

Japs Declared Waiting To Strike

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The Japanese are carefully conserving their major naval units now, waiting for a chance for a sharp smash at allied air and surface forces in the Pacific, Rear Adm. Osborne B. Hardison said here.

Hardison, back from 25 months service in the south Pacific, where he commanded the aircraft carrier Enterprise, said the Japanese carriers have been in virtual hiding

since the Santa Cruz battle on October 26, 1942.

"I believe that before the war is over they will bring them out and play their last card," he told a press conference.

He forecast that the Japanese will move large fleet units into action "any time they think the opportunity is great enough. They would do it tomorrow if they thought they could get us in a disadvantageous position."

The United States produced more than two billion pounds of butter in 1943.

An Open Letter From Eugene Realty Board to the Public

"It is the measured opinion of this body, by resolution this 28th day of January, 1944:

"1. That for months past there has been a housing crisis in Eugene and adjacent territory; that crisis becoming progressively greater month by month, with resultant hardships to war-workers, both resident and in-migrant.

"2. That a war worker is a war-

worker, in-migrant or otherwise; and that arbitrary distinctions which penalize one variety in favor of another are not simply unjust but are disruptive of the war effort in an enlightened community.

"3. That the shortage of housing in this community has been aggravated and intensified by arbitrary bureaucratic controls, which have operated to paralyze community effort in the field of housing; there having been in this community at all times quantities of building materials, together with available labor in the older age brackets, together with willing capital for building, as well as a great desire from this community to get actively into the war effort wherever possible.

"4. That—It is a matter of record—government housing officials were brought to Eugene on two different occasions by this association and the bad housing situation here was presented to them, but to no avail.

"5. That recently—as is known—officialdom has determined to release materials for the construction of a certain number of units, both new and by conversion of older dwellings. This decision to ease the pressures on war-workers, though tardy in our opinion, is praiseworthy and in line of duty. We say better late than never.

"6. But, in our opinion, restrictions have been attached to this release of materials which are unscientific, discriminatory, if not positively disruptive to the unity of this free, loyal, democratic yet war-minded community. These restrictions innocently limit the use of new housing units to so-called in-migrants only. In our opinion these restrictions are indefensible. They have nothing to do with the winning of the war.

"7. We simply say to the agents of government; as we have publicly plead on more than one occasion:

"Release to this community the use of materials long stored here, together with any other materials you are now willing to allocate for housing in this area. Let government name its outside cost limit for housing units. The financing will be done here. The building will be done here. The units will fit into our community. We will protect war-workers impartially, both resident and in-migrant.

"8. We further say: Let bureaus cooperate with local communities. Let them trust this community for a little intelligence, a little loyalty and cooperation. Cooperation implies a mutual trust and pulling together. The free cooperative home front is infinitely more efficient in America than is the partially shackled or wholly shackled home front of fascist Japan or Fascist Germany.

"9. In our opinion the restrictions placed on the use of housing units are political in nature. They have nothing to do with the winning of the war. We believe the bureaucratic restrictions to be indefensible and we protest against them with all the power at our command. We do not want to be a party to policies which contribute to establishing a fascism from within.

"10. Unless the small American community can be eternally vigilant in this war and in the armistice to come, the sons of America will have died in vain. What avails it to disarm fascist machinery and fascist force on the other side of the earth, the while fascist machinery and fascist force in the background, without excuse and without necessity, are irrevocably applied to a trusting and loyal and cooperative homeland?"

"An open letter" from the Eugene Real Estate Board to the "whole public," clarifying and explaining the board's stand on the recently granted national housing project for the local area is published in full today, beside this article. The letter was prepared and approved, because, as the realtors stated, they believed the public had the wrong impression regarding the board's views on the subject through numerous news stories and public discussion of the past two weeks.

Approval of the letter, presented as a resolution from the board, was voted at a prolonged session of the group Friday afternoon and following two meetings featured by much spirited and at times near-explosive talk and argument.

Against Method

Those of the board fighting the method of set-up for the housing project, throughout the heated debates, agreed with others there has been and is need for additional housing facilities here, but that a principle is at stake, that local autonomy is being ignored, that "arbitrary bureaucratic controls" have operated to throttle local efforts and local control.

So-called "restrictions" by the government limiting these houses to in-migrant war workers were another sore spot in arguments centering around the project. Those opposing the project as it operates declared such restrictions are "discriminatory."

Paul W. Campbell, one of the real estate board who had assisted in securing options on lots for the project and the one who has argued most persistently in behalf of the project at board sessions, in the closing debate before vote on the letter declared he would like to make it clear that such houses are not just for in-migrant war workers, those who have come in here within the last two years, but for ALL war workers who are without adequate housing facilities or who have had their residences sold out from under them or have been forced out of their homes.

Arguments Spirited

Most outspoken against the project has been James A. Rodman, Sr. who has repeatedly stated the restrictions as outlined by the government agency for this project and the method of its set-up "are political in nature."

Accused of bringing politics into the issue, Rodman vehemently denied the charge and declared his fight and his remarks were above politics as such and concerned with the fundamental principles of good government. He declared the problem before the board was one of a most serious nature, one of the most grave responsibilities the board had ever faced. The board has a chance to pioneer the way in making its voice heard to show that the little American communities are still capable of fighting for their rights, that they can stand up and protest when the principles of free government are being submerged, he declared.

"Not many appreciate the awful state ahead for this country, not many appreciate the significance of winning the peace as well as the war," he added.

When several commented it doesn't matter what Eugene says, the government will proceed as it pleases, and that in these war times we should not make protest when the government says such and such must be done, Rodman fairly exploded to shout "To say we haven't the right to protest is the worst type of Americanism; it is unbelievable to say we have no right to protest because the government has said so," banging his chair on the floor for emphasis.

Rent control is practically here, it is invited and brought on by such a set-up of projects, warned Rodman, F. M. Bennett, and others

Uni-Hi News

More Uni-Hi boys are taking their physicals for different branches of the service this week. Bill Hohnstein went to Seattle to take his physical for the navy V-5. Don Blythe, Grant Chase, and Bob Martin went to Portland for the army air corps, and Al Stockstad and Paul Cole will leave later in the week for Seattle and the navy V-3 physical exam.

A dance, "The Basin Street Swing Line," was given Jan. 28, to raise money for the junior-senior prom in April.

Advertisement and invitations have been presented to both junior highs and to Eugene High. The entertainment will be presented by a boogie-woogie piano player, a singer, and some jitterbugs. Refreshments will be sold.

Betty Bushman, senior, has just passed her speed test, and won a Gregg certificate for taking dictation at 100 words per minute for five minutes. Only two girls have won this certificate so far, the other one being Delores Frederick.

The music class is now learning how to recognize key signatures, practicing student directing, and also doing some a cappella singing. So war, Miss Garnett has found several students that are quite capable as directors and accompanists. She hopes that by spring the class will be able to do a cappella singing well enough so that they may use it in the bacalaureate and commencement exercises.

Many attractively-written books have just arrived in our library. Among them are "Guadalcanal Diary," "Inside Benchley," and interesting books dealing with chemistry and nature study.

A clever book, "Salute Me!" bound in khaki, written by Lieutenant George Bristo, tells all about the dilemmas of a second lieutenant.

Nearly 150 more new books are expected. They promise to be worth investigating.

Results of a poll taken by the journalism class to determine what Uni-Hi students think about the war and post-war problems are presented in the current issue of the Hi-Lights, school paper.

Handled through the social living and social economics classes, the entire student body participated in the survey. There was unanimity of opinion on most of the current war questions, it was found, although post-war questions received innumerable opinions.

The next topic of study for the senior economics class, according to Mr. Akers, will be organized labor in the United States.

Mr. Akers' social economics class has just completed its study unit on social security. Many of the students have been enlightened on this subject which puzzles much older people.

Reports from current magazines and books were given explaining the functions of social security, and its future possibilities. A comprehensive test was given at the completion of the unit.

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Lt. Albers Graduated From Flight Training

Lt. Marcus Jerome Albers, son of Mrs. Catherine T. Albers, 1122 Alder street, was graduated January 19 from the naval air training center at Corpus Christi, Tex., and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U. S. marine corps reserve. He is being transferred to Florida for operational duty.

Lieutenant Albers is a former student of the State college at Dickinson, N. Dak., and of the junior college at Bismarck, N. Dak.

Medal Awarded

15TH ARMY AIR FORCE—Cpl. Alva E. Moyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moyer of 1265 Willamette St., Eugene, recently was awarded the good conduct medal at this advanced AAF fighter base in the Mediterranean theater. He attended the University High prior to his enlistment in December 1941 and received his technical training at the radio school, Scott Field, Ill. He now serves as a radio man with a veteran P-38 fighter group which recently completed its first year of combat.



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Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell will continue to make their home in Eugene, still owning the building in which the grocery business is located, and the apartments in the building. They came to Eugene to take over the grocery store eight years ago from Dryad, Wash., near Chehalis. Mitchell has been in the grocery business more than 35 years. The two Mitchell daughters were graduated from the University of Oregon, the elder one, Miss Lorraine Mitchell, now having a position with the Lockheed plant at Los Angeles, and the younger, Mrs. Fannie Evans, having left for training with the women's reserve at N. C.

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in discussing the housing deal. When discussion came up on the pictures published in the Register-Guard showing typical examples of houses planned for the project, Campbell stated that figures submitted with the pictures were not accurate for Eugene. Those figures were for the Corvallis area where full basements were built, and he said \$800 should be knocked off on each to make the figures better fit the Eugene situation.

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