

STAGE SET FOR JAP SURRENDER

Reports Reveal More U. S. Cash, Meat, Marriage

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31-(AP)—Meat, money and marriage. There was more meat for Americans. They upped their spending a bit. And they set a record getting married.



By Charles A. Squire

This is the day which has been the apex of our thoughts and efforts for months and years: the day when Japan signs the documents of surrender. The road, the long road from Guadalcanal and Milne day, from Wake island and Tarawa has ended, where it was pointed, in Tokyo bay. It has ended in complete victory which means stripping Japan of its conquests of half a century and of its capacity for war-making in the future. It is ending with the freeing of China, of the Philippines, of the British, French, Dutch and American possessions which had been occupied by the fast-moving Japanese forces in 1941 and 1942.

This is not a day set aside for celebration. We had that two weeks ago when the Japanese government agreed to accept the terms laid down at Potsdam. That put a stop to the fighting and gave instant emotional relief to millions of Americans. The surge of feelings then served to discount popular reaction to the formal surrender which takes place today on board the USS Missouri, flagship of Admiral Halsey.

We can therefore view this day soberly, and appraise more accurately its significance in world history. It marks not only brilliant success at arms; it marks also an epochal change in the history of the orient. The sun of Japan which shone so brilliantly for a time has sunk swiftly, a blood-red disk into the night of crushing defeat. Faint rays, still

Army Requests Draft, Taking Of Volunteers

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31-(AP)—The armed services sought today to encourage voluntary enlistments but kept plugging also for continuance of the draft.

Navy and marine corps officers told the house military committee that those services do not believe recruitment alone will keep them up to needed strength.

The committee was informed, however, that draft calls can be cut if volunteering exceeds expectations, and a joint army-navy board presented a program of proposed inducements for volunteers. Their outline consisted largely of financial benefits with special allowances for re-enlistment and for long overseas service.

Byrnes Denies Debt Cancelled

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31-(AP)—Secretary of State Byrnes stated today that the United States is not seeking dollar payments in settlement for lend-lease.

He said formal settlements are still to be worked out with foreign governments.

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The statement, the department said, was prompted by a question based on President Truman's lend-lease report at the congress yesterday in which the president in effect gave notice that the costs of lend-lease might as well be written off the books.

British Arrest Nazi 'Brown Shirt' Leader

LONDON, Aug. 31-(AP)—The American-controlled Luxembourg radio said tonight that Hermann Rechling, 58, Austrian Nazi "brown shirt" leader, has been arrested at Adolf Hitler's birthplace, Braunau-Am-Inn.

The broadcast described Rechling as one of the principal organizers of the brown shirts and said he "is held responsible for numerous murder attempts against supporters" of Austria's pre-Nazi governments.

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Navy Cuts Points For Aviators

Fliers to Receive Discharges With 44 Point Credits

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31-(AP)—To expedite release of aviators, the navy today reduced the number of points required for their discharge, putting the figure at 44—the same as for enlisted men. It takes 49 for all other male reserve officers.

But with the idea of continuing the flow of new pilots into the fleet, the navy announced it will continue to offer flight training to 17 and 18-year-old high school graduates or students in their last semester of high school or secondary school.

They would get three or four semesters of college education before entering flight school. The youths would have to be single and stay single until commissioned.

To prevent a surplus of fliers in any one age bracket, the navy said it would let out a large number of aviation cadets—if the cadets want to go back to full civilian status.

Back of the decision to cut discharge points for men already qualified as aviators, it was understood, is the fact that they are about five years younger, on the average, than other commissioned officer groups and were forbidden to marry while in school.

Job Finished



Elmer Davis, head of OWI, abolished as of Sept. 15 by President Truman yesterday, is expected to return to radio broadcasting.

Survey Slated For Bridge at Independence

PORTLAND, Aug. 31-(AP)—Survey for a proposed \$600,000 bridge across the Willamette river at Independence was ordered today by the state highway commission after a delegation from Marion and Polk counties assured members the two counties could meet half the expense.

State Sen. Dean Walker (Benton-Polk) said lifting of gasoline rationing would make traffic too heavy for the present ferry to handle.

Permission to haul oversized loads on state highways on Saturday afternoons, Sundays and holidays was revoked. The practice had been allowed to speed war shipments.

Champoeg state park is in excellent condition, an engineer reported. Plans to spend between \$3000 and \$4000 on new park tables and benches were approved.

A study of wage increases for employees, asked by the highway engineer and the state employees' association, was ordered. Next commission meeting will be September 24.

Importance of United Nations Emphasized

SOUTHAMPTON, Aug. 31-(AP)—Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., former American secretary of state, said tonight "nothing is more important to the people of the world" than the success of the United Nations organization to maintain peace.

Arriving on the Queen Mary with his family, Stettinius said he would take up his duties immediately as American delegate on the United Nations preparatory commission.

YUGOSLAV ELECTIONS SET

LONDON, Aug. 31-(AP)—The Yugoslav telegraph agency reported tonight in a Belgrade dispatch that general elections for a Yugoslav constitutional assembly will be held Nov. 11.

Union To Ignore Vet Rule

Brooklyn Court Decision To Be Appealed Soon

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31-(AP)—The union involved in a Brooklyn court decision giving "super-seniority" to returning veterans, advised its locals today to ignore the ruling and promised an immediate supreme court appeal.

President John Green of the CIO-Marine and Shipbuilding Workers told a news conference his union will take the case directly to the highest court in an effort to avert further confusion over the status of service men coming back to their jobs.

The judge held yesterday that for a year after he gets out of service and goes back to his job, a veteran is entitled to work even though a non-veteran with greater seniority is laid off.

"We told our locals not to worry about the decision," said Green. "We feel sure the supreme court will throw it out. The locals will resist its application, through their grievance machinery."

Congress May Investigate Pearl Harbor

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31-(AP)—Congress edged along today toward hearings of its own on Pearl Harbor and on a single command to improve army-navy teamwork.

The house postwar military policy committee probably will begin interviewing a string of witnesses within a month on legislation to put the armed forces in one department of national defense.

On Pearl Harbor, it's a little more indefinite. But a number of republican and democratic leaders on Capitol Hill declared congress would start its own investigation of Pearl Harbor unless courts martial are ordered on the basis of reports of army and navy boards of inquiry.

Nips Complain Of Bomb Toll

TOKYO BAY, Aug. 31-(AP)—The Tokyo Nippon Times said in the August 28 edition received aboard American ships today that atomic bombing was more terrible than the great 1923 earthquake, and urged all nations to strive for a world "in which wars will be impossible."

America's two atomic bomb attacks, on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, killed 90,000 people and wounded 180,000, the editorial asserted.

"The great earthquake disaster of 1923," it added, "caused the world to shudder with horror, but in comparison with the present holocaust, caused by the hands of man, nature's destructiveness seems like a gentle triviality."

Jap Torture Told

'I Tried to Die,' Says Navy Pilot

By Vern Haugland OFUNA PRISON CAMP, Near Yokohama, Aug. 31-(AP)—Accounts of hideous treatment by Japanese captors and guards—one prisoner beaten to death; seven dead of malnutrition; a flier covered with his parachute and shot; men forced to sit for hours with metal bits in their mouths—were given me today at this unregistered torture farm.

They came from the lips of 103 brutally treated allied men—95 American, eight English—interviewed after a Swiss representative uncovered the camp Sunday. Most of them were fliers. I was among the first three American visitors in the camp.

Men are here who survived Wake island and the Java Sea battle only to undergo a living death. Beatings were commonplace. At least eight died.

Ensign Fred Turnbull, 21, Highland Park, Mich., a carrier flier shot down during a raid Oct. 12, 1944 off Formosa, said:

"My captors tied my hands behind me, made me lie down and covered me with my parachute. Twenty minutes later, I heard two shots. I didn't feel the first one in the left upper arm because my left shoulder already was full of shrapnel and was hurting too much. The second bullet went through the right side of my chest. "I tried to die and make peace with my God."

"Twenty minutes later they made me sit up. A Jap rolled my collar down and tested his sword on the back of my neck. He made a practice swing.

"A first aid man arrived, a Formosan, who thought I didn't move fast enough so he struck me in the back with a bayonet.

"At a hospital close to an airfield, shrapnel and bullets were removed without an anesthetic but they did give me glucose and blood plasma.

"The next day American fliers strafing an airfield put 31 holes in the hospital room, including four in the bed I had been using and killed two Japs. The Japs told me if it happened again, they'd kill me."

Truman Orders Abolition Of OWI; State Department To Distribute Propaganda

By John N. Hightower WASHINGTON, Aug. 31-(AP)—President Truman today ordered Secretary of State Byrnes to set up America's first peacetime foreign propaganda program in the state department.

Abolishing the office of war information effective Sept. 15, the chief executive directed Byrnes to take over part of the OWI operations overseas.

The aim, Mr. Truman declared, will be to give the people of other nations "a full and fair picture of American life and of the aims and policies of the United States government."

In a sweeping executive order, Mr. Truman accomplished these things:

- 1. Abolished the office of war information.
- 2. Placed under the state department the foreign information activities of OWI and of the office of inter-American affairs which has operated in Latin America.
- 3. Directed Secretary of State Byrnes to work out by the end of the year an information program "which he considers should be conducted on a continuing basis."

The long-range program undoubtedly will have to be approved by congress.

Word Received Of Attu Captive

KODIAK, Alaska, Aug. 31-(AP)—Word was received here today that Mrs. Charles Foster Jones, one of only two white persons on Attu at the time of the Japanese invasion, is alive.

No information has been received regarding her husband.

Last direct word of the couple was July 7, 1942, when Jones, a radio operator, was talking by radio to an operator on a neighboring island. Jones said he had a "hunch" the Japanese would come, and that he had armed the handful of natives on the island. In the middle of his communication the radio went dead.

Morse Urges Courtmartial

BOISE, Idaho, Aug. 31-(AP)—An Oregon senator told Idaho republicans today that President Truman's statement that the nation as a whole is responsible for the Japanese war "in no way fulfills our responsibility to the men who lay dead at Pearl Harbor."

Sen. Wayne Morse, stopping here briefly on his way to Washington, D.C., urged a court martial to determine those responsible for military unpreparedness at Pearl Harbor.

Officials Gather At Tokyo Bay

Broadcast Says 8th Army Moving Ashore in Nippon

YOKOHAMA, Saturday, Sept. 1-(AP)—U.S. troops in swelling numbers stood at Tokyo's southern gates today, and allied dignitaries were arriving in Yokohama for tomorrow's historic surrender ceremony (Saturday, U.S. time).

American control was spreading smoothly and swiftly through the area of Tokyo bay, where the U.S. Eighth army of Philippines liberation fame was scheduled to begin moving in before nightfall in force.

(An NBC broadcast said that first units of the Eighth army already were landing and that General MacArthur, Admiral Nimitz and others conferred formally at MacArthur's headquarters on Sunday's formal surrender program.)

Lt. Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger's army will land in Yokohama, sixth city of Japan, where General MacArthur's headquarters in the customs house pulsed with preparations for the surrender ceremony in Tokyo bay.

The hour of this event has not been announced. (A dispatch from Washington said the White House was standing by for word of it between 10 and 11 p.m. Eastern war time Saturday, which would be from 11 a.m. to noon Sunday, Japan time.)

Japanese imperial headquarters tried to put off this final, humiliating act of a lost war by asking MacArthur for further conferences on the terms, but it was asserted here that the ceremony will go off on schedule.

Lt. Gen. Jonathan Wainwright, liberated hero of Corregidor, arrived in Yokohama for the surrender ceremony and had dinner with MacArthur in the New Grand hotel.

Endorsements Of Employment Bill Rolling in

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31-(AP)—Additional endorsements of so-called full employment legislation piled up today as witness after witness argued that private enterprise alone cannot prevent an economic tailspin.

Secretary of the Treasury Fred Vinson said the government should "frankly accept the responsibility of assuring jobs for all," that "it cannot be the responsibility of businessmen alone to prevent unemployment."

Vinson told a senate banking subcommittee its enactment is "the essential step in dealing with the problem of maintaining employment," but, like other witnesses, he said it would have to be supplemented "by positive measures to encourage an expansion of consumption and private investment."

Raise Replaces Seamen Bonus

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31-(AP)—The government today abolished the seamen's wartime "voyage" bonus for plying dangerous waters, but raised his basic pay \$45 monthly and retained premiums for actual encounters with lingering mines.

The war labor board, in its first wage decision since Japanese victory permitted a relaxed pay policy, granted the monthly raise to offset the loss in earnings from dropping of the bonus, which is effective October 1.

Why Can't Specific Blame Be Placed For Pearl Harbor?

In early 1942, while the cause of Pearl Harbor was being desperately sought, many war correspondents arrived at the conclusion that no one person, or even several persons, could be held solely responsible.

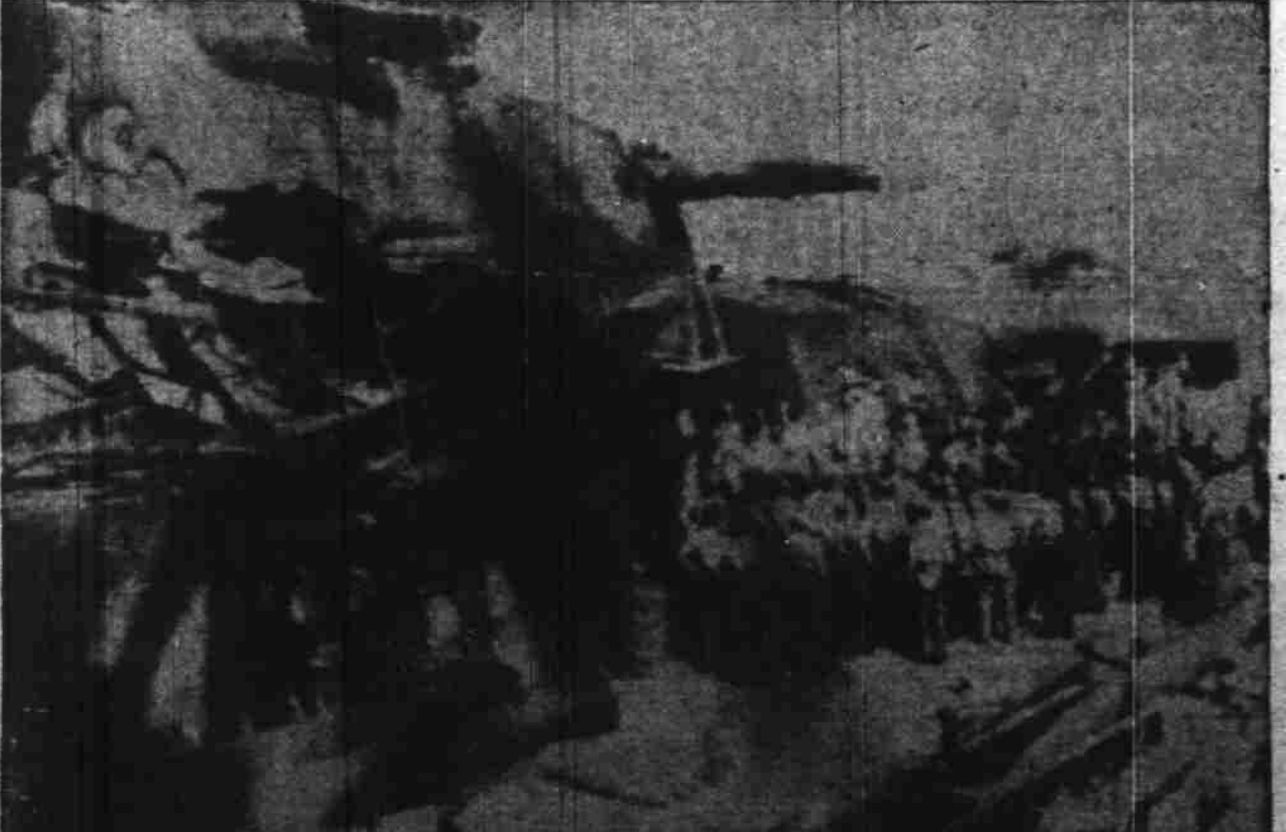
Such an opinion was not popular at the time, but the post-war developments seem to hold it justified. In tomorrow's Sunday Oregon Statesman, Managing Editor Wendell Webb, who spent several months in the central and south Pacific as an Associated Press war correspondent immediately after Pearl Harbor, tells on which basis the now-prevalent conclusion was reached by many persons three years ago—and also gives some interesting new light on that holocaust.

Weather

San Francisco	Max.	Min.	Rain
Boise	55	45	0.00
Chicago	55	45	0.00
Portland	55	45	0.00
Seattle	55	45	0.00

Willamette river, 4 ft. FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Clear with temperatures the same, highest near 85 degrees.

Yank Bluejackets Board Jap Battleship



party of American sailors from the fast transport H. A. Bass inspect the Japanese battleship Nagato, badly damaged by bombing, at its anchorage in Yokosuka navy yard, Tokyo Bay. (AP Wirephoto via Navy radiophoto aboard USS Iowa in Tokyo Bay)

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



They're wonderful—I ain't had a cracker in my coat since I started eatin' 'em!

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