

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

The Japanese broadcasts to their own people betray a deep fear in the minds of the overlords. The appeals to the people to rally behind the emperor, to accept the orders of his "august majesty," to bow to the burdens now imposed on them, and to preserve order all tend to reveal the psychology of the ruling class and its apprehension over the reaction when the Japanese people learn the true "facts of life."

The Japanese have been deceived all through the war. Their press and radio broadcast the official communiques telling from time to time that the American fleet was sunk. They withheld news of American victories until they had to admit them. Up to the last there were the promises, empty as we knew, of ultimate victory.

When the Japanese people learn the truth, will they rise in rebellion and throw out their evil rulers? Will they revert under the sting of defeat and the pangs of hunger to disorder verging on anarchy? Evidently the overlords fear trouble. Hence they are touting the emperor as the divine being who must be obeyed. They feel they can put over the emperor's will that they will be spared the vengeance which the people might rightfully visit upon them for their misdeeds.

The premier Prince Higashi-Kuni adds his voice to the other appeals, asking the people to "maintain strict discipline and equanimity in the face of the current situation." This indeed is a test of the ability of the Japs to undergo discipline and maintain equanimity. If there were any sort of leadership the people might turn in revolt—and such a purge is needed in Japan. It will be unfortunate if our yielding to the emperor myth prevents the internal political and social reorganization which seems necessary for Japan's emergence from its condition of modernized feudalism, a primitive nobility system to which has been engrafted western capitalism.

Legion Leases Hall to USO at \$250 Monthly

The American Legion will lease its hall to the USO for \$250 a month, retroactive to August 1, with the proviso that the legion will use the building after 6 p.m. each Monday, under terms of a contract announced yesterday.

The contract, drawn for the legion by Attorney Braser Small, was accepted in its original form with the exception that the legion will not have the option to purchase certain equipment which is owned by the national, not the local, USO. The lease is for the duration and six months.

After 6 p.m. each Monday, visitors seeking USO facilities will have access to the YMCA. The USO will continue to pay for the Legion hall upkeep.

The USO took over the Legion quarters late in 1942 through lease from the government, but the center became community-operated under the local USO in November of last year. Since resuming full time work in July, the USO has been on a month to month lease basis.

George P. Lilley Named Commission Chairman

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 20.—(Special)—Gov. Earl Snell Monday named George P. Lilley to the chairmanship of the Oregon liquor control commission, to succeed Paul Crooks, who resigned recently.

Under the rotating system of selecting chairman, the senior member of the commission is recommended to the governor for the chairmanship so that each member will serve one year as chairman. Lilley will serve for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Animal Crackers



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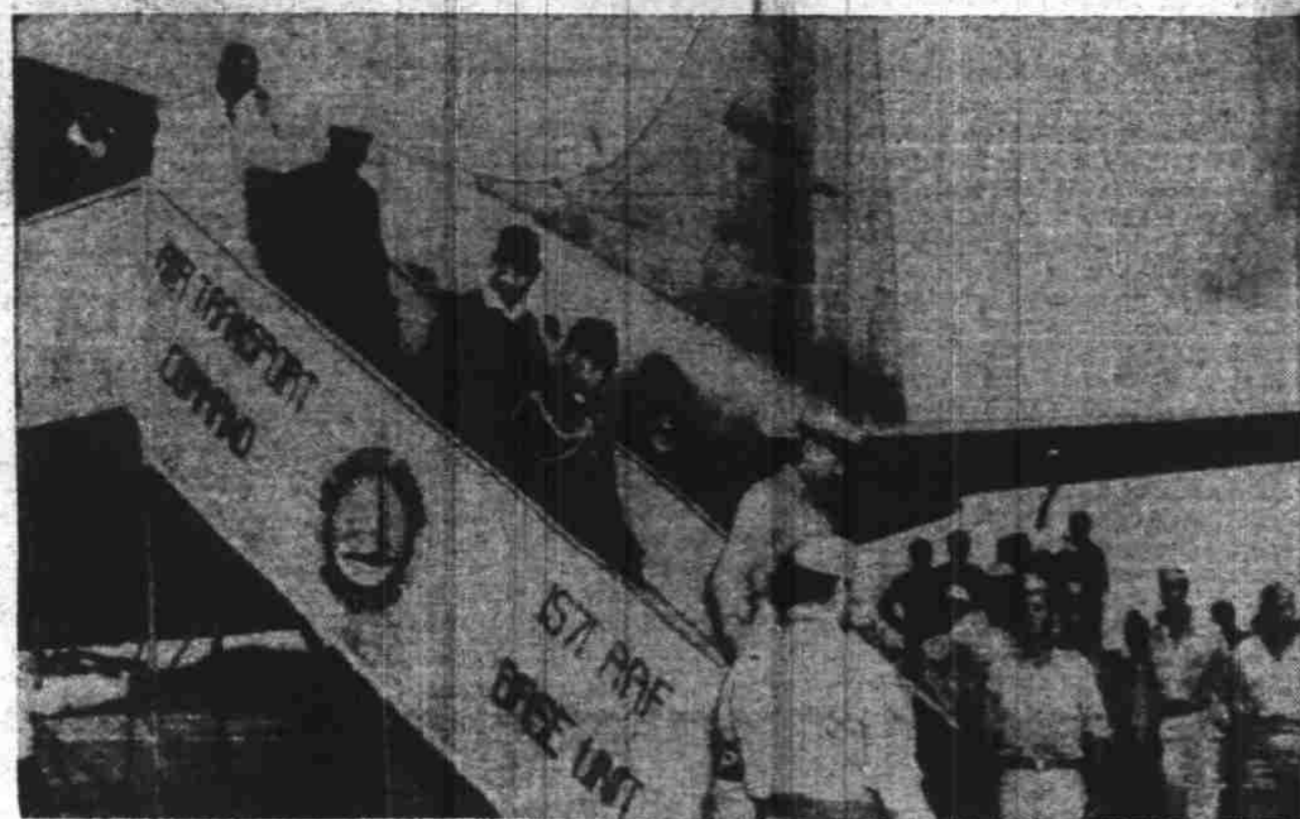
Salem, Oregon, Tuesday Morning, August 21, 1945

Weather			
	Max.	Min.	Rain
San Francisco	73	54	50
Eugene	69	44	50
Salem	61	45	50
Portland	61	45	50
Seattle	70	45	50

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Clear today with relatively high temperatures. Maximum 85 degrees.

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Jap Delegation Leaves Plane at Manila



Members of 16-man Jap surrender arrangement delegation file out of C-54 transport on arrival at Manila from Ie Shima. Col. Leo Dawson, U. S. field commander, is leading party followed by Lt. Gen. Takashiro Kawabe, vice chief Jap imperial staff. Others unidentified. (AP wirephoto from signal corps via radio from Manila.)

Department of Agriculture, U.S. Army Asked to Help Avert Huge Loss in Beans

Urgent efforts to obtain at least 1000 additional bean pickers to avert a loss of 40 per cent of the Willamette valley bean crop were made in appeals through Gov. Earl Snell to Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson and Gen. George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, last night.

A loss of approximately \$750,000 is anticipated by the growers in the Salem area alone unless help is forthcoming before Wednesday, it was asserted by W. G. Nibler, county agent, after a meeting of the special transportation committee of the Cannery association and leading growers with Salem Chamber of Commerce officials.

"We desire to point out that canners and growers planned this year's pack on the basis of 50 per cent being contracted for purchase by the army service forces, and the remaining fifty per cent for increased civilian demand," a prepared joint statement asserted. "In former years approximately the same acreage has been harvested in this area. The complacency of our civilian population makes it impossible to recruit sufficient labor to harvest this crop at a time when the food is so urgently needed."

L. A. Warner, president of the chamber of commerce, urged workers, idle because of the paper mill fire, and others released from war jobs to immediately volunteer their help.

Fred Wolf, coordinator for the Cannery committee, reported unusually high earnings in the bean yards. One youth, he reported, had earned \$15 before 3 p. m. A girl had earned \$12. Family groups were earning from \$20 to \$30. See page 10 for further valley harvest details.

Holiday Labor Gets Premium

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—(AP)—War workers who stayed on the job last Wednesday and Thursday while a big part of the country celebrated Japan's surrender received assurance today of "premium pay" for their labors.

President Truman issued an executive order adding those two days to an earlier list of six holidays for which war workers must be paid time and one-half for hours actually worked.

35 Icelandic Brides Depart for New Home

REYKJAVIK, Iceland, Aug. 20.—(AP)—The U. S. navy vessel F-13 carrying 35 Icelandic brides of American military personnel and 22 of their children left here today for New York where it is expected to arrive in about a week.

Altogether, 130 Icelandic girls have married Americans stationed here during the war and 80 of these brides have already received free passage to the United States.

Navy Lowers Draft Quotas For September

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—(AP)—The navy, clearing its decks for demobilization and return to peacetime status, cut its September selective service requisitions by 9000 today and said it hopes soon to start recruitment of volunteers.

Announcing the cut at a news conference, Vice-Admiral Randall Jacobs, chief of the bureau of personnel, said the new September total of 13,000 includes 10,000 for the navy instead of 17,000 originally requested and 3000 for the marine corps instead of an original 5000 figure. The coast guard, at peak strength now, had no September quota.

Several other changes in the navy's draft quotas were announced today. The first of an estimated 327,000 personnel immediately eligible for discharge under the navy demobilization program announced last week already are enroute home, Admiral Jacobs said.

Five separation centers already are in operation and 15 others will be opened by September 15.

The navy expects to release from 1,500,000 to 2,500,000 within the next 12 to 18 months.

Chinese Civil Strife Grows

CHUNGKING, Aug. 20.—(AP)—Chinese communist and government troops were credibly reported today to have clashed in north China while Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek appealed again to communist leaders to come to Chungking to settle differences peacefully.

These developments in China's tension-packed political crisis came amid demands and counter-demands that civil war be averted. The communists yesterday declared the threat of widespread hostilities was grave.

Chiang sent an urgent message to Communist Leader Gen. Mao Tse-Tung in Yenan, urging him to reconsider his refusal to journey to Chungking to discuss a peaceful settlement.

Mac to Go 'On to Tokyo' To Dictate Nip Surrender

Fire Halts Output At Pulp Mill

Clearing away of debris from the spectacular fire at the Oregon Pulp & Paper company was proceeding rapidly today while company officials laid plans for rebuilding and a resumption of operations at the earliest possible date.

There was no official approximation of damage from the blaze, which broke out in the plant's wood room shortly after 4:30 p. m. Sunday, but unofficial estimates ran to \$250,000 and upward. Work of all three shifts at the plant have been halted temporarily, involving more than 500 men.

Fanned by Brick Wind
A brisk wind whipped the blaze to dangerous proportions within a few minutes after sparks from a welding torch in the wood room set off a dust explosion, and the plant's fuel bin and wood room, including entry chutes from the river, saws and chopper, were beyond hope within a few minutes.

The fire spread quickly to the three story frame digester building housing six digesters, but a stubborn three-and-a-half hour battle halted the conflagration before it destroyed the entire structure. It was estimated most of the digesters could be salvaged. The blaze also was stopped short of the main building housing processing and converting machinery, as well as the acid and bleach plant.

Chlorine Brought Out
The tank cars of chlorine on the plant's sidings were hauled to safety by an S. P. switch engine while flaming embers were falling from the roof of the digester plant far above. Three freight cars loaded with supplies were destroyed.

Several smaller fires were started hundreds of yards away from the main blaze, so high was the wind, but all were controlled quickly except those at a small shed and storage bin to the south, which partially burned. Had the wind been in the opposite direction, several other industries including the Spaulding Lumber yard would have been even more seriously menaced. As it was, the wind made fire-fighting doubly difficult by hampering water streams from hoses.

All Firemen Called
All available firemen were called, and all but one city truck—kept outside of the fire zone for use in emergency—were brought into play. Scores of military policemen from Camp Adair helped firemen and also aided local police in directing traffic, maintaining order and corralling the crowds out of the danger zones.

The flames were kept from reaching sulphur stores, the igniting of which would have sent out huge quantities of noxious gas. Thousands of persons thronged the business area to witness the blaze, attracted by the huge smoke clouds thrown up before the flames broke into the open.

Douglas Armstrong, plant superintendent, said re-opening of the industry was dependent on the extent of damage and the availability of materials both for reconstruction and for processing. It was anticipated that pulp manufactured elsewhere might be shipped in temporarily, some from Washington and some perhaps from the Scandinavian countries.

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Major Vidkun Quisling, on trial for treason in Norway, pleads innocent to charges that he accepted gold from Hitler, yesterday.

Quisling Pleads Innocent on Bribery Count

OSLO, Aug. 20.—(AP)—A sensational charge that Maj. Vidkun Quisling planned the Nazi invasion of Norway and received gold from Hitler for betraying his country marked the opening today of the treason trial of the former puppet premier.

Quisling, visibly shaken by the accusation, rose from his seat and muttered weakly "That's not true."

Trying desperately to control himself, Quisling answered that he always considered Germany Norway's most dangerous threat.

"I am the savior of Scandinavia," he said. "I am the martyr of Norway."

With sudden emotion, Quisling added: "By appeasing the Germans in Norway I stopped them from attacking Norway."

As the trial opened the prosecution disclosed that testimony is now being taken in Germany and will be introduced in court from Hermann Goering, Dr. Alfred Rosenberg, Joachim von Ribbentrop and other high ranking Nazis themselves awaiting war crimes trials.

Situation on Tires Still Termed 'Tight'

The Salem war price and rationing board said Monday it had been notified that the tire situation remained "pretty tight," and that applications must be signed by employers or transportation companies for which applicants are working. Plant area boards have been abolished and all applications now go through the ration board itself, it was announced.

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General to Lead Combat Amada Within 10 Days

MANILA, Tuesday, Aug. 21.—(AP)—General MacArthur announced today that within ten days he would dictate surrender articles in Japan, where he will go quickly at the head of powerful army, navy and air forces.

The Japanese emissaries of capitulation, who made preliminary arrangements for the allied occupation in conferences here with MacArthur's subordinates, left by air for Tokyo Monday afternoon. At Ie Island, where they were transferred from an American transport to their two white surrender planes, one section of the party was delayed overnight when its craft rolled into a ditch.

The chief delegate, Lt. Gen. Takashiro Kawabe, went in the first plane, which left Ie at 6:40 p. m. yesterday and presumably now is in Tokyo. The second plane, after an all-night checkup by American experts, was allowed to proceed at 8:40 a. m. today.

Japanese headquarters later reported to MacArthur by radio that the first plane had landed at Tokyo at 8:30 a. m. today (Japanese time) after being delayed by engine trouble which "necessitated a forced landing at an unscheduled point."

The sky-filling American air fleets, the landing troops and the allied naval armada scheduled to move speedily into Japan will be alerted for any emergency as they approach the shores of that seething country.

The Japanese notified MacArthur officially that they were keeping forces under arms at home "for the maintenance of order," and the Tokyo radio warned that many of the Japanese military might forcibly resist the occupation.

A headquarters spokesman said that for the present a "technical state of truce" existed, and until the allied entry into Japan no formal surrender would be signed. It was indicated the signing would take place in or near the ruined capital of Tokyo.

MacArthur did not deign to see the Japanese delegation personally.

Council Votes To Postpone Talk on Meters

Salem city council voted last night to postpone consideration of city parking meters for 30 days, granted a street vacation and three zoning changes.

Councilman Gilie opened the discussion on the parking meters after petitions in opposition with hundreds of signers had been presented. He summarized accumulated information on parking problems of cities comparable in size to Salem and voiced his belief that parking meters were the solution.

He expressed the opinion that full information should be presented and made the motion for postponement.

Gilie also led a small minority in opposing vacation of a small portion of Bellevue street. The vacation was granted by a vote of eight to five.

Zoning changes included one sought by the Dairy Co-op, and one on Chemeketa street where a bakery is now operated and extension of facilities are desired. Removal of a tree in Bellevue street was referred to the street committee on objection of the attorney for an adjoining property owner.

The military police furnished invaluable aid in handling traffic at the fire Sunday and probably saved lives when they helped move the carload of chlorine. This was the statement of Councilman G. F. Chambers last night in making a motion that a letter citing the unselfish work of the MP's be sent to the commander of the Ninth service command at Fort Douglas, Utah. The motion was adopted by the council directed Mayor I. M. Doughton to write the letter to the commander.

DE GAULLE DUE HERE

PARIS, Tuesday, Aug. 21.—(AP)—Gen. DeGaulle left by plane at midnight last night (3 p. m. PWT) for Washington and a scheduled conference tomorrow with President Truman.

He told newsmen he will urge the committee to give the money to the United Nations relief and rehabilitation administration for use as it sees fit.

French to Pay U.S. Soldiers Monthly Bonus

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—(AP)—The French government will pay a "subsidy" to members of the United States armed forces in France, amounting to 850 francs a month, beginning on Sept. 1. It is estimated that this amount—about \$17—will double the servicemen's "take-home" or "pocket" money.

In effect, the move amounts to a revaluation of the French franc as far as service personnel are concerned.

The payments which treasury officials say is made outright to the United States government by France is free and clear of any further obligations, is entirely apart from lend lease and will not become a debt to France.

This payment is a plan of the former Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau. He had worked on it for months after numerous complaints were received that the American serviceman was being forced to pay exorbitant prices for entertainment, presents to send home and small luxury items.

Coast Periled By Blaze Jump

NEHALEM, Ore., Aug. 20.—(AP)—Coastal resort residences in this area and of nearby Batterson were threatened tonight by flames which jumped the Nehalem river from the Tillamook forest fire.

A strong breeze sent the flames racing three miles beyond the river toward the coast in one of the worst days for the fighters in the sector.

Humidity rating was at 9 per cent, at about the lowest point on record, and despite crews using fire equipment the flames pushed steadily toward the coast.

Foresters said no homes have been burned, but fighters fought around several houses to save them.

5 Countries to Sign Document

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—(AP)—Five countries in addition to the four major Pacific allies have been invited to have military representatives at the Japanese surrender ceremony, the state department said today.

The wording of the announcement, however, made it clear that representatives of the five nations—France, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and The Netherlands—will not actively participate in the surrender, but will be only observers. The active participants will be the United States, Russia, Britain and China.

Added Billion Needed To Aid Foreign Nations

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—(AP)—Congress will be asked to provide another billion dollars to fight starvation and disease in war-torn foreign nations, Chairman Bloom (D-NY) of the house foreign affairs committee said today.

Blaze Causes Serious Damage to Pulp Mill; Operations Halted



Salem turned out today to witness a Sunday fire which destroyed the fuel bin and wood room of the Oregon Pulp & Paper company, and badly damaged the digester building. To the left the latter building is shown burning, and above is a picture of its blazing roof. The wood room to the rear already had burned when the picture was taken. At right is one of the six digesters from around which the frame structure was burned. Loss was expected to approximate a quarter of a million dollars. (Statesman and McEwan photos)