

BARKLEY TO HEAD PEARL HARBOR INQUIRY

Committee of 10 Named to Probe Disaster's Cause

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14—(AP)—A congressional committee of 10, which will be headed by senate majority leader Barkley of Kentucky, was named today to investigate the Pearl Harbor disaster.

The other members:

From the senate—George of Georgia and Lucas of Illinois,

democrats, and Ferguson of Michigan and Brewster of Main, republicans.

From the house—Cooper of Tennessee, Clark of North Carolina and Murphy of Pennsylvania, democrats, and Keefe of Wisconsin and Gearhart of California, republicans.

The group will meet Tuesday to organize. Barkley's election as chairman then is a foregone conclusion.

It was he who introduced the resolution for an inquiry into all circumstances of the Japanese attack which knocked out eight American battleships and plunged this country into war.

The big immediate question for the committee will be the selection of a general counsel. The counsel for any congressional investigatory committee plays a big hand in the direction the inquiry takes.

Barkley



Alben W. Barkley, senate majority leader, will head the committee of 10 congressional delegates which will investigate the Pearl Harbor disaster.



By *Wendell S. Spang*

CHICAGO—Now that the war is over, the midwest is engaged in two races. One is between frost and corn. A very wet spring delayed planting until quite late. The corn which should be about ripe now still needs two or three weeks for full maturity of all fields. Ears are commencing to turn yellow and hang down, but they are not ready for frosts. Rains struck the cornbelt last Sunday, followed Monday by cold winds which did more than chill the flesh for those anxious about the corn crop. Prediction is for warmer weather which should end the present threat.

The other race is for the national league pennant between Chicago Cubs and St. Louis Cardinals. The midwest divides its loyalties chiefly on geographic lines in this contest. However, a banker here told me the Cubs were all washed out and would wind up at the bottom of the list. Typical home town pessimism and griping, I guess.

You can sense the change to peace in travel conditions now. The proportion of men and women in uniform is much less. And there are far fewer war wives and children on the move than a year and two years ago. The leave-takings at stations are much less affecting than they were when women-folk bade their young men goodbye. Parting now is again "sweet sorrow" without foreboding.

More men in civics wearing (Continued on editorial page)

TO SAIL TO PHILIPPINES

PORTLAND, Sept. 14—(AP)—Expanding trade between the northwest and the Philippines, with four sailings a month expected shortly, was predicted today by W. L. Williams, American Mail line district manager.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Acme Exterminating Company? We're bothered with people in this house."

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'Death March' Instigator Surrenders; Suicides Rise

Requests 17 Billion Navy Cut

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14—(AP)—President Truman recommended today that congress take \$16,824,553,927 out of the navy's pocket-book.

He was reported at the same time to have told congressional and departmental officials in a White House meeting that the service will have to take its chances with other agencies in the postwar budget.

He was also said to have urged Chairman Walsh (D-Mass) of the senate naval affairs committee to go ahead with hearings on a bill to govern the postwar size of the fleet, introduced by Walsh and Chairman Carl Vinson (D-Ga) of the house naval committee.

Walsh and Vinson proposed that most of the wartime navy be kept afloat, with a total of 1079 fighting ships—one third active, one third partially manned in reserve and the rest laid up.

150-Mile Wind Racing Toward Florida Coast

MIAMI, Fla., Sept. 14—(AP)—A massive tropical hurricane that reportedly created "colossal" havoc in Turks island with 150-mile winds swirled towards the Florida Keys tonight, giving some indication that it was curving northward closer to Miami.

Thousands of persons in exposed areas began to trek to safety under coast guard, Red Cross and weather bureau warnings and disaster committees reported to stations as the hurricane equalling the disastrous one of 1926 approached.

Schools, police stations and other public buildings were thrown open to refugees throughout south Florida. The federal storm warning service estimated that the first squalls would be felt in this area tomorrow.

WPB Authorizes State Buildings

Authorization for priorities for the state to construct a \$300,000 building at Oregon state hospital farm and a \$93,000 patients' cottage at Fairview home, was announced Friday by the war production board. Roy Mills, secretary of the state board of control, said plan should be ready for bid call in about 30 days.

Two physician's cottages, which the state will build by day labor at a cost of \$7000 each, were also approved by the WPB.

Complications Postpone Meat Point Decision

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14—(AP)—Complications—some with an international twist—appeared today to have put off until next week a decision on when rationing will end.

Government food officials, describing the decision as "a tough one," said the situation is snarled by:

1. Lack of complete information on foreign requirements.
2. Difficulty of removing meat from the red point program without wrecking the rationing of fats and oils. The latter foods require red points, too.
3. Apprehension that unrestricted meat buying might result in poor distribution and new black market.

The agriculture department reported today that cold storage stocks of meat on Sept. 1 were far above normal, totalling 629,617,000 pounds.

Deadline Asked For Nylon Sale

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14—(AP)—A number of manufacturers and retailers have asked WPB to set a uniform date for the start of sales of nylon hosiery, say December 1.

The idea is to prevent a wild scramble to get to the consumer first. The industry wants to have 3,000,000 dozen pairs on retailers' shelves before sales begin.

The proposal is getting a cool reception here. WPB officials say their aim is to get rid of government controls as soon as possible, not establish new ones.

Newsprint Increase Due From Canada

Ottawa, Sept. 14—(AP)—An increase of 10,000 tons monthly for the quarter beginning Oct. 1 has been made in the allocation of Canadian newsprint to United States publishers, Prices Board Secretary A. F. W. Plumpre said today.

There will be a proportionate increase in the allotment to Canadian publishers, he said.

Strike Halts Production in All Ford Company Factories

DETROIT, Sept. 14—(AP)—Fifty thousand Ford Motor company employees were thrown out of work tonight as production halted in all Ford plants in the nation.

The Ford workers, 40,000 of them in the Detroit area alone, were sent home by the company, stopping the output of automobiles, trucks, tractors and engines. Only maintenance workers, those employed on reconversion and office workers remained on the job.

Forgive and Forget, Urges Jap Premier

TOKYO, Sept. 14—(AP)—Premier Prince Higashi-Kuni, member of Japan's royal family, today asked America to "forget Pearl Harbor" while Nippon limps "step by step" into the circle of democratic nations.

The prince, in an exclusive statement to the Associated Press, declared his belief "that the new Japan which will emerge will be shorn of militarism and will be as peace-loving as the United States."

"The prince, cousin to Emperor Hirohito and the first member of the imperial household ever to hold the premiership, recently solicited letters of criticism and suggestion from the people. It was an unprecedented request. The Associated Press sent him nine questions, and in 24 hours received a nine-page reply.

"People of America, won't you forget Pearl Harbor?" he asked. "We Japanese people will forget the picture of devastation wrought by the atomic bomb and will start entirely anew as a peace-loving nation. "America has won and Japan has lost. The war is ended. Let us now bury hate. This has been my policy since organization of the present cabinet."

The premier listed these major problems needing immediate solution: "First: How to carry out faithfully the provisions of the Potsdam declaration in an orderly and systematic fashion while maintaining general order and not throwing the country into confusion. "Second: Food, clothing and shelter for the people. "Third: Unemployment which will total an estimated 15,000,000 persons."

Americans Reply to Higashi-Kuni's Plea

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14—(AP)—Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson said today the suggestion of the Japanese Premier Higashi-Kuni to Americans "to forget Pearl Harbor" and "bury hate" shows failure of the Japanese to understand either themselves or Americans.

The premier made his comment in replying to questions submitted to him by the Associated Press.

Members of congress did not echo the premier's plea. "Nothing could show more clearly than this statement the failure of the Japanese to understand the nature of their own conduct or the mind of the American people," Acheson said. "Pearl Harbor is not a symbol of hate for Japan, but a symbol of Japanese perfidy," he added. "We are determined there shall be no opportunity for such perfidy again."

"As Secretary Byrnes has said of the Japanese government, 'We shall judge that government by its deeds, not by its words.'"

Senator Cordon (R-Ore) said he did not believe this country would forget Pearl Harbor "and I certainly hope Japan remembers the atomic bomb."

From Senator Ferguson (R-Mich), just appointed to the committee to investigate Pearl Harbor, came the jesting comment that Higashi-Kuni "could not have picked a worse day" for his plea.

"We all hope Japan will be peace-loving but she will have to prove it," he added.

Review Given Kaiser's Car

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 14—(AP)—A few persons today glimpsed Henry J. Kaiser's new automobile, and reported it definitely out of the ordinary.

The car was driven, without fanfare, to a downtown weighing station, then returned to the building site in the Kaiser yard here which still is completing ships.

Persons who saw the model said it appeared to have a box-type aluminum frame, front wheel drive and a four cylinder French type motor carried in front of the front wheels. The fact that much aluminum was in evidence in frame and body raised hopes that manufacturing would be done in this aluminum-producing area.

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13,000 Doctors to Get Out

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14—(AP)—The army today made it easier for medical officers and nurses to get out of service and estimated that 13,000 doctors, 25,000 nurses and 3500 dentists will be back in civilian life by January 1.

The system will be liberalized still further within a few months so that by next July 1, when the army strength drops to 2,500,000, at least 30,000 doctors, 10,000 dentists and more than 40,000 nurses will be out of uniform.

Announcement of the plan for speedier releases came in the wake of demands from capital hill for the discharge of more physicians to meet shortages in many communities.

Under the new system, doctors and dentists—with the exception of about 200 specialists—will be released if:

- 1—They have 80 discharge points, based on credit for service, combat and parenthood or
- 2—Are 48 years of age or older or
- 3—Entered service prior to December 7, 1941.

Guy Croddy of Salem Freed; On Way Home

PFC Guy W. Croddy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy R. Croddy of 2209 N. Front st., who was captured by the Japanese on Corregidor in 1942, was liberated from a Japanese prison camp in Tokyo on September 6, his parents have been informed.

A telegram from the war department said he would be in the United States in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Croddy received two cards and a letter from their son in all the three and a half years, and not having heard at all since last January they just about had given up hopes of his rescue.

There has been no direct word from Croddy himself, but the war department said he would communicate with his parents as soon as he arrived in the United States.

Lincoln Wagon Released on \$1500 Bail

DALLAS, Sept. 14—(AP)—Lincoln T. Wagoner, 37, Salem, accused of driving a car which fatally injured a sailor last Sunday, was released on \$1500 bail after preliminary hearing here today.

Wagoner was bound over to the Polk county grand jury. The sailor, Robert Louis Sharp, 20, Charleston, W. Va., died after being struck on the Salem-Dallas highway near Eola.

Salem Senior High School Prepares to Open Doors Soon

By Carol Copeland Staff Writer, The Statesman About 1000 students have called the past two weeks filling out their enrollment program and getting ready for the opening of school Monday, H. B. Johnson, principal said Friday.

The high school operates on a six-period day plus a home room period for registration and guidance purposes. Periods are 55 minutes in length, the morning session extending from 8:40 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and the afternoon session is from 12:40 p.m. to 3:40 p.m.

Students are permitted to enroll in five classes, including physical education. If one or more of the classes is of the activity type, such as music, typ-

General Reports Occupation May Be Over in Year

MacArthur Denies 'Soft Policy' in Dealing With Nips—Will Get Tough Later

TOKYO, Saturday, Sept. 15—(AP)—The arrogant Japanese general whose men perpetrated the horrifying "death march on Bataan" appeared in Japanese police custody today and said he was ready to surrender to General MacArthur.

"I am ready to take responsibility for any act of my subordinates," Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma, the man who dictated General Jonathan Wainwright's 1942 surrender of the Philippines, told Al Dopking, Associated Press correspondent, at a railroad station.

MacArthur, who assured the American people in a statement, that when his army is adequately deployed and the Japanese forces sufficiently demobilized, he will crack down on the surrendered nation, announced the suspension of Dornier news agency.

While the hunt proceeded for suspected war criminals, three more high militarists died by their own hand.

"Washed Up" in Year Lt. Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger, whose U.S. eighth army led the occupation forces into Japan, declared "if the Japs continue acting as they are now within a year this thing should be washed up."

"When an insular country loses its land, sea and air power and is without raw materials and has big countries sitting on its flanks it can't be much of a threat," he told a press conference.

General MacArthur in another statement agreed with the view of Japan's thoroughly beaten position, but said nothing about such an early termination of the occupation—far earlier than most previous reports had calculated.

Suicides Continue Lt. Gen. Chikahito Koizumi, the former surgeon general of the Japanese army, committed hari kiri Thursday night.

Another on MacArthur's list, Kunihiko Hashida, who was Tojo's education minister, committed suicide by taking poison when Japanese police called at his home yesterday to take him in custody.

Gen. Tetsichi Yoshimoto, home army commander, —not on MacArthur's list — also committed hara kiri.

Tojo, who botched his own attempt at suicide with a bullet that missed his heart, continued to show improvement in an army hospital.

GI Xmas Mail Period Opens

The overseas Christmas package mailing period opens today and will continue until October 15, Al Gragg, Salem postmaster, announced Friday night.

Packages are limited to five pounds in weight and an overall length and girth of not more than 36 inches. The extreme length may not be more than 15 inches, under postoffice regulations.

One package may be mailed each week without a request, as was the rule last year. Postmaster Gragg urges that those planning to send packages send them as early as possible.

Adair Review Today

CAMP ADAIR, Sept. 14—(Special)—Plans were all set today for the colorful military review of more than 5000 troops here today at 10:30 a. m. (instead of the previously-scheduled time of 10). The public has been invited. The troops will be inspected by Maj. Gen. F. B. Mallon, commanding general of replacement depot number 4.

Place	Max.	Min.	Rain
Eugene	68	47	0.00
Salem	67	46	0.00
Portland	66	45	0.00
Seattle	65	44	0.00
Willametta river	2.5 ft.		

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Cloudy with clear afternoon temperatures, maximum near 70.