

# ROUNDUP OF NIP WAR CRIMINALS UNDER WAY TOJO'S SUICIDE VENTURE FLOPS

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### U.S. 'Iron Fist In Velvet Glove' to Clutch 40 Japs

TOKYO, Sept. 11.—(AP)—Tightening the occupation grip on Japan, General MacArthur today ordered 40 important Japanese held for questioning.

Ten members of the cabinet which helped the former dictator plunge Nippon into war with the United States were among the ranking personages ordered detained.

Should any of the 40 be accused as war criminals, they would be subject to court martial proceedings, a procedure which General MacArthur has specified for all such suspects.

Steady expansion of the occupation zones continued. It was announced that two more landings would be made shortly. The U.S. 81st infantry division was scheduled to go ashore at Aomori, northern Honshu, about Sept. 23. A few days later the U.S. 77th infantry division and the ninth corps headquarters will land at Otaru, on Hokkaido, the northernmost home island.

Demonstrations in a number of cities broke out in Seoul, the Korean capital, with Koreans protesting the American announcement that Japanese officials would be left in office to carry out directives of Lt. Gen. John H. Hodge, commanding the occupation forces there.

MacArthur's directive ordering important Japanese political, army and navy figures into custody included Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma, Japanese commander in the Philippines. Homma was responsible for the "death march" from Bataan.

Others, a headquarters spokesman said, were Jose Laurel, puppet president of the Philippines; Jorge Vargas, puppet ambassador to Japan; Heinrich Stahmer, German ambassador to Japan, and Pratap Mahendra, president of the "Aryan army," Indian pro-Japanese organization.

Four hundred men and 400 women are needed in Salem canneries this week to save tons of fruit from spoilage, the Salem canners committee announced Tuesday.

Prunes which began to pour in Tuesday from valley orchards already are glutting the docks of food-packing plants. Some will work Victory shifts and so can use part-time help of persons employed during the day.

Persons interested in learning where their services can best be offered may call the U.S. employment service office, 9287, or his residence, 8771, Dr. Egbert S. Oilyer, spokesman for the canners' committee, said.

**FENNS TO INVESTIGATE**  
HELEINKI, Sept. 11.—(AP)—The Finnish parliament passed tonight the government measure for the trial and punishment of those considered responsible for Finland's war with Russia beginning in 1941.

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### Fried Chicken Awaits Deshazer's Return

Sgt. Jacob Deshazer, who told his mother by telephone this week that he wanted fried chicken when he got home to Salem, left Washington, D.C., by army plane at 1:32 p.m., western time, Monday. The Doolittle flyer was expected to land at a northwestern army airbase.

The chicken and frying pan are ready, Mrs. Hulda Andrus, Deshazer's mother, said.

### Congress Sets Hearings on Demobilization

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—(AP)—Congress, under fire to get the boys back home faster, undertook today to divert some of the heat to army and navy leaders.

The senate military committee invited general of the armies George C. Marshall and Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King to come to the capitol tomorrow and explain their demobilization plans. Marshall, however, is out of town and will be called upon his return.

Bolstering sentiment for public hearings was a war department report that the army totaled 8,050,000 on September 1, a net reduction from a year earlier of 83,000.

The red-hot issue produced these other developments during the day:

1. Chairman May (D-Ky.) of the house military committee urged his colleagues to be "discreet and temperate" in their demands for demobilization.

2. The war department disclosed that the army has started thinning out its war-swollen ranks of 1600 generals.

3. Rep. Dirksen (R-Ill.) proposed a system of "indefinite furloughs" to release eligible army men in advance of their formal discharge.

**SOLONS TO END WAR TIME SOON**  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—(AP)—Wartime will be abolished as of Sept. 30, congress leaders decided today.

The house interstate committee voted without dissent for a bill to end "fast" time at 2 a. m. on that date—a Sunday.

Senators said similar action would be taken on their side of the capitol soon and there seemed little doubt that both chambers would approve the bill.

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### Rationing Of Cheese Abolished

Officials Confer On Termination Points for Meat

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—(AP)—The government made all cheese ration-free today as top-flight food officials conferred on the possibility of an early termination of meat rationing.

The ration point value of all varieties of cheese was reduced to zero effective at 12:01 a. m. Wednesday. This action had the technical effect of keeping cheese on the ration list, but officials said it undoubtedly signified the end of rationing of this commodity. An order formally ending rationing may be issued very soon.

The cheese action, announced jointly by the agriculture department and the office of price administration, came as acting secretary of agriculture J. B. Hutson and OPA chief Chester Bowles went over the meat supply situation.

A spokesman for Hutson emphasized that no decision was made. Some announcement of plans may be made, however, soon after secretary of agriculture Anderson returns to his office, probably Wednesday.

### USO-Legion Lease Settled

The Salem USO lease, subject for negotiation the past three months, has been accepted by both USO and Capital post No. 9, American Legion, owner of the hall used as a servicemen's club. Clifford Cunningham, associate regional army-navy YMCA USO director, here from Seattle to meet with Legion and USO representatives, announced the settlement of the lease terms Tuesday afternoon.

Under the agreement, amicably reached, Cunningham said, the Legion will retain exclusive use of the hall Monday nights, time of its regular meeting.

### Former Judge Loses Claim

The state supreme court, upholding the opinion of Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna of Jackson county, decided that Earl H. Fehl, former Jackson county judge has no claim against that county for \$12,000.

Fehl, who was elected county judge of Jackson county in 1932, and a few months later removed from office after conviction in a ballot theft case, contended that he was duly elected and should be paid for the full term.

The supreme court held that he was removed legally and that he performed no services to the state. He spent part of that time in prison and later in the state hospital.

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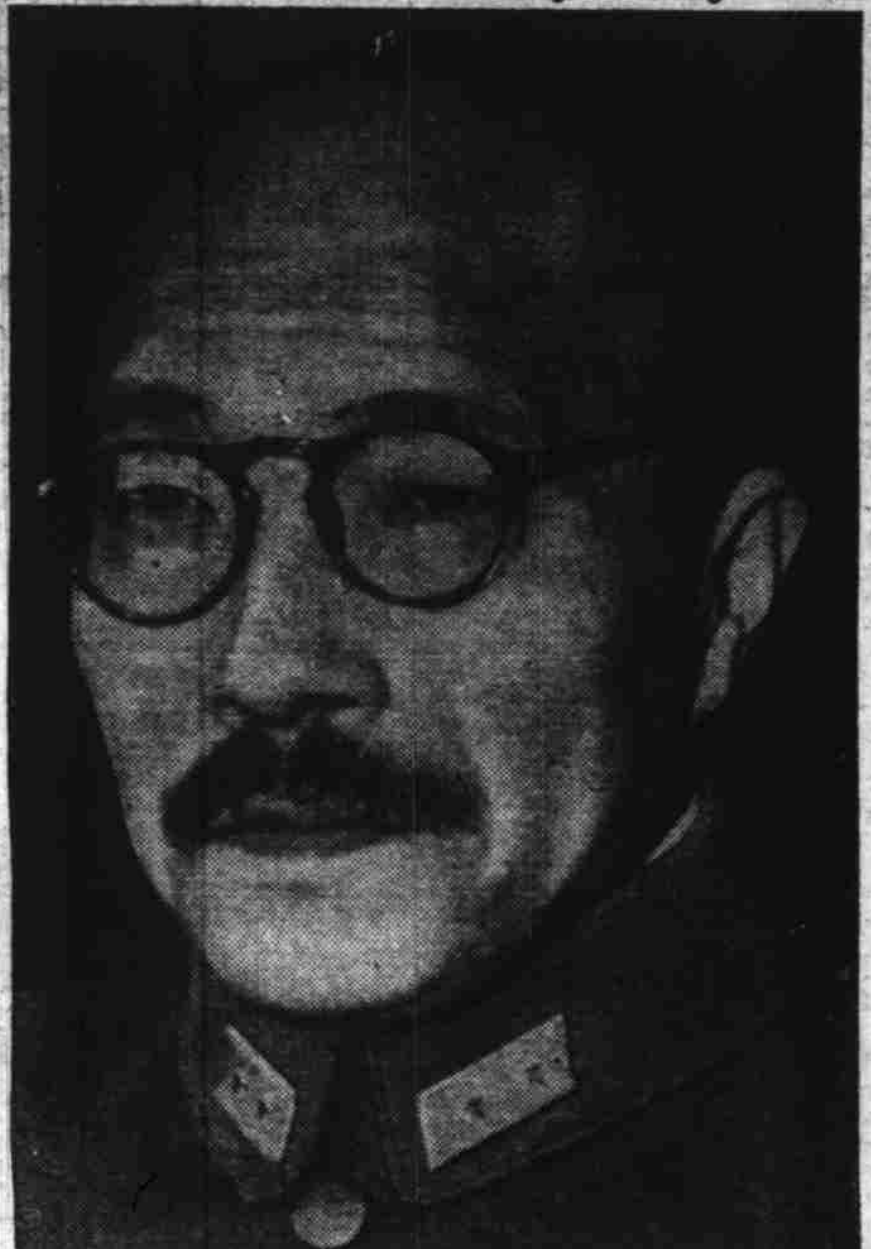
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### Tried to Take Easy Way Out



Japan's Ex-Premier Hideki Tojo, is given a better than even chance to live by American doctors, after bungling a suicide attempt yesterday.

### Tojo Hauled Away By Salem Soldier

There is no doubt about it—Oregon (and particularly valley) servicemen get right in the thick of things.

The latest is PFC Eldon W. McCulley, son of Mr. and Mrs. John McCulley of 1155 Nebraska st., Salem, who figured in the world's biggest news story today as one of the three men who carried former Premier Hideki Tojo on a stretcher.

Tojo, as front-paged the nation over, tried to commit suicide—or maybe did. Anyway, Private McCulley was right there at the war-lord's suburban home near Tokyo, and the Associated Press correspondent on the scene watched as he helped cart off the bleeding Nipponese to an American field hospital.

McCulley, 24, is a veteran of more than a year and a half in the service. He trained in Texas. PFC McCulley last April he won a citation for bravery in the landing of the first cavalry in the Philippines, as a member of a military police platoon. He later went to Japan with the same outfit. He is a 1940 graduate of Salem high school, a former employe of Oregon Pulp & Paper, and has a four-year-old daughter in Salem.

"'Twas grand news," his family agreed when they read the AP dispatch.

### Fort Hoskins to be Honored at Launching

PORTLAND, Sept. 11.—(AP)—A district OPA official said today he expected only 25 ration boards to be left in Oregon by the year's end.

### TURKEY DROP SEEN

PORTLAND, Sept. 11.—(AP)—A drop in the turkey market, now held high by government purchases, was predicted in the industry today.

### Nipponese Soldier Reveals Beheading of Australian Airman in Accordance With Laws of Japan's Bushido

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 11.—(AP)—The beheading of an Australian airman by a Japanese garrison commander at Salamaua, New Guinea, so sickened a Japanese soldier "that I feel a surge of pity and turn my eyes away," he wrote in his diary.

The feeling was short-lived, however, for the Japanese added "The savagery which I felt is gone and I feel nothing but the true compassion of Japanese bushido."

The diary was quoted in full tonight by the Shepparton radio, Australia, and recorded by the federal communications commission.

With slight unimportant deletions the diary follows:  
Airmen Captured

"On March 28, 1943, all four of us were taken in front of the headquarters at 1500 hours (3 p.m.). One of the two members of the crew of the plane which was shot down by ack-ack on the 18th and who has been under cross-examination by the seventh base force for some days has been returned to the Salamaua garrison and it has been decided to kill him. Our commander told us personally that in accordance with the compassionate sentiments of Japanese Bushido he was going to kill the prisoner himself with his favorite sword.

"So we gathered to observe it. The prisoner, who was at the side of the guardhouse, was given his last drink of water there. The chief medical officer and the headquarters platoon commander came out of the officers' tent wearing their swords. The time has come. The prisoner with his hands bound and his long hair now cut very close marches forward. He probably suspects what is about but he is more composed than I thought he would be. Without more ado he is put on

### Physicians Give Ex-Leader Fair Chance to Live

TOKYO, Wednesday, Sept. 12.—(AP)—Hideki Tojo, given another blood transfusion, still was given better than a 50-50 chance today to survive his suicide attempt -- and thus possibly face trial as a war criminal.

Penicillin was being used in large quantities. The man who as Japan's war premier helped engineer the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor was resting easily at 9 a. m. today, nearly 17 hours after he shot himself at his home while American officers stood outside to arrest him for questioning.

His age was declared to be the main obstacle in his recovery. The one-time premier, who shot himself at 4:15 p. m. at his suburban home, groaned repeatedly "I want to die, I want to die."

"I did not want to stand before the victor to be tried as the vanquished. This is my own case. I wanted to kill myself at one stroke. I first thought of using my sword to kill myself, but instead I used the revolver for fear I might fail and survive."

He was still alive at 11 p. m. (Tokyo time) and American doctors said he had better than an even chance to survive.

Johnson said that Tojo doubtless intended to kill himself quickly, but that the gun was slightly misaimed. The bullet went through his body. (Additional Details on Page 2)

### Salem School Heat System Report Given

Members of the Salem school board Tuesday night heard a report by Sidney Hayslip, Portland, the board's consulting architect, on the advisability of a central heating plant for Parrish Junior high, Salem high school and the proposed athletic stadium.

Hayslip told the school board that the heating and electrical experts he had consulted said that nothing could be done about the problem of furnace noises underneath the high school stage; the Parrish heating system must be replaced next year; there can be no expansion of the Salem high school's present heating system.

### Age Case Considered

Supt. Frank B. Bennett asked the board to consider the case of a child who will be six years old at 5:50 a. m. November 16, and whose father had requested the board to waive the November 15 deadline and allow the child to attend school this year. Board members reaffirmed its present policy of drawing the line at midnight November 15, saying that if an exception was made in one case, they would have to consider others of a similar nature.

The board also voted a reasonable sum toward the improvement of the junior high schools' vocational shops.

**Contracts Adjusted**  
Several teachers contracts were adjusted and Hiram D. Smith hired to be the automobile instructor at the high school.

Bennett also called to the attention of the board the fact that the new state law now requires all students to attend school until they either reach the age of 18 or graduate from high school. He urged that the school set up continuation classes for those students who passed the eighth grade at the age of 15 or 16, dropped out of school, and were not able to keep up the regular school work; and also that the board consider a series of night classes to take care of those students who are regularly employed but will be forced to resume their studies. The night classes could also admit adults on a tuition basis, he added.

### Finance Group Votes Against Jobless Pay

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—(AP)—The senate finance committee late today voted against any federal supplements to increase state payments to the jobless, but approved aid to make the maximum duration 26 weeks in all states.

Chairman George (D-Ga.) announced after a two-hour session that the group had agreed tentatively on a bill also embracing:

1. Unemployment compensation for all federal civil workers.  
2. Unemployment compensation for an estimated 400,000 maritime workers.  
3. Transportation payments to enable migrant workers to return to their former homes, or to a place of new employment. It was agreed to limit individual payments to a maximum of \$200 and to allow only travel for a worker and his dependents.

### Group Reports Surplus Meat

CHICAGO, Sept. 11.—(AP)—The National Association of Retail Grocers said today a survey of retail meat supplies over last weekend showed the cities reported "surplus meat" "actually dumped" and at least eight other areas threatened with similar surpluses.

Mrs. R. M. Kiefer, secretary-manager of the association, said results of the survey led the association to send telegrams to Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson; OPA Administrator Chester Bowles, and chairmen of senate and house food committees urging immediate ending of meat rationing.

### Convention Restrictions To Be Lifted Oct. 1

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—(AP)—All restrictions on conventions, group meetings and trade shows will end October 1.

This date for the termination of the so-called convention ban was announced today by the office of defense transportation. The action was recommended by the office of war mobilization and conversion, at whose insistence it was imposed last February 1.

The ban was designed to keep down travel and to relieve overcrowded hotels.

**Weather**  
San Francisco \_\_\_\_\_ Max. Min. Rain  
Eugene \_\_\_\_\_  
Salem \_\_\_\_\_  
Portland \_\_\_\_\_  
Seattle \_\_\_\_\_  
Willamette river \_\_\_\_\_ ft.  
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Clear today with maximum temperature 60 degrees.