

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Stroup

Let a flurry of strikes hit the country and a clamor starts for government to "do something."

Would these critics have the government order the employers to meet the wage demands of the strikers?

Independence Is Suggested to Halt Uprising

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 16-(AP)-The Netherlands minister of overseas territory today declared that the government was ready to offer Indonesians self-government, within the Dutch commonwealth, as a solution to the nationalist uprising in Java.

The minister, Dr. H. A. Logemann, told the Dutch lower house that the government was willing to discuss the proposal with Indonesian leaders "who merit consideration," but would not deal with Dr. Soekarno, president of the "Indonesian republic."

Quota on Newspaper Correspondents Lifted

TOKYO, Wednesday, Oct. 17-(AP)-General MacArthur today ordered the lifting of quotas announced last Friday which would have reduced the number of newspaper correspondents in Japan, the Philippines and Korea.

Animal Crackers



"And, Fred, see if you can't get them to do something about these long nights."

NAVY TO RELEASE 1,100,000 BY JAN. 1

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Points For Discharge Are Cut

More Reduction Scheduled to Be Effective Soon

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16-(AP)-The navy tonight announced reductions in point scores for the greater part of its personnel, intended to release one-third of its war-end strength by the first of January.

In other classes predicted cuts are: for male officers other than doctors, to 44 points on December 1 and 43 points on January 1.

For enlisted male personnel, to 39 points on December 1 and 38 points on January 1.

For WAVE officers, to 30 points on December 1 and 29 points on January 1.

For enlisted WAVES, to 24 points on December 1 and 23 points on January 1.

The point score for unmarried nurses will remain at 35 until January 1 when it will be cut to 33.

The navy said an announcement speeding the release of aviators, whose point score continues at 44 for fliers above the rank of ensign and 36 for ensigns, will be made before November 1.

The navy estimated that with the cuts, slightly more than 1,000,000 enlisted men and more than 100,000 officers will have been released by the end of this year.

It announced today that 283,149 officers and men have been demobilized since Japan's surrender, 56,443 more than its timetable called for.

Frank Wrightman Injured in Mishap

Frank Wrightman, 87, pioneer of the Salem area and former county official, was struck by a car at 12:09 a.m. today and was taken to Deaconess hospital with a possible skull fracture.

'Keep Ready'



Adm. William F. Halsey, commander of the 3rd fleet, who told thousands in San Francisco yesterday that America should stand 'whole, untouched and ready' in its 'rendezvous with destiny.'

Halsey Asks 'Monument' to Men Who Died

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 16-(AP)-Cheering thousands of San Franciscans paid tribute to Admiral Halsey and his men today and heard the famed commander of the Third fleet call for American vigilance against all aggressors while still cooperating to the fullest in perfecting a world peace organization.

Handed the symbolic golden key to the city by Mayor Roger D. Lapham at midday ceremonies which followed a parade to the city hall, Halsey told a huge throng of service men and civilians:

"An America that stands whole, untouched and ready to take the lead in solving the immense problems confronting the world is the best monument you can erect to the men who fought and died to keep her that way."

In an address at a civic homecoming banquet tonight, Halsey declared that America had reached a "rendezvous with destiny" from which it could head "toward permanent peace" or "back where we were four years ago."

Shortages Hit Mills, Homes In Coal Strike

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16-(AP)-Bituminous coal operators searched today for an acceptable compromise with John L. Lewis to halt widespread soft coal strikes, as shortages hit southern cotton mills and threatened home heating.

Lewis was considering calling the United Mine Workers' 250 member policy committee to Washington to discuss the collapse of the government conciliation efforts directed by Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach.

LEAVE BOMB TO U. S. NEW YORK, Oct. 16-(AP)-President Juan Antonio Rios of Chile said today "the world should feel safe to leave the secret of the atom bomb with the United States."

Deer Kills Mt. Angel Caretaker

Monastery Employee Victim of Pet; Rites Friday

MT. ANGEL, Oct. 16-(Special) Kaspar Bruecker, 79, was killed Tuesday by a pet deer kept in a pen beyond the Mt. Angel monastery gardens.

The body was found by the Rev. Anthony Terhaar, OSB, at 2:20 p. m. some distance from the pen where two pet deer were kept. There were signs of a struggle and the clothing was torn.

Bruecker recently had been caretaker of the garden and had been warned against the deer, a year old buck which had knocked down several persons. It was killed immediately Tuesday, even before the arrival of the assistant coroner, V. T. Golden.

Bruecker was born in Wassen, Canton Uri, Switzerland. His only known relatives are two sisters and two nephews in Germany.

He previously had been janitor at the monastery and had made his home there for many years. Funeral services will follow a 7:30 a. m. requiem mass Friday and burial will be made in the Benedictine abbey cemetery. Unger mortuary took charge of the body.

Golden, after an investigation, formally declared death was the result of an accident. Sheriff Denver Young accompanied Golden from Salem.

Communists In Berlin Said to Be Dominant

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16-(AP)-The communist party of Germany now dominates Berlin's city government, General Eisenhower reported today. He added that informal reports indicate it could not retain that position in "a fair and impartially supervised election."

Eisenhower, in an occupational report made public by the war department, said such an election would "reveal relatively strong support going to the social democrats and the Christian-democratic union, in that order."

All four political parties functioning in the German capital are allocated sufficient newsprint by the soviet authorities to print 100,000 newspapers each, Eisenhower said, "except that the communist paper is permitted to print 200,000."

"All papers," he added, "are subject to soviet censorship."

Bakery Strike Sets Kitchens to Work

SPOKANE, Oct. 16-(AP)-A strike at nine leading bakeries here and one at Coeur d'Alene, Ida., cut down bread supplies and housewives went to work turning out biscuits, buns and homemade bread.

Bakers of local 74, bakers and confectioners union (AFL) seek a 15 per cent wage increase.

Mikado Pardons Million Nips; Opposition Grows

Don't the Victims Even Get Choice Of Where to Go?

ELLENSBURG, Wash., Oct. 16-(AP)-Central Washington college, where girls outnumber boys 14 to one, is going to try out a "date raffle" to obtain equitable distribution of the male escorts for a Saturday hayride.

Girls will draw lots for the 30 eligible dates. To prevent a scramble among the winners, all the boys will be concealed behind a curtain and each winner will pull her prize into view by tugging on a string.

Plea for Draft Reported to Be Truman Plan

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16-(AP)-President Truman today was reported drafting a plea to congress to pass a law for peacetime universal military training.

If Mr. Truman sends this message to capitol hill soon, as he reportedly has told legislators he will do, it probably will start one of the hottest controversies since he took office.

Most leaders think congress is not ready yet to say that volunteering won't work and adopt conscription as its alternate.

The advent of the atomic bomb has left a lot of legislators wondering whether it is worthwhile to maintain large armies and navies in the future.

But the president reportedly remains determined to check the issue up to congress as he gave warning he would do in his September 6 message outlining his program.

Group Forms Food Section of United Nations

QUEBEC, Oct. 16-(AP)-The food and agriculture organization of the united nations was formally organized tonight to lead an international campaign against want.

Thirty of 45 members of the united nations eligible to participate signed the constitution of the new organization at simple but colorful ceremonies in the historic Chateau Frontenac. Signatures by 20 nations were required.

Of the major powers, only Russia did not sign. L. B. Pearson, chairman of a commission which drafted the constitution, said the Russians expected authorization to sign to arrive momentarily from Moscow.

Marshall Pleads Anew for Army Training In Peace

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16-(AP)-Gen. George C. Marshall, described by President Truman as having done "the greatest military task in the history of the world," pleaded anew tonight for peacetime military training.

Tax Aid For Vets Favored

Dispute Centers Around Excess Profits Proposal

By William T. Peacock WASHINGTON, Oct. 16-(AP)-Pleas that special tax concessions for veterans be written into the tax reduction bill got an apparently sympathetic reception today from the senate finance committee.

They came from spokesmen for the CIO and the national lawyers guild at the senate group's second day of hearings on house-approved legislation which would reduce 1946 tax bills by \$1,190,000,000.

Chairman George (D-Ga.) told reporters after the session that he thought the committee probably would write in some provisions concerning veterans, but he did not say what they might be.

Clifford McAvoy, representing the CIO, recommended forgiveness of income taxes up to \$250 owed by veterans for the years 1941 to the date of their discharge. He also proposed that the \$1500 special exemption now granted servicemen be continued for a year after discharge from the service.

Henry H. Wolf, appearing for the lawyer's guild, took a similar stand.

Both McAvoy and Wolf also made parallel requests that the excess profits tax be left unchanged for 1946 and that the house bill be rewritten to reduce individual income taxes by \$6,500,000,000, chiefly in lower income brackets.

The house bill would cut the effective rate of the excess profits tax from 85.5 to 60 per cent in 1946 and repeal it entirely for 1947. It would cut individual income tax bills by \$2,647,000,000.

Secretary of the Treasury Vinson, who has recommended complete repeal of the excess profits tax, effective Jan. 1, and a reduction of individual income taxes by \$2,085,000,000, argued that continuation of the excess profits tax would tend to restrict business expansion.

McAvoy stirred up a firestorm of critical questions by a blistering attack on proposed repeal of the excess profits tax as a move which would give "huge windfalls to the richest corporations."

Senator Hawkes (R-NJ) told the CIO spokesman at one point: "Your organization is trying to get a 30 per cent wage increase. How do you expect to get it out of a dead duck?"

When McAvoy said he didn't believe there would be any "dead ducks," Hawkes remarked that he did not believe in profiteering and did believe in "decent wages" but that those wages could not be had "unless you take care of the goose that lays the golden eggs."

Iowa Really Puts on Firey Demonstration

SEATTLE, Oct. 16-(AP)-The super-dreadnaught Iowa put up such a curtain of anti-aircraft fire—3900 shells and bullets every 10 seconds—in the western Pacific that aviators and other fleet units thought it had been hit and was on fire, Rear Adm. Oscar C. Badger said today.

Japs Lacking In Foresight to Be Ahead in A-Bomb

TOKYO, Wednesday, Oct. 17-(AP)-Short-sightedness of the militarists kept Japan from finding the secret of atomic power during the war, Dr. Ryouichi Sagane, American-educated professor of physics at Tokyo imperial university, was quoted today in the army newspaper, Stars and Stripes.

"Four years ago Japan's leading physicists came to the conclusion that with the knowledge we then had atomic weapons would be entirely possible," Sagane said.

"We broached the subject to the government but they could not see the expenditure of such a huge sum of money and material on what might possibly be just a fantastic dream of the laboratory."

A-Bomb Fuse Remains U. S. Trade Secret

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16-(AP)-It was disclosed today on capitol hill that the United States alone has a "trade secret" for making the atomic bomb's fuse.

The secret hasn't even been given to an ally, senators heard.

This report came from Rear Admiral William R. Purnell before the senate's military-commerce subcommittee studying future science.

Great Britain and Canada shared the atomic bomb in development and, it was presumed, the full secret.

Purnell said one American firm, only, possesses the secret of the fuse. He added that there are more trade secrets still in hiding and declared "I do not know of a defense against the atomic bomb."

DAR's Exclusion Order Assailed And Defended

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16-(AP)-The DAR's exclusion of Negro Pianist Hazel Scott from Constitution hall was defended and assailed in the house today.

Rep. Rankin (D-Miss) declared that criticism of the Daughters of the American Revolution for their action was of "communist" origin.

Rep. Coffee (D-Wash) deplored the "drawing of the color line" in the big DAR hall.

Both speeches drew applause and cheers from the galleries and Speaker Rayburn admonished the "guests of the house" against demonstrations.

Suicides Asked Of Leaders

Demonstration In Tokyo Stresses Need for Bread

TOKYO, Wednesday, Oct. 17-(AP)-Emperor Hirohito, in a rescript unprecedented in scope, granted amnesty to approximately 1,000,000 Japanese on this festival day of Kanne-Sai when the first rice crop is offered to the gods.

In the third such amnesty since the amnesty ordinance was issued in 1912, the mikado pardoned 320,000 persons, of which 2000 were in prison; reduced sentences for 37,000; and ordered the restoration of civil rights to 600,000.

TOKYO, Oct. 16-(AP)-In one of the largest political demonstrations in Japan since the people were liberated from strict military and government control, more than 500 shouting and banner-waving members of the newly formed Nippon working party massed today before General MacArthur's headquarters. They were seeking American aid in getting more bread and voiced opposition to the Jap government.

Earlier the group of demonstrators passed out handbills urging all senior statesmen in Japan to commit suicide.

Other sections of Japan were involved in one of the greatest mass movements of people in history.

More than 1,500,000 Koreans swarmed into Hakata seeking transportation to their native land.

Plundering Disclosed The extent of Japanese plundering of conquered countries was revealed by the Tokyo newspaper Asahi which said printing presses deluged China with new worthless currency which added up to about \$4,000,000,000 U. S. dollars in face value.

The last Japanese serviceman and civilian will not be home from abroad until August, 1949, Japanese Minister of War Sadashi Shimomura disclosed in a report to the cabinet.

Troops of the American division ended a buried silver hunt approximately 100 miles from Tokyo when they uncovered a cache of Japanese silver bars valued at \$1,100,000.

On "Training Mission" A Japanese navy captain, Mitsue Fuchida, revealed in Tokyo that the crews aboard six aircraft carriers which struck Pearl Harbor thought they were on a training mission until the day before they hit the American base.

The Japanese officer said the Pearl Harbor task force included two battleships, three cruisers, four destroyer flotillas of four ships each and eight tankers.

MacArthur's headquarters announced that the Japanese war machine was so crushed as early as July, 1944, that imperial general headquarters ordered all branches of the armed services to "become thoroughly indoctrinated" in suicide attacks "at once."

Stay of Execution Asked for Dennis

A request to commute to life imprisonment the death sentence of Andrew W. Dennis, Portland, has been received, Gov. Earl Snell said Tuesday. Dennis is accused of slaying his mother-in-law in a Portland apartment house. Execution had been set for November 16. Defense attorneys contend that Dennis was convicted on circumstantial evidence.

Prisoners Arrive in San Francisco; Ships on Way to Northwest; 7500 Men Leave Okinawa

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 16-(AP)-The transport Joseph T. Dickman docked here today with 1438 former prisoners of the Japanese, including 658 U. S. army men, 569 British imperial forces, 44 Canadians and 157 U. S. civilians.

The army estimated the cheering, tearful throng at the dockside to greet the repatriates included friends and relatives from every state in the union.

Col. Arthur L. Shreve, Baltimore, Md., captured on Corregidor, was greeted by Brig. Gen. and Mrs. W. R. Goodward, Brooksville, Miss.

The wife and son of Col. I. A. Alexander, San Antonio, Tex., held a joyous reunion with the officer who was with the 31st infantry regiment on Corregidor where he won the Distinguished Service Cross.

Former American prisoners were taken to Letterman General hospital. British troops captured at Hong Kong and Singapore will entrain for Halifax and the last leg of their voyage to the British Isles.

Also aboard the Dickman were 707 army troops for discharge and reassignment.

The transport Neville arrived from Saipan with 1444 men.

PEARL HARBOR, Oct. 16-(AP) The aircraft carrier Hornet left today for Monterey, Calif., and the carrier Ticonderoga for Tacoma, Wash., to participate in Navy day celebrations before being converted for troop transport service.

The Bunker Hill will depart tomorrow for Seattle. Together the Bunker Hill and Ticonderoga are carrying 2000 army men and 200 officers. The Hornet is carrying 600 navy ambulatory hospital patients, 100 navy officers and 400 navy enlisted men.

PEARL HARBOR, Oct. 16-(AP) The navy announced today that since the typhoon at Okinawa struck a week ago 7500 high point military personnel have been processed on the island and evacuated for discharge on the mainland.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16-(AP)-The British liner Queen Mary, making her seventh westward crossing since V-E day, docked at a Hudson river pier today with 11,475 passengers including 10,608 U. S. troops. Most of the servicemen were members of the 8th and 9th air forces. Others aboard included 572 WACS, 123 army nurses, 50 navy personnel, 56 U. S. civilians, 86 British civilians and a few British and Canadian military officers.

YWCA Lays Plans to Conduct Campaign for Building Funds

The Salem Young Women's Christian association will conduct a concentrated campaign early next year to raise funds for a new YWCA building here. This much was decided at an open board meeting Tuesday afternoon at the YW's old family-residence home, 768 State st.

Neither the type of construction nor the amount of money required have been determined, board members agreed Tuesday. Accommodations for transient young women are below standard, it was declared. In an emergency, sleeping accommodations can be provided for 20 women and constant calls exceed this number. Six hundred twenty-five girls are members of the YW-sponsored clubs which use the house, compared with 299 who used it in 1940. Mrs. Esther Little, executive director, reported.

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SEATTLE, Oct. 16-(AP)-The navy said today salvage crews were working to refloat the navy refrigerator ship Athanasis, which went aground Sunday in thick fog 150 miles up the west coast of Vancouver island. Crew members and officers were safe.