. The president is preparing a radio report which he will make to the people of the United States soon after his return to Washington next week.

Disclosure of the Anglo-American military talks was made jointly aboard the Augusta and in London where Prime Minister Attlee has already returned. Russia did not participate in this announcement, since Russia is not a party to the war against Japan.

The president and prime minister, their statement said, approved various undisclosed proposals made by British and American chiefs of staff. The military leaders discussed a "re-allocation of areas and commands in the southwest Pacific and southeast Asia areas and consideration was given to the employment in the war against Japan of forces of the other allied nations that are at war with Japan."

In Washington, it is expected that Lord Louis Mountbatten, the British commander in southeast Asia, will be given a greatly enlarged command area embracing the bulk of the territory over which General Douglas MacArthur originally had control. That is the area of the southwest Pacific which includes Australia, the Solomon Islands and the Dutch East Indies. Mountbatten's area, it is believed, will extend from the Solomons north and west to a line running just south of the Philippine Islands.

The corner was structurally part of the same building with The Statesman's portion. It is one of the oldest on Commercial street, dating back to the late '70's. It was successively used for mercantile purposes, as post office for Salem, as state offices for the governor, the supreme court, and the library before the old capitol was occupied, and for printing and publishing plants.

The Statesman has occupied the major portion since 1920. The entire building is being repainted, inside and outside.

"We have needed the space for a long time," said Charles A. Sprague, publisher, "and are much pleased to conclude a purchase from the WCTU. We hope some time after the war to erect a new building and have acquired a lot for the purpose at 270 North Church street, in the block north of the post office."

The WCTU, which has met in the corner room for over 40 years, continues active as an organization. It will meet at the home of one of its members, Mrs. M. D. Ellis, 402 N. Summer st.

Aumsville Private Dies From Okinawa Wounds
AUMSVILLE, Aug. 3—Pvt. William F. Music, 18, died June 8 in a hospital of wounds received May 31 on Okinawa, his mother, Mrs. Alice Music, has been notified by the war department.

Private Music was born June 25, 1926, at Shedd where he also attended school. He was inducted Sept. 20, 1944, and trained at Camp Roberts, Calif.

Crown Gems in U.S. Hands
WITH U.S. SEVENTH ARMY, Aug. 3-(AP)—Hungary's royal crown and other priceless royal and religious treasures were taken to U.S. headquarters in Frankfurt today and await final disposition.

The seventh army captured them last June. Lt. Col. R. P. Rowe of the seventh army military government escorted the treasure with a strong guard of military police.

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Wounded Nips Are Unhurt

Ammunition, Red Crosses Both on Hospital Vessel

MANILA, Aug. 4-(AP)—A Japanese hospital ship carrying arms and fake patients was being brought into an allied port today for investigation, General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced.

The ship, clearly marked with red crosses indicating it carried neither arms nor fighting men, was boarded yesterday in the Banda sea near Timor in a routine investigation in conformity with international law.

The boarding party found batteries of machine guns, packed ammunition marked "medical supplies" and unannounced quantities of other munitions.

The boarding party promptly began investigation of the 1,500 supposed patients.

When bandages were removed and some of the men examined no wounds were found.

The "hospital ship" was marked with red crosses on its sides and upright on the superstructure.

General MacArthur's statement said a boarding party from blockading vessels of the U.S. Seventh fleet went aboard in the routine investigation to make certain that the enemy hospital ship was operating in conformity with international law and the Geneva convention.

The statement said the unauthorized contraband they found included 23 heavy machine guns, 15 light machine guns and an undetermined number of 75 millimeter shells.

The vessel was manned by a crew of 13 officers and 63 enlisted men.

Newman Killed On Okinawa

Word has been received by the parents of Pvt. Edward Newman, jr., 20, that he was killed in action on Okinawa on June 10.

Private Newman, a member of the 17th division, received his basic training at Camp Roberts, Calif., and had been overseas since February of this year.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Newman, 450 East Turner rd., and is survived by them and his sister, Mrs. Pearl Lorraine, route 5, box 65, Salem.

Before entering the service, Private Newman attended Salem high school and was employed a short time by the Red Star Transfer company in Salem.

McMinnville Airport To Receive License

McMINNVILLE, Aug. 3-(AP)—The McMinnville airport will receive its official license from Washington soon, Ed Leach, civil aeronautics authority examiner, said today.

He granted the field a temporary permit. Southwest Airways has asked for feeder service for the town, and two flight schools have opened.

Deprivations of Jap Prison Camp Finally Ends Corporal's Valiant Fight for Life

FORT WORTH, Texas, Aug. 3-(AP)—Cpl. James E. Newman, 25, who was suffering from tuberculosis of the throat, lungs and stomach, died today at his home here at 5:20 p.m.

For Newman it was the end of a tough fight for life that started when the Japs captured him at Bataan. He struggled through the "March of Death"—he didn't remember the last five hours of it. He got through three years of Japanese imprisonment—in a prison camp in the Philippines he endured hopeless starvation and flesh melted from his body.

Doctors at army hospitals in New Guinea and in New Mexico shook their heads over him. They told him his case was hopeless, but Newman wouldn't give up. He wanted to go home to Fort

Worth, he said. He wanted to go back to a little white cottage he had left seven years before. That was where he wanted to make a final fight for life.

(Yesterday he completed his first month at home.)

But physicians at Bruns General hospital told Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Newman, the corporal's parents, that their son could never survive the trip. He was suffering from tuberculosis of the lungs and throat and stomach and from the after-effects of beri-beri. Skin seemed molded to the bones of his six-foot two-inch frame. Once he had been a powerful 170-pound athlete. Now he weighed 92 pounds. "At least he will die happy," Mrs. Newman told the hospital authorities. "He will die on his way home."

NIPS HIT BACK

"Evil Genius"



Ex-Vichy Premier Pierre Laval who testified yesterday that Petain approved his statement "I desire a German victory."

Marshal Accused By Laval

Ex-Premier Says Petain Approved 'Victory' Speech

PARIS, Aug. 3-(AP)—Pierre Laval, the swarthy politician who has been called "the evil genius" of Vichy, testified today that the aged marshal approved his celebrated broadcast statement, "I desire a German victory."

Petain immediately denied the assertion, saying he had ordered Laval to strike the sentence from his address and was horrified when he heard it on the radio.

Laval said he made the declaration to fool the Germans. He showed Petain the text of his speech, he testified, and Petain asked him to change his word, "I believe in a German victory" to "I desire a German victory."

In a four-hour statement amid the surcharged atmosphere of the tense courtroom, the man who is accused of using Petain as a foil while taking orders from Hitler as Vichy's premier, made good his threat, "I will defend myself and I will accuse."

Protesting his own innocence with a smooth flow of words which neither jeering nor laughter nor pointed questions could stop, the veteran figure of the white tie and black satchel whittled these developments into France's celebrated trial.

His disclosure that in 1935 he had concluded a secret military alliance binding France and Mussolini's Italy.

The declaration that the famous Montoire meeting of Petain and Hitler, at which the policy of collaboration was supposed to have been reached, resulted in "nothing at all."

But Laval also admitted ruefully that he had remarked "Here is where we overthrow the French republic," when he had pushed through the acts making Petain virtual dictator in 1940. This was said in jest, he declared.

Construction Fund Collected

Of the \$75,000 tax levied this year to inaugurate a Marion county courthouse construction fund, \$69,948.78 has been collected, County Treasurer Sam J. Butler revealed Friday.

The tax is to run for a period of 10 years. Already \$68,000 of the sum collected is invested in war bonds, Butler said.

While the county's general fund was dropping as the year rolled on (from \$404,951.29 on July 3 to \$370,830.83 yesterday), the general road fund, nourished by state contributions, increased from \$421,395.71 to \$10,840.84. The county school fund rose from \$8021.74 to \$10,840.84 and the various trust funds were upped approximately \$13,000. However, drains on other funds held the August 3 balances to \$1,255,246.01, a little more than \$10,000 above those of July 3.

Shoe Ration End Forecast

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3-(AP)—The end of shoe rationing early next year—or sooner if the war ends in the meantime—was forecast by a war production board official today.

He said prospects for terminating the program early in 1946 are "very good," even if the war still is going on at that time.

Anonymous at his request but qualified by his job to speak authoritatively, the official added: "If Japan surrenders sooner, shoe rationing will go out the window shortly after V-J day."

Sharp cuts in military requirements already made or anticipated were given as the reason why the rationing program may not last beyond another six months.

One Ship Sunk, Another Hit In Jap Air Attack

Superforts Finish Job of Mining Japan's Key Ports; Island Now Circled by Ring of Submerged Steel

GUAM, Saturday, Aug. 4-(AP)—The Japanese, whose every home port now is blocked with air-sown mines, have lashed out at Okinawa and sunk one light American vessel and damaged another in air attacks on that island base where they contend an allied invasion fleet is massing.

Admiral Nimitz announced today that the ship loss occurred on July 29, the first time in 10 days that the enemy has made any offensive gesture at Okinawa and the first time a ship has been hit there since June 22, when two light units were sunk and three were damaged.

Nimitz' brief communique gave no details. The designation of light units, however, usually includes vessels up to the size of light cruisers. While he did not say whether the attack was by suicide planes, that has been the enemy's general method in recent months.

The 20th air force announced Friday that the Superforts had mined all important harbors of Japan and Korea to within 21 miles of Russia. It said only "shadow" shipping could move now.

Japan Supplies Cut
Japan's flow of food and war supplies was declared cut to less than half of the country's needs as a result.

Tokyo radio reported that 500 allied warships, including battleships and cruisers, had recently concentrated in Okinawa waters.

While unfavorable weather forced cancellation of most planned air attacks on Japan, the 20th air force announced that Superfortresses have plugged every major Japanese harbor with mines, completing the strangulation ring. Nimitz announced land-based American naval planes yesterday sank a 700-ton Japanese freighter in Sagami gulf southwest of Tokyo.

The naval planes were attacked by five enemy fighters and five reconnaissance bombers, but shot down two of the reconnaissance planes and damaged one fighter without damage to themselves.

Mustangs Down Two Planes
Ninety-seven a rmy Mustangs from two strafed "targets of opportunity" in the Tokyo area yesterday and shot down two of the 10 Japanese fighters that rose to meet them. They damaged another interceptor and destroyed eight and damaged six grounded enemy planes, the U.S. strategic air forces announced.

Six of the Mustangs were lost, but one pilot was rescued.

Eleven locomotives, three electric locomotives, two gun emplacements and electric transformers were destroyed by the strafers, who also damaged six locomotives, a hangar, 50 railroad cars, several factories and power lines and 12 jugglers and fishing boats.

The Japanese previously had announced the raid without describing results.

Two Midnight Crashes Add To Traffic Toll

Marybeth Vincent, 21, of 1090 N. Fifth st., is at Salem Deaconess hospital, her right temple possibly crushed and extent of any other injuries unknown, following an automobile-train collision on the East State street crossing of the Southern Pacific shortly after midnight today.

The car in which she was riding with Vinice Vondracek, 23, of 1420 N. Fourth st., driven by Luman C. Ramsdell, USMC, Corvallis naval hospital, was demolished. Ramsdell told state police, in whose headquarters dooryard the accident occurred, that he had purchased the secondhand Buick Friday. He was only out and bruised. Miss Vondracek sustained head and possible hip injuries.

City first aid men were summoned to the scene of the East State street accident as they returned to their station from Salem General hospital where they had taken Larry Hendrix, 1106 Valencia st., San Francisco, following his injury in a single car wreck at the Polk county end of the Willamette river bridge. His right knee cap was fractured and his head injured.

Hendrix was riding with Howard Church, 843 Edgewater st., when Church's car swerved into a telephone pole in the northeast angle created by the Wallace road-Edgewater street intersection. The pole, severely splintered, was left hanging from the wires as the vehicle then skidded across the road into another pole in the northwest angle between highway and road. Church, his wife and six-year-old son, riding in the car, were uninjured.

Repatriation Work Goes On

FRANKFURT-ON-MAIN, Germany, Aug. 3-(AP)—Nearly 65 per cent of all displaced persons in western Europe have been returned to their homeland in perhaps the greatest mass repatriation in history, U.S. army statistics disclosed today.

This means that 4,166,000 persons representing 17 European nationalities have been cleared from the ruined cities and highways of the American, British and French occupation zones, leaving 2,174,182 still to be reclaimed.

City	Max.	Min.	Rain
San Francisco	53	47	50
Eugene	79	47	50
Portland	75	49	50
Seattle	73	53	50

Willamette river -18 ft.
FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Early morning cloudiness. Afternoon clear with warm temperatures with maximum near 80 degrees.