

Japan Unveils New Military Forces; Many World War II Officers Included

By FRED SAITO
TOKYO (U)—Japan Thursday unveiled its new regular air, sea and ground forces—nearly nine years after surrendering in World War II. Because Japan has renounced war, the relatively tiny new services are called "self defense forces." Authorized recently by the Diet (parliament) they were developed from national "safety" forces.

The revived military command brings several new features to Japan—and some not so new, including a generous sprinkling of officers of the old imperial forces which carried the island nation to crushing and disastrous defeat a decade ago.

For example, the new adjutant general of the 5,000-man air force

—Japan's first independent air arm—is Sadamu Sanagi, who mapped the air strategy for the attack on Pearl Harbor. He was a navy captain at the time.

"Thought Police"
Air chief of staff is Gen. Kentaro Uemura, 1945 chief of Tokyo's Kempeitai — "thought police" — an intelligence agency equivalent to Germany's Gestapo.

Operations chief is former Capt. Minoru Genda, who helped plan the Pearl Harbor strategy and operations during the Battle of Midway.

The air arm has only a few dozen light trainer planes but hopes to borrow American jets. Many former Japanese aces have been critical of the American-style organization.

But Suburo Sakai, Japan's greatest living ace (credited with 64 Allied aircraft) said Genda's appointment may induce other former navy pilots to join. Sakai himself has remained aloof.

Yoshida in Charge
Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida is theoretically commander in chief under a setup similar to that in the United States. Emperor Hirohito, once commander of the imperial forces, no longer has anything to do with the military.

The constitution, enacted under the Allied occupation, bans war

potential in addition to renouncing war. But according to Yoshida's interpretation, the new armed forces are not up to "war potential."

Chairman of the joint chiefs of staff is Gen. Keizo Hayashi, former official of the Home Ministry which operated the "thought police." Secretary to the joint chiefs is Kumao Imoto, former imperial army colonel who was secretary to Hideki Tojo, executed Pearl Harbor prime minister.

Ex-Imperial Officers
The 110,000-man ground force has mostly light arms, surplus

American weapons leased free. Its top man is Gen. Takeo Tsutsui, a career colonial governor of Korea during the war. Practically all the division and regimental commanders are former imperial army colonels, most of whom spent the war at headquarters in Tokyo.

The ground force was ordered into its first training by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Allied occupation commander, soon after the Korean War started in 1950. Its first name was "Police Reserve," although it has never been put to police duty. The name was changed to "National

Police" last year and Thursday to the Ground Command of the Self-Defense Force.

Seventy-four per cent of the officers of the new navy—known as the Sea Self-Defense Force—are former imperial navy officers. Their chief of staff, however, is a former Transportation Ministry official, Kogoro Yamazaki.

Slow Frigates
The 10,000-man navy, equipped now with a few score slow frigates and landing craft, expects loan of several surplus American destroyers this year.

How about the spirit of the new military? Could the old feeling that a decade ago prompted kamikaze pilots to plunge into American targets be fired up?

That's hard to say, but it should be remembered that the kamikazes died gladly for the emperor and he's not in the picture at the moment, at least.

Take Oath
The servicemen now take an oath "to defend our fatherland even at the risk of our lives."

More than 6,000 refused to do this last week, claiming they

thought they'd joined a police outfit.

Tokutaro Kimura, Japan's career lawyer-defense minister, ridiculed the idea that Communist leanings were back of this. "They were misfits and had to be weeded out eventually," he told the cabinet.

It has been suggested that morale would be improved if the constitution would be revised to permit rapid out-in-the-open rearmament.

That would be difficult. Too many Japanese recall the death of their loved ones during the war and the nightly bombings by U. S. B-29s.

Asbestos Strike Due in Portland

PORTLAND (U)—A strike of 100 AFL asbestos workers will begin here Thursday in a wage dispute.

Employers said they had offered a 15-cent hourly wage increase, but the union insisted on a 17 1/2-cent increase. The union originally had asked a 25-cent increase. The present scale is \$2.87 1/2 an hour, plus a 10-cent hourly health and welfare payment by the employer.

Some construction work is expected to be affected, because insulation on pipes will be delayed, holding up other construction work.

Chamber Votes To Move to Courthouse

The board of directors of the Salem Chamber of Commerce Wednesday morning voted to move into new quarters on the third floor of the Marion County Courthouse. Present offices are located at 148 S. High St.

The county court previously had approved the measure to add space provided for an additional district court to the Chamber of Commerce until a second district court is needed. A rental of \$100 a month approximates that presently paid for the High Street office space, according to William Hammond, Chamber of Commerce president. No date has been announced for the move.

Tuesday night the Chamber of Commerce's tourist and public relations committees reported one of two tourist information booths planned for Salem will be set up this week.

It will be located on Highway 99E about 10 miles south of town, according to Elmer Odegaard, chairman of the tourist committee. Both booths are being built by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Some 25,000 copies of an information booklet explaining recreational facilities in the Salem area have been printed and will be distributed from the booths. Co-chairmen of the public relations committee are Glenn Smith and Ralph Emmons.

Adm. Joy to Retire Today
ANNAPOLIS, Md. (U)—Vice Adm. Charles Turner Joy Thursday steps out of a 40-year Navy career which once thrust him into the role of chief negotiator with the Communists in Korea.

Now that he has been superintendent of the Naval Academy for two years, following hard on 11 fruitless months as head of the United Nations truce negotiating team in Korea, he says:

"The qualities of patience and firmness are universal in their application. They are just as useful in running a naval academy as they are necessary in negotiating with the Communists."

"Here you have a conference and everyone arrives at a definite and amicable conclusion in a short time. You can't negotiate with the Communists unless you negotiate from a position of military strength."

Frog eggs can be made to develop into frogs without fertilization by puncturing them with a fine needle.

Schlesinger Heads GOP County Board

Sidney Schlesinger of Salem, Wednesday night was elected chairman of the Marion County Central Republican Committee. He succeeds Winton Hunt of Woodburn, who was not a candidate for reelection.

The meeting, attended by some 100 precinct committeemen and committeewomen from throughout the county, was held in the second-floor court chambers of Circuit Judge George R. Duncan.

Other officers selected were: Mrs. Edna Stacey, Salem, vice chairman; Mrs. Thelma Astrup, Salem, secretary; Ward R. Davis, Salem, treasurer; Harry V. Collins, Salem, congressional committeeman; Mrs. Marian Lowery Fischer, Salem, congressional committeewoman; Conrad Paulson, Salem, alternate chairman; and Mrs. Maxine Needham, Salem, alternate vice chairman.

Elected to the district nominating committee were Dave Reed, Mill City; Henry Ahrens, Turner; Leonard Fisher, Mt. Angel; James Hatfield, Salem, and Harry Humphreys, Stayton.

Plans for the county group's participation in the state meeting in Portland this month were also discussed. Scheduled to attend as official delegates are Schlesinger and Mrs. Stacey.

CHAMBERS TO TAKE OFFICE
Carl F. Chambers takes over as chairman of the state tax commission Thursday in an annual fiscal-year change over. Stepping down from the chairmanship is Sam Stewart.

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING
As executor of estate of A. N. BUSH, deceased, the undersigned has filed in Circuit Court of Oregon for Marion County its final account in said estate, and 30 July 1954, at 9:15 o'clock a.m. and the courtroom of said court have been appointed by said court for the hearing of objections to said final account and the settlement thereof.

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