

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Squire

Recent remarks of President Truman and of spokesmen of the British labor government reveal a desire to modify the British white paper closing the doors of Palestine to Jews.

In both cases the comments were cautious. After all the Arabs are in a majority in Palestine; they do not want more Jews to come there; and the growing solidarity of the Arabian world is something world statesmen have to reckon with.

Meyer Levin, writing in The Nation on "What's Left of the Jews," says:

"Before the war there were sixteen million Jews in the world. Little more than half are left."

His report was based on his own observations after a tour of western Europe. He adds:

"It has been estimated that there are a million and a quarter Jews alive in Europe, outside of Russia. This estimate may not stand, for the Poles in renewed pogroms are killing off the few hundred thousand who

140,000 Await Liberation in Nippon Camps

MANILA, Aug. 18-(AP)—In prisoner of war and internment camps scattered from Manchuria to Singapore and the Netherlands Indies as many as 140,000 Allied nationals may be awaiting liberation after completion of Japanese surrender negotiations.

A summary of the prisoner of war and internment situation released by the American Red Cross here today said that of 200,000 Allied nationals confined, probably 50,000 died in camps or on torpedoed ships. Most of these fatalities involved prisoners of war. Approximately 10,000, mostly civilians, have been repatriated or liberated.

More than 33,000 prisoners and internees are Americans. Heading the list of imprisoned Allied nationals is Lt. Gen. Jonathan Wainwright, last reported held in Manchuria with 200 high ranking American officers and 1,200 enlisted men. They are believed held in one or two camps. Some of them undoubtedly are survivors of the "march of death" from Bataan.

Production of Film Resumed

ROCHESTER, N.Y., Aug. 18-(AP)—Although production of film, photographic paper and chemicals for civilian use has been resumed it will be late this year before the civilian photographer can snap pictures with the happy abandon of pre-war days.

Eastman Kodak company said today its Kodak Park plant "will continue at maximum speed and capacity producing film and photographic paper and chemicals for civilian needs instead of for war," but added, "it will be late this year before supplies will be ample for normal requirements."

Animal Crackers



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Morse In Favor Of Alumina

Senator Surveys Plant; Believes Work Mandatory

By Wendell Webb (Managing Editor, The Statesman) For the building and preservation of essential national stockpiles, if for no other reason, Salem's alumina-from-clay plant must be placed in operation and maintained, Sen. Wayne L. Morse declared here Saturday.

Oregon's junior senator, on a one-day visit in Salem with Charles Ohling of Portland, said he was "greatly impressed" with the alumina plant at which he spent several hours.

Needed Employment Also Cited "Senator (Guy) Cordon and myself are convinced there must be no cessation," he declared, adding that "the potentialities of a fertilizer by-product alone are vital to every farmer in the valley."

Operation Expected Soon The plant, if ammonium sulphate is available, is to be in operation sometime next month, with a projected original output of 50 tons of ammonia oxide (form which aluminum is made) each day, and a payroll approximating 175.

Senator Morse said he had asked for data on the process, the potentialities and the proven need, for presentation at the proper time.

The former dean of the University of Oregon Law school, who was the honor guest at a small luncheon for him in the Marion hotel, told the group considerable of the events which led to the removal of ration points on Oregon lamb, and of the pressure called for and exercised, on the part of Oregon's senators, in obtaining that end.

Refusal of the OPA's Chester Bowles to act, and a delay on the part of the secretary of agriculture in intervening, resulted in Morse taking the case directly to the president, with unduplicated facts and figures to show the need for quick action. It also resulted in an argument over free speech in the senate which Morse called "an even more important issue."

The presidential intervention, plus a threat to inform the president later while he was at Potsdam that his order was not carried out—in addition to the challenge to the senate to keep itself an open forum on factual argument—finally effected the new OPA order.

Talks at Champeog Today But Morse, who not long ago termed the OPA "a mess," still isn't satisfied. "In travelling out here, all the way from Iowa on ranches and in feed lots, I saw livestock that should have been killed a year ago to be in its prime," he commented.

The senator, who will speak at the Farmers Union picnic at Champeog today, said he would leave for Washington, D. C., August 25, for the new congressional session early in September.

NEW HUDSONS ROLLING DETROIT, Aug. 18-(AP)—Hudson Motor Car Co. announced today its first 1946 model cars will roll off the assembly line within 10 days.

President Truman Pledges Full Federal Aid in Reconversion

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18-(AP)—President Truman late today threw the whole weight of government behind America's rushing drive into the peace-time future.

Mr. Truman issued a directive which, rounding up and formalizing all he had said during the week, told his department and agency heads they must:

"Move as rapidly as possible without endangering the stability of the economy toward the removal of price, wage, production and other controls and toward the restoration of collective bargaining and the free market.

Japan Home Radio Cuts Out 'Defeat'

In U.S. Version Minister Says Nippon Beaten

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 18-(AP)—The Domei agency broadcast in English to America today that Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu informed the Japanese bluntly they were beaten and must face the facts. But Domei later broadcast "the full text" of his asserted "press conference statement" to the orient in Japanese—and it included no such statement.

"Unfortunately, we have to face the fact that we have been defeated," he was quoted in the English language broadcast as informing his press conference. There was no similar quotation in "the full text" beamed to the orient.

Shigemitsu, said another broadcast quoting the newspaper Asahi, has been named liaison man between the imperial government and General MacArthur's occupation forces.

In plain words, Shigemitsu recognized defeat and said: "This fact should be admitted as it is, and any over-optimistic view should be avoided. Every Japanese should repeatedly read, and realize, the terms of the Potsdam declaration and carry them out courageously."

Shigemitsu told the press "it goes without saying that it is necessary to change speedily our way of thinking." He added that "the price which must be paid for this defeat in battle is very high, but as the consequence of such all-out war, that cannot be helped."

Occupation jitters apparently had replaced invasion fears in Japanese minds as Domei quoted an unidentified Tokyo newspaper urging that no attention be paid to rumors that American troops and a Chungking army already had landed in Nippon.

Group Studies State Publicity

Education of Oregonians as to the tourist possibilities of the state and provisions of accommodations for the thousands of vacationers loosed upon Oregon's coast, mountains and rivers by the cessation of gasoline rationing are the two major problems facing the tourist industry today, members of the governor's committee on tourist promotion agreed at their meeting here Saturday.

Arden X. Pangborn, Portland, Oregon Advertising club, chairman of the governor's committee, with Fred M. Brenne of Eugene, Frank Logan of Bend, Clyde D. Richey of Pendleton, Hank Gray of Medford, Malcolm Epley of Klamath Falls and Arch Sanders of the Oregon Coast association, in session with Governor Earl Snell asked that at least the educational portion of the selling job be undertaken by the highway commission's tourist travel bureau. (See story page 2).

University of Oregon, OSC Schedule Picnics

PORTLAND, Aug. 18-(AP)—The University of Oregon and Oregon State college will entertain prospective students next week at annual Portland picnics.

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A dance in downtown Portland will follow the Oregon State picnic Thursday at Washington park.

Defeated?



Japanese Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu who admitted the defeat of the Japanese Empire on an English language broadcast. His "defeat" statement was noticeably absent in the Japanese language version.

Tokyo's Guns, Fighters Attack Recon Planes

OKINAWA, Aug. 18-(AP)—The guns of war still blazed today in the skies over the Tokyo area, where for the second straight day Japanese fighters attacked American reconnaissance bombers while flak batteries thundered below.

This time two of the Liberator's big brothers, B-32s on a photo mission, were set upon by 14 Japanese fighters which fatally wounded the aerial photographer in one plane and wounded two crew members.

Two of the attackers were shot down, and two others probably were destroyed. With two probably shot down yesterday, that made a toll of six enemy planes knocked out around Tokyo since Thursday.

"If this is the Japs' idea of peace, then I got a few ideas about peace for them," asserted a top turret gunner out of the flight of four B-32s which had been attacked the day before.

Truman Eyes Cabinet Change

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18-(AP)—President Truman was reported tonight to be considering a far-reaching reorganization of government labor and social security agencies which would create:

- 1. A new department of welfare with cabinet status.
2. A powerful labor relations bureau within the labor department.

Responsible sources said the labor relations bureau was suggested by Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach as part of his plan for reorganizing his department.

This proposal will be placed before the forthcoming labor-management conference to be called by President Truman. If approved by it, the administration will ask congress for enabling legislation.

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China Tension Eases, Nips to Lay Down Arms

CHUNGKING, Aug. 18-(AP)—Tension between the central government and the Chinese communists eased today as preparations were completed for the surrender of all Japanese forces in China on Tuesday.

After two days of apparent defiance of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's government, communist leader Gen. Mao Tze-Tung was reported to have agreed to send a representative to Chungking to discuss outstanding issues with Gen. Chiang.

The overall surrender of Japanese forces in China was scheduled to take place at Chihkiang in Hunan province.

The surrender meeting was originally planned for Monday, but the Japanese were given an extra day.

The entry of Chinese troops into the great industrial metropolis of Canton and the surrender of Japanese forces in south China also was delayed.

In London, a British foreign office spokesman said 6800 interned allied nationals, including 650 Americans, had been liberated by the Japanese in Shanghai.

Refugees Given Aid by UNRRA

LONDON, Aug. 18-(AP)—Overriding the dissent of Russia, Poland, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia, the council of the United Nations relief and rehabilitation administration today sanctioned aid for war refugees who wish to remain in exile.

The 28-44 vote in an open plenary session was taken after opponents charged the step would involve UNRRA in explosive European politics.

Delegates from Yugoslavia and Poland declared that if UNRRA cares for persons unwilling to be repatriated the organization would be violating a rule against mixing in the politics of member countries.

12 Billion Goal Of Victory Loan

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18-(AP)—The eighth and final war loan—the "Victory" drive—probably will have a goal of \$12,000,000,000 and begin Oct. 29.

This was tentatively agreed upon at a conference here today of state war bond chairmen and treasury officials, including Secretary Vinson.

The \$12,000,000,000 goal—two billion dollars lower than the seventh goal—will include five billion in individual purchases and seven for corporations. Of the individual purchases, two billion is to be in "E" bonds.

Errors in Enrolling Place Doubt on Legality Of Law Providing for Short Income Tax Forms

A simplified form for the 1945 state income tax, approved for in a measure passed by the state legislative session, apparently is in jeopardy, it developed Saturday.

The state tax commission said serious enrolling errors had been discovered after the session laws were printed, and that court action probably would be sought quickly to determine the status of the act before the commission starts the work of printing the income tax plans.

It was estimated the forms would require more than 15 tons of paper, and that work of addressing and mailing would take several months.

The bill, as originally approved by the house, provided that the tax commission in computing the arbitrary deductions to be used in the simplified tax form should include federal taxes and seven

Demand U.S. Bases In Pacific

Fortress Isles Recommended By Subcommittee

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18-(AP)—Outright retention by the United States of a group of Pacific islands, including some now claimed by France, Australia and Great Britain, was recommended today by a house naval subcommittee.

They must be kept as naval and military bases if the United States is to assume responsibility for keeping peace in the Pacific, the committee asserted in a report made public by Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.).

It did not suggest how obtaining title to islands claimed by friendly nations, but emphasized that it is essential that the United States have free and unrestrained access to them.

Specifically, the committee recommended that:

- 1. The United States should have at least dominating control over the former Japanese mandated islands of the Marshalls, the Carolines, and the Marianas—commonly known as "Micronesia"—and over the outlying Japanese island of the Izu, Bonins, and Ryukus.

2. The United States should be given specific and substantial rights to the sites where American bases have been constructed on island territories of allied nations.

3. With respect to Manus, Noumea, Espiritu Santo, Guadalcanal and other sites of American bases on island mandated to, or claimed by, other nations, full title to those bases should be given to the United States because "these other nations are not capable of defending such islands and 'as these bases are links in our chain of security we cannot permit any link to be in the hands of those who will not or cannot defend it'."

4. The United States must not permit its Pacific bases to lapse back into a state of unpreparedness, as in the instances of Guam and Wake, prior to the present war.

Fete Planned For Ball Team

The youth of Salem, ranging from the American Legion team, which recently battled its way into the state tournament in Portland, to members of the 'A', 'B' and Peeewe divisions of the city's Junior baseball loops, will have their innings at the American Legion meeting Monday night at the Legion hall, with Oliver B. Huston, the group's athletic director, in charge.

The program calls for presentation of awards to all the winning teams in Salem's leagues and to the Capital Post juniors. Coaches, sponsors, and dads of the youngsters have been invited. Bill Klepper, business manager of the Portland Beavers, is expected to be on hand as an honor guest. (See sport page for further details.)

Nips Land at Ie Shima, Change To U.S. Planes

IE SHIMA, Sunday, Aug. 19-(AP)—Japan's surrender envoys arrived by air from Tokyo at this tiny island west of Okinawa this afternoon and within 45 minutes were transferred to an American C-54 transport plane and took off for Manila to receive their orders from General MacArthur.

The two Japanese surrender planes, white-painted with green crosses and signalling the code word "Bataan," as ordered, made the trip from Tokyo in five hours and 27 minutes. The flight to Manila requires about six hours more, so that the Tokyo party should arrive there early tonight.

The surrender party numbered 13 men, mostly military, but evidently including secretaries and interpreters.

Upon landing at the new B29 strip here at 1:45 p.m. (8:45 p.m., Saturday, Pacific war time), the Japanese planes taxied up alongside two C-54s and the occupants lined up under a wing.

There Lt. Gen. Ennis C. Whitehead, commanding the U.S. army

MANILA, Sunday, Aug. 19-(AP)—Japanese imperial headquarters radioed General MacArthur today that "some of our forces" had landed on Shimushu in the Kuriles, north of Japan, and Japanese forces "are obliged to resort to arms for self-defense."

The report, transmitted over the official channel designated by MacArthur in English Morse, was made after Emperor Hirohito was quoted by Japanese officials as having issued an order Thursday for his forces everywhere to cease hostilities.

Fifth air force, and Brig. Gen. Frank Smith, commanding the Fifth fighter command, gave them brief instructions and they stepped into one of the waiting American transports.

Several hundred American servicemen, shouting happily, watched the arrival and departure from behind barbed-wire fences which had been erected 200 yards from the strip.

The Japanese are not empowered to agree to terms of surrender. They will simply be getting their orders from MacArthur on what Japan must do to carry the terms into effect. The formal articles of surrender will be signed later.

The Japanese messaged their plans and itinerary yesterday to MacArthur, who had grown impatient at their delays and had sent them a peremptory note to quit stalling and comply with his orders at once.

Oregon 35 Mph Rule Revoked

Oregon's 35-mile-per-hour wartime speed limit is history today. Lifting of the highway regulation was announced Saturday by Gov. Earl Snell following receipt of a telegram from the office of defense transportation declaring that the ODT had revoked its national speed limit.

"Motorists should not forget," the governor warned, "that tires are worn and old and new ones are not immediately available," as he urged continued caution and careful driving. A considerable percentage of the Oregon cars tested in recent extensive brake checksup showed inadequate braking facilities, the governor added.

TOKYO COMMAND PLANNED

GUAM, Sunday, Aug. 19-(AP)—Admiral Nimitz will continue to maintain his headquarters on Guam for the time being, his aides said today, although he contemplates establishing headquarters in the Tokyo area eventually.

25,000 Japs Surrender to Soviet Troops

LONDON, Aug. 18-(AP)—Japanese troops laid down their arms in growing numbers in Manchuria today while Soviet spearheads swept within 70 miles of Hsinking, puppet capital of Tokyo's stolen empire, and plowed out gains of 19 to 67 miles toward Harbin.

Moscow's war bulletin indicated that more than 25,000 enemy troops gave up the fight during the day for a two-day surrender total of 45,000.

But thousands of other Japanese troops had not obeyed the "cease fire" order. The Russian army newspaper Red Star estimated there were more than 1,000,000 crack Japanese soldiers in Manchuria, Korea, inner Mongolia and southern Sakhalin island.

Slashing forward on three fronts Soviet columns narrowed to 253 miles the closing pincers that threaten to split Manchuria in two, outflanked the old capital of Mukden and drove within 143 miles of Harbin, great central Manchurian arsenal city.

Meanwhile at the headquarters of Soviet far eastern commander Marshal Alexander M. Vasilievsky, presumably at Khabarovsk—conferences were believed in progress with a Japanese surrender emissary who was picked up by a Soviet plane today at Harbin.

U.S. Demands Free Bulgaria Election Vote

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18-(AP)—The United States today warned the Bulgarian government—a regime set up after the Russian army moved in—to free its forthcoming elections from fear and intimidation so that they may be truly democratic.

Otherwise, Secretary of State Byrnes made clear, this country will not consider signing a peace treaty with the former axis satellite nation.

Britain backed up the American position. A foreign office commentator in London said the two nations were presenting a "common front" in the attitude that the present regime does not represent all the democratic elements of Bulgaria. He added, however, that so far as he knew Britain had not given Bulgaria formal notice of its position.

Franco's Radio Asks 'Enemies' to Visit Spain

MADRID, Aug. 18-(AP)—The government-controlled Spanish national radio said today that Generalissimo Franco's regime wanted only to be "left alone to execute its own political revolution in order and tranquility."

The broadcast, beamed by short wave to America, included an invitation to "all, and particularly our outstanding enemies," to visit Spain and said the government would offer them "full hospitality hoping only they will tell the world the truth."

Jefferson Man Listed As Missing in Action

JEFFERSON, Aug. 18—Floyd Ralph Wolfe, gunner's mate 3/c, is missing in action since the Indianapolis was sunk July 30. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Wolfe, have received word from the navy department.

He was one of three sons of the couple serving with the armed forces. He had been in the navy two and a half years and in the south Pacific two years.

Weather

Table with columns: Location, Max., Min., Rain. Includes San Francisco, Salem, Eugene, Portland, Seattle, and Willamette river.