

Attlee Reassures Commons Britain To Get Hong Kong

By W. W. HERCHER

LONDON, Aug. 23.-(P)—Prime Minister Attlee told a cheering house of commons today that "arrangements are being made for the Japanese surrender in Hong Kong to be accepted by a British force commander."

The British determination to march back into Hong Kong as soon as possible epitomized the attitude of western-European nations toward repossession of their territories in the orient.

The house cheered when Attlee assured Opposition Leader Winston Churchill that the government was taking action to restore British administration in the crown colony as soon as it received the Japanese surrender there.

The French, Dutch, and Portuguese have displayed the same eagerness to restore their colonial empires since Japan went to her knees, but none was in as favorable a position as Great Britain to proceed with the manifold tasks of restoration.

The two advantages Britain has over her European nations (excepting Russia, whose interests are different) are an army in the field and a merchant navy. When Churchill raised the question of Hong Kong today, he reminded the prime minister that the British government repeatedly had made it plain that it did not contemplate "any modification in sovereignty of his majesty's territories in the far east."

Government seizure of the Illinois Central railroad was authorized tonight by President Truman.

The office of defense transportation will take over the road, which had been threatened with a strike at midnight.

The dispute involved promotions, stemming from a jurisdictional conflict with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. An all-day meeting called by Reconstruction Director John W. Snyder at the president's request had failed to gain any settlement of the dispute.

The White House action was announced at 10:30 p. m. Eastern war time.

A stoppage in the railroad industry at this time is unthinkable, President Truman said when he signed the seizure order.

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Planning Starts On Final Loan

PORTLAND, Aug. 23.-(P)—War finance committees today began planning the 8th war loan, which has an \$11 billion nationwide goal—\$3 billion less than the 7th drive.

Oregon's quota probably will be cut from \$80 million to \$50 million, officials said. Dates for the drive will be Oct. 29-Dec. 1, with an extra week for corporation sales. Payroll deductions will be credited for November and December, said state chairman E. C. Sammons.

28 Men Given Medal of Honor

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.-(P)—Eight officers and 20 enlisted men who performed feats of extraordinary heroism received the nation's highest award today from President Truman.

In the greatest single ceremony of its kind, the chief executive hung the blue ribboned congressional medal of honor around the neck of each.

It was an impressive hour and a quarter in the red and gold east room of the White House. The president stood between the American and presidential flags and bestowed the medal on each of the fighting men after formal citations were read by Maj. Gen. Edward F. Witsell, acting adjutant general of the army.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"You mean to say that 16 dependents still doesn't give me enough points?"

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'Back to Normalcy' Gets Federal Boost

U.S. Employees Get 40-Hour Week Pots, Pans to Sell at '42 Levels 252 War Factories Up for Sale Sugar Stamp Still Worth 5 Lbs.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.-(P)—OPA boss Chester Bowles said today consumer durable goods—like washing machines and aluminum pots and pans which have been out of production during the war—must sell at or near the 1942 price levels.

And—the president ordered all government workers back on a 40 hour week, starting Sept. 9. They are now working 44 and 48.

Mr. Truman also told them to take all their regular holidays, just as before the war.

In its drive toward the good things—as well as the perils of peace, the government also:

1. Set out to clinch the job rights of veterans—rights which congress forgot to protect fully.

2. Turned loose 252 war plants. They'll make civilian goods and employment—if industry will buy them.

3. Warned that the 20 per cent wartime cut in coal for homes must stay, for a while, at least.

4. Ruled out any increase in sugar rations this year. They'll stay at five pounds for four months.

5. Talked of plans to help the small wage-earner get a new home, the man who can pay only \$20 to \$40 a month.

6. Said you could buy electric ranges and fans by December, washing machines by January.

Every ironer, washer and pot must be tagged with its retail ceiling, right at the factory.

To disgruntled manufacturers of durable goods Bowles said: make a lot of goods at low prices. By selling a lot, you'll make good money.

Reds Proclaim Total Victory Over Japanese

LONDON, Aug. 23.-(P)—Premier Stalin triumphantly proclaimed tonight complete victory over Japan, with his mighty red army war machine occupying all of Manchuria, the powerful Japanese naval base of Paramushiro in the Kuriles, and the remainder of southern Sakhalin island.

Snapped up as the last foundations of Japan's stolen empire in Manchuria crumbled in to dust was the feeble puppet emperor, Henry Pu Yi. The former boy king of China was captured as he and his entourage huddled on the airstrip of Mukden airbase, the soviet communique said.

Generalissimo Stalin, in his first order of the day since the start of his 15-day lightning war with Japan on August 9, announced that his armies had seized all of the rich industrial province of Manchuria, which the Japanese called Manchukuo after they wrested it from China in 1931.

Lt. Robert L. Knight Killed in B-29 Crash

JEFFERSON, Aug. 23.-(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Powell received word of the death of their son-in-law, Lt. Robert L. Knight, 28, of Mt. Vernon, Wash., who was killed August 17, when two B-29's crashed in mid-air over Weatherford, Tex.

Lt. Knight was a bombardier on a B-29, stationed at Clovis, New Mexico. Mrs. Knight and their two-year-old daughter, Perrie, had only been with him there two weeks, after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Powell, in Jefferson.

He married Maxine Powell of Jefferson September 12, 1941.

WAINWRIGHT 62 TODAY

CHUNGKING, Aug. 23.-(P)—Lt. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright, hero of Corregidor, tomorrow will celebrate his 62nd birthday anniversary and a new freedom after being a prisoner of the Japanese for more than three years.

YOUTHS HELP ON FARMS

CORVALLIS, Aug. 23.-(P)—The 46,223 workers placed on Oregon farm jobs in July set an all-time record for the month, the Oregon State college extension service said today. Almost a third of those employed were under 18.



General Charles DeGaulle, president of the Provisional French Republic who is discussing "problems of mutual interest" with President Truman at the White House.

DeGaulle Here; President Raps French Press

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.-(P)—President Truman rapped a group of French newsmen back on their heels today by asserting bluntly that this country has not been getting a square deal in the French press.

His remarks, to a group of 12 journalists and photographers covering the visit of General Charles De Gaulle, put only a very slight chill, however, on other indications of warming French-U. S. relations which grew out of the presence here of the president of the French provisional government.

He told the newsmen he had only one thing to say — that he hoped they would begin to give this country a square deal in the French press, which he said it has not had so far.

The Frenchmen were obviously taken aback. None of them had any questions to ask.

Just before the French newsmen were introduced to him, Mr. Truman had told American reporters of his very pleasant visit with De Gaulle last night.

A member of the general's party described De Gaulle as "highly pleased" with the results of the two-hour preliminary talk after a state dinner at the White House last night.

Today the president and De Gaulle worked separately while their top aides conferred at length on the matters referred to them.

Farmers Back Job Measure

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.-(P)—Two farm spokesmen today endorsed the bill labeled the "Full Employment Act of 1945," and told a senate subcommittee that agriculture has a vital stake in the measure.

That view was expressed before the senate banking group by Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson and James C. Patton, president of the national Farmers Union.

Anderson testified "the maintenance of full employment will be essential if we are to guard against another period of agricultural depression and low farm income."

Patton said "full employment in the United States has become indispensable for agriculture just as much as for industry."

Snell Asks for \$75,000 To Recess Burned Areas

FOREST GROVE, Ore., Aug. 23.-(P)—Governor Snell and state forester N. S. Rogers will be asked tomorrow to make \$75,000 available from state funds for reseedling of the Tillamook burn.

A two-county committee, with Sen. Paul Patterson, Hillsboro, as chairman, will make the request. Grass planting will provide the quickest vegetation cover to reduce erosion, the group said.

Seeding would be done from plane.

MUHS NEW ASSESSOR

McMINNVILLE, Ore., Aug. 23.-(P)—Fred Muhs, McMinnville, was appointed assessor today by the Yamhill county court, succeeding Ralph P. Gill, Newberg, resigned.

Veterans Promised Jobs Back

Truman Assures Servicemen of Former Positions

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.-(P)—President Truman said today that he won't permit any veteran to be deprived of his former job because of a legal technicality.

Mr. Truman told a new conference that if additional legislation is needed he will recommend specific changes to congress.

Of the men who will be out of service by Jan. 1, an estimated 1,000,000 have been guaranteed by law the right to return to their former jobs.

But Maj. Gen. Lewis Hershey, director of selective service, brought out in Boston last night that because of an omission in present law, this legal right will expire "when congress terminates hostilities."

In the original selective service act congress provided that every veteran who had a job would get it back if he asked for it in 90 days. It also provided that even though other provisions of the act should be abolished, the job guarantees would go on.

It was in the renewal of the selective service act this spring that the change was made. The act is to run until May 15, 1949, or until "the date of the termination of hostilities in the present war."

Congress added that either it or the president could declare this end to hostilities.

But unlike the original act, there was no specific extension clause for job rights.

USO Lease of Legion's Hall Runs Into Snag

Before approval of the proposed lease on the American Legion hall at 693 Chemeketa street can be made, several changes and the deletion of one clause in the lease must be effected, a telegram from Harold B. Allen, regional director of the USO in San Francisco informed building trustees of the Legion Thursday.

At a meeting Thursday night of the trustees and the executive committee of Capital Post No. 9, the legionnaires took no definite action but invited the USO to send a responsible representative to Salem to confer further with the building trustees.

They informed the service organization that certain local misrepresentations had arisen and needed clarifying before the lease could be completed. The Legion's reply was made through R. R. Boardman, director of the Salem USO.

In the proposed lease, the Legion had asked for the option to buy the furniture and equipment now in the building and belonging to the USO. The USO objected to this clause, and asked that it be deleted on the grounds that they must submit bids for the equipment when they no longer had any use for it.

The proposed lease also carried a time limit of six months after the expiration of the Japanese war with a provision that it could be cancelled upon sixty days notice. The telegram asked that this be cut to 30 days.

Mint Harvest Brings New Help Call; Bean, Hop Pickers Needed

Aid in harvesting their mint harvest was requested Thursday at the farm labor office by four valley mint growers. Workers are needed immediately and must work a 12-hour shift, they told Mrs. Gladys Turnbull of the labor office. Good wages are being paid.

The work consists of chopping and loading the mint hay, and is good work for those adverse to picking activities. The long shift must operate on a 24-hour schedule once they are started, because of processing techniques involved in the extraction of the mint oil.

The bean situation, while somewhat relieved by the employment

Surrender Plan Slowed by Gale, Nipponese Say

MANILA, Friday, Aug. 24.-(AP)—The Japanese government radioed General MacArthur today that execution of his directives in preparing for arrival of occupation troops in Japan has been retarded because of a typhoon.

"We feel it necessary to inform you that, in spite of our best efforts, the preparations required by you for the entry of the advanced party are meeting some difficulties due to the heavy 74-meter typhoon which lasted from the evening of the 22nd until the morning of the 23rd," the message stated, "and brought about considerable damage to the communications and transportation in the Kanto districts."

The "advanced party" apparently referred to the 7500 American airborne soldiers who are due to go in, armed to the teeth and accompanied by MacArthur, Tuesday at Atsugi, airfield 20 miles southwest of Tokyo.

The note was the third radioed in swift succession today.

The first inquired if MacArthur's directives, brought back by the Japanese emissaries who met his aides in Manila Aug. 20, carried the hours specified in Japanese time.

The second expressed a desire to provide "as much facilities as circumstances permit" to the allied press and asked information as to the number of correspondents expected to land in Japan by Aug. 31 — the date the surrender is to be signed aboard the battleship Missouri in Tokyo bay.

In the first aerial wave will be 350 sky giants — 150 four-engine army transports and 150 Liberators from Okinawa air bases and about 50 other big transports from two Jims.

Around the sky train will hover swarms of fighters, ready to open at the first sign of treachery, and the 23 to 30 fighting men in each plane will be armed and alerted as though for actual invasion.

Women Frown On Low Wages

PORTLAND, Aug. 23.-(P)—Women are not eager to accept new jobs at reduced wages in place of the high salaries shipyard work, the U. S. employment office said today.

Although none of the men want to take cuts, their refusal to take lower pay is less marked, USES said. It explained that while most men had weathered a depression, many women had worked only in high-pay war jobs and did not know that pay levels are normally lower.

Britain Ratifies 'Frisco Charter

LONDON, Aug. 23.-(P)—Great Britain tonight despite blunt statements in parliament that it was not strong enough to maintain peace while the atom bomb remained an Anglo-American secret.

Some speakers urged that the secret be shared immediately with Russia.

With even its critics saying it must be adopted, the house of lords first approved the 50-nation pact, followed by commons. Despite the criticism, in neither house was it necessary to take a vote.

Britain thus became the fifth major power to give formal approval. The United States, Russia, France and China as well as several nations previously had completed ratification.

British Laborites to Continue War Controls

LONDON, Aug. 23.-(P)—Britain's labor government proposed today to extend many wartime emergency controls for five years, and began the task of channeling men and women released from war industry and military service into the trades where they are needed the most.

Labor Minister George Isaacs told commons that 1,000,000 men and women would be released from the armed forces this year, and that about 1,150,000 workers would be released from war industries in the coming two months.

Gilnetters Bring Record Salmon Load to Astoria

ASTORIA, Ore., Aug. 23.-(P)—Gilnetters are bringing in record loads of salmon here, making canneries work overtime and promising profitable catches for sports fishermen next week.

Union Fishermen's Co-op reported one boat delivered 4900 pounds in three trips. The salmon now are moving up the river for the first time this season, fishermen said.

Weather

| | Max. | Min. | Rain |
|---------------|------|------|------|
| San Francisco | 51 | 51 | 50 |
| Eugene | 54 | 46 | 50 |
| Salem | 55 | 49 | 50 |
| Portland | 55 | 49 | 50 |
| Seattle | 57 | 53 | 50 |

Willamette river -4.1 ft. FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Clear today except for scattered clouds in the morning. Highest temperature 55 degrees.