

# \$3,000,000 FIRE RAZES OREGON SHIPYARD

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# MORE TROOPS LAND

## GIs Move Ashore 'Without Incident'

### Japanese Discipline Good As Occupation Continues; MacArthur Set in Yokohama

By VERN HAUGLAND

TOKYO, Aug. 31—(AP)—American troops spread quickly and smoothly through the Tokyo-Yokohama area today, the second day of full scale occupation of Japan. New plane loads of troops and supplies were arriving by the hundreds.

The Japanese maintained good order in transferring every control to the Americans. In Yokohama, they even prepared a telephone directory in English longhand, and stenciled the list of more than 1000 numbers for general headquarters of the allied powers, the occupying army, the

## Commission to Finish Salem Highway Plans

The state highway commission Thursday consented to complete its planning of arterial highways serving Salem and West Salem so that the Salem planning commission will know what the state plans are in its own work of planning improvement of local streets to meet future traffic needs. This assent was given after the request of a delegation of Salem citizens who appeared before the commission in Portland. It was understood that the work extended only to the coordination of effort in planning and carried no engagement as to when any work would be done.

The Salem delegation made no recommendation as to changes in highway location but expressed the desire to know if changes were in contemplation so its own plans could be made to coincide. The highway department engineers will make extensive studies in the area before recommending a plan to the commission.

The commission authorized purchase of 80 acres at the entrance of Silver Creek state park for \$3000 to enhance its appearance and prevent encroachment of business. It also authorized purchase of right of way and wayside strips along the Pacific highway, at Stage Road pass in Douglas county and wayside strips along the ocean on the Oregon Coast highway between Waldport and Yachats in Lincoln county.

## Aid Urged for Disabled Vets

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30—(AP)—Labor Secretary Lewis B. Schwellenbach tonight urged a greatly expanded federal service for the nation's two million physically-handicapped veterans and civilians.

"There is no doubt that the rehabilitation of war disabled will give impetus to a more intensive program for all the disabled," the secretary said in a talk prepared for delivery at a meeting of the American Society for the Physically Handicapped.

"We must be sure that the added funds and the additional effort are used most effectively."

## 30-Hour-Week, Same Pay Sought by Union

SEATTLE, Aug. 30—(AP)—Local 104 of the Boilermakers union (AFL) will demand a 30-hour work week at the same weekly pay received for the 48-hour wartime week, 104 reported, the union's official publication, disclosed today. A resolution approved by the membership said the union will insist on a 30-hour week "before agreeing to the layoff of a single worker." The local voted recently to rescind its wartime no-strike pledge.

## War Debt May Be Cancelled

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30—(AP)—President Truman told congress in effect today that lend-lease already has been repaid in victory and hinted strongly that most of the gigantic American outlay should be written off.

He reported United States expenditures in the mutual aid program as \$42,020,778,000 through last July 1, plus \$788,603,000 in goods assigned to commanding generals in the field, for a total of approximately \$43,000,000,000. A partial offset appears in reverse lend-lease amounting to \$5,500,000,000 through last March.

Mr. Truman set up the framework of a case for writing off most of the dollar balances with these statements:

1. "Each of our principal fighting partners has contributed to the pool of armed might in accordance with its full abilities and capacities."

2. "It would have a disastrous effect upon our trade with the United Nations and hence upon production and employment at home if such a huge debt were added to already-burdened nations."

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## Periscope, Mind Reader Added to New Parliament

LONDON, Aug. 30—(AP)—Britain's new house of commons to replace the historic chamber destroyed by German bombs will have a unique air conditioning system by which a control engineer will watch the members through a periscope and regulate the temperature to keep them comfortable, it was announced today.

The architect, Adrian Gilbert Scott, did not elaborate on the necessity for installing a periscope, nor did he specify how the engineer would be able to tell when the members needed cooling or warming, as the case might be.

## Red Points Cut, Oleo, Butter, Meat, Cheese

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30—(AP)—The government today not only cut down the number of red points needed for meat, cheese, butter and margarine but also abandoned its set-aside order on pork loins and shoulders.

Lard remains the only pork products still subject to set-aside orders.

Virtually all meats, all cheeses, creamery butter and margarine will require fewer points. Canned milk no longer will require any.

Butter, at 12 points, down 4, will cost the fewest since May, 1944, and only half as many as a few months ago. Margarine drops from 14 points to 12.

Steaks and roasts will cost 2 to 3 points less a pound; hamburger, 2 points less; lamb and veal, 1 to 2 points less; pork steaks, chops and roasts, 1 to 2 points less; bacon, for those who can find it, 2 points less; spareribs, 3 points less.

Nearly all meats with a current 3-point value will be reduced 1 point.

The plane was one of 15 Piper Cub trainer types parked at the port. Manager Jack Prudem said the plane had enough gas to fly about 200 miles.

## Return of CBI Troops Planned

CHUNGKING, Aug. 30—(AP)—American troops may be out of China by next spring if sufficient shipping is available, Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer said today as U.S. minesweepers sped the job of clearing mines from the Yangtze and Whangpoo rivers and the area around the great port of Shanghai.

The American commander in China also declared his headquarters was making efforts to move Chinese troops by air into key Chinese cities to speed the occupation.

AP to Release Names Of West Coast Arrivals

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 30—(AP)—The Associated Press began distributing today to member newspapers the names of servicemen arriving at west coast ports from the Pacific theatre.

The names were made available by the army, but the ships on which they arrive are not identified, the army explaining it could not permit such identification until the Pacific was declared a non-combat zone.

## Hull Says Message No Threat

### Truman Blames American Public For Pearl Harbor

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30—(AP)—The Pearl Harbor controversy boiled up at top government levels tonight amid two developments:

1. Publication of a letter by Cordell Hull flatly denying his pre-war counter-proposals to Japan constituted "in any sense an ultimatum."

2. President Truman's news conference assertion that the American public was as much to blame for the Japanese surprise attack as any individual. This statement riled some legislators while some others took the president's side.

The chief executive said he had no objection to a court martial but does not intend to order one. He added that he doubted he had the authority to order trial. Inspection of army and navy regulations, however, disclosed he does have such authority.

In his letter Hull said his counter-proposals handed the Japanese Nov. 26 offered the Japanese "substantially the economic and other advantages they sought in Asia provided they would give up their aggressive policies."

He called the proposals a plan of "a broad but simple settlement covering the entire Pacific area," and said they "did not constitute in any sense an ultimatum."

ATSUGI, Japan, Aug. 31—(AP)—A Japanese newspaperman said today that from 300,000 to 500,000 persons were killed or injured by the great Superfort fire raids on Tokyo, once the world's third greatest city.

At the same time, Nicholas P. Agueev, Russian trade representative who has been in Tokyo two years, said it had been estimated officially that nearly 1,000,000 homes and buildings had been razed, leaving only 380,000 still standing.

The Domei agency correspondent declared that Tokyo was in the throes of inflation, and black market prices had soared to tremendous heights. Food is scarce and so is liquor.

Huckleberry Patch to Be Open to Pickers

The Monument Peak huckleberry patch will be opened to the public Sunday and Monday, the forest service said Thursday. Visitors in the area must obtain permits from the guard station located between Gates and the peak.

The crop is especially good this year, according to the report.

## Fanatics Threatened to Shoot Peace Envoys, Reporter Says

By Russell Brines (Russell Brines, Associated Press correspondent, has returned to Tokyo. He left Japan in March, 1941, was captured by the Japanese in Manila in January, 1942, and interned a year before his repatriation.)

TOKYO, Aug. 30—(AP)—Some fanatical elements in Japan were so determined to continue the war that they publicly threatened to shoot down the surrender envoys sent to General MacArthur's headquarters in Manila recently.

The consensus of many well informed Japanese with whom I talked today on my first visit to Tokyo in more than four years was that Hirohito broke a long military grip on his throne to sue for peace.

The emperor won "a courageous gamble," these Japanese added. They had no reason to propagandize me. It was evident they were speaking sincerely.

After the emperor made his sur-

## Building Halted; Largest Fire In Portland History

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 30—(AP)—A \$3,000,000 fire, the largest in Portland's history, which swept the outfitting dock at Henry J. Kaiser's Oregon shipbuilding yard today is believed to have virtually ended work at the war-built yard.

Only three vessels remain on the ways—the last scheduled for launching Sept. 8—while the seven ships at the dock where fire broke out have been transferred to other Kaiser repair yards for completion.

Yard officials told workers reporting for night shifts tonight to take off work until after Labor day. All day workers who did not join fire crews at the shipyard were sent home with the same instructions.

Launching of the remaining victory ships—the Billings, Boise and Brainard—will halt construction at the yard where 455 vessels have been built under maritime commission contract. There were about 15,000 workers listed on the payroll this week, company spokesmen said.

Loss to the yard facilities was estimated at approximately \$3,000,000 with two negro workers listed missing, one believed to have drowned after jumping from a burning ship into the river.

## \$125,000 Sale Of Downtown Property Noted

Announced yesterday was one of the largest deals in downtown Salem real estate for many years in the purchase by State Finance company of the Hotel Salem property at the corner of Ferry and South High streets from John Hughes, Mrs. Wm. A. Carter and A. N. Bush. The transaction was handled by Grabenhorst Bros., realtors, and the consideration is reported at \$125,000. The Pioneer trust company represented Mr. Bush.

The property consists of Lots 3 and 4 in Block 20, Salem, with frontage of 165 ft. on Ferry st. and 149 ft. on High st. opposite the Elsinore theatre. The ground floor is occupied by 15 business concerns and the office and lobby of the Hotel Salem. The second floor is given over to hotel rooms which number 60. The hotel has been operated under lease by A. N. Bayley.

The building is a brick structure, erected in 1924. The property has been in the hands of the Hughes family for many years.

The State Finance co. has made the purchase as an investment, stated Ernest A. Miller, president. The plans are to overhaul the building and to locate the finance company offices on High st. The remaining portions of the building including the hotel will be leased.

## Ask 4 Stars Go To Wainwright

OIL CITY, Pa., Aug. 30—(AP)—Promotion of Lt. Gen. Wainwright, recently liberated from a Japanese prison camp, to the rank of full general was asked today in a telegram sent to Gen. George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, by Pennsylvania Congressman L. H. Gavin.

Gavin requested Marshall to recommend the promotion to President Truman and asked that it be made in time for Wainwright to participate in the formal Japanese surrender aboard the battleship Missouri.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Rain
San Francisco	72	55	50
Eugene	81	44	50
Salem	83	43	50
Portland	79	42	50
Seattle	73	48	50

Willamette river -3.9 ft. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem: Partly cloudy with temperature about 79 degrees.

## IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

Fire appears to have made termination rather than reconversion the fate of Oregon Shipbuilding corporation's plant in the St. John district of Portland. It is hardly to be expected that the company's outfitting docks and appurtenant shops will be reconstructed. On the contrary the great fire there yesterday will doubtless serve to hasten the end of all work there. Whether there will ensue any reconversion to other work than shipbuilding is a question which may go unanswered for a time. At least this is true that Oregon Ship, as the yards were called familiarly, is virtually through.

The loss is the greatest in Oregon's history, according to early estimates, aside from great forest fires which have ravaged the state. That estimate is based on the amount of the investment in facilities and in ships destroyed by the fire. Of course it is not so great in terms of immediate value for the emergency which brought Oregon Ship into being has passed. A war baby, it was already becoming a war orphan.

But what a glorious record was made at Oregon Ship, one which will be remembered with pride by Portland and Oregon and by the whole nation and recalled with bitterness by the nazis and the Japs. Mussolini, you remember, said it couldn't be done when told of the amazing record being

## Hutton, Grant Part Company

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 30—(AP)—She and Cary Grant just didn't like the same people, Barbara Hutton testified today as she won their third divorce.

"When I had a dinner party he refused to come down to dinner because he was too bored," she told superior court. "I would have to make some excuse, which was very embarrassing." She said the actor's conduct made her very nervous and that she had been forced to seek treatment from a physician.

Attorneys for Miss Hutton and Grant said both had waived all property claims. Grant, one of the wealthier movie stars, did not appear in court.

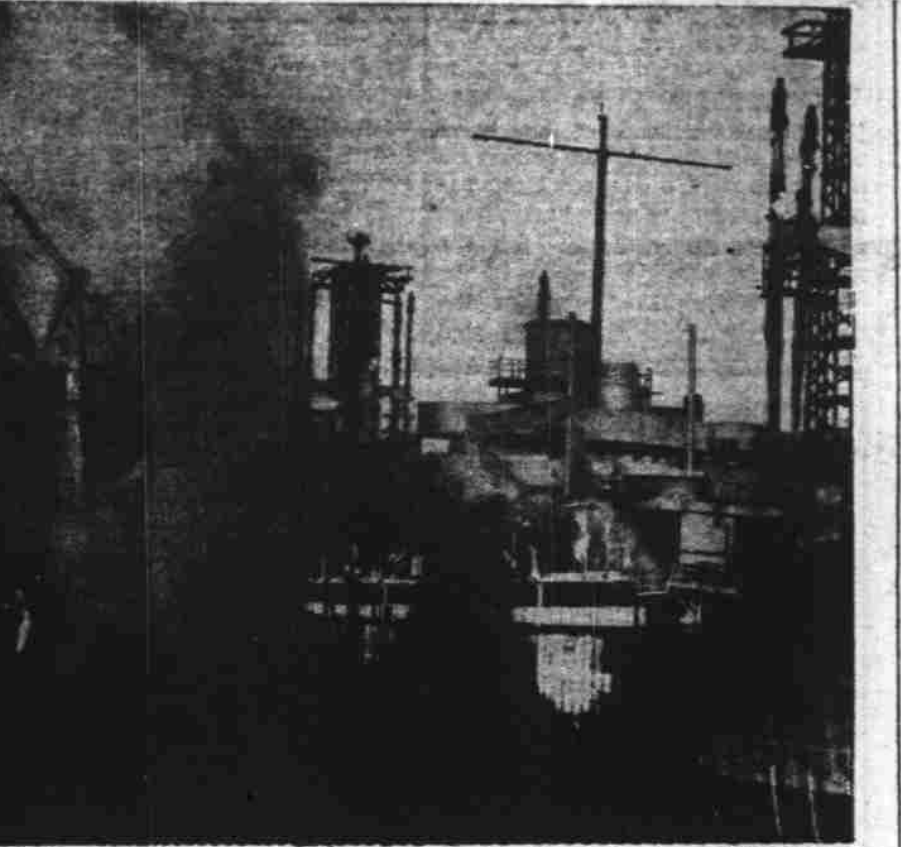
## REDS ADD CAPTIVES

LONDON, Aug. 30—(AP)—The Soviet high command said tonight that an additional 29,000 Japanese officers and men and two generals have surrendered to Russian forces, running the total Soviet bag to date to 571,000 Japanese officers and men and 111 generals.

## Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH

"I do believe it's going to be curly!"



Flames tear at the docks and installations of the Oregon Shipyards in Portland in the \$3,000,000 fire that swept the yard yesterday.