

Demobilization Bill Assailed By Taft

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Sen. Taft (R-Ohio) today criticized as "fundamentally wrong" what he said were attempts by sponsors of the Murray-Kilgore demobilization bill to provide post-war benefits to war workers on a par with those provided for soldiers and sailors.

"I cannot see a parallel between soldiers and sailors serving at \$50 a month and others receiving high wages in war industry," Taft told the senate in urging defeat of the CIO-supported measure under which discharged war workers would receive up to \$5 a week in unemployment compensation.

Taft said the treasury has sold \$25,000,000,000 in war bonds to individuals working on the home front and that these workers have accumulated \$34,000,000,000 in savings with which to cushion their against the economic impacts of the reconversion period.

Despite a drive by the army and navy, he said, members of the services have been able to acquire only \$815,000,000 in bonds.

"There is no parallel between what the government owes to the working man and the fighting man," he added.

The smallest high-voltage storage battery ever built commercially is a 36 volt unit weighing six ounces.

The Department of State at Washington was first called the department of foreign affairs.

West Must Fight For Rights—Biddle

SPOKANE—(AP)—States west of the Rocky mountains "must prepare to fight for their rights" if they are to retain the benefits of war-time industrial developments, United States Atty. Gen. Francis Biddle declared here at a press conference.

"You have the greatest water power resources in the world on your Columbia river," he said. "That is in your favor, but there are other things you must overcome if you are to develop these resources."

"Against you are eastern capital, adverse freight rates, cartels and monopolies."

"Leaders in the states west of the Rockies should make a united effort, aside from politics, against cartels. You have a peculiar interest in trying to break down patent pooling that affects your destiny."

Yanks Retake Baker Island Station

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Reoccupation of Baker island, former U. S. weather station in the Pacific, was disclosed here by the navy.

Americans withdrew from Baker and Howland islands—the latter also presumably has been reoccupied—early in 1942. Baker was unoccupied until marines landed in November, 1943, at the same time that they landed on Tarawa and Makin islands in the Gilberts.

The landing on Baker was without opposition and U. S. sovereignty was re-established on the island, it was said. Apparently the Japanese were never there.



CANADIANS MOVE AHEAD—Framed by the remains of a battered house, Canadian infantrymen move up to advanced positions south of Fleury on the French battle line.

Record Wheat Crop Foreseen by Company

MINNEAPOLIS—(AP)—Cargill, Inc., one of the nation's biggest grain firms, has reported in its crop bulletin that the United States is on the verge of an all-

time record in wheat production. It predicted that the government report, scheduled Thursday, will show a small decline in the wheat crop, but not enough to prevent the new mark.

"Unless a calamity befalls the corn crop and unwarranted demands be made upon wheat for

feeding purposes," the bulletin said, "this country is assured adequate wheat for food, with a fairly generous reserve for emergencies."

Metal mining is conducted in more than half the 29 counties of Utah.

Gen. Merrill Given Less Arduous Work

SOUTHEAST ASIA HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon. (AP)—Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell announced that Brig. Gen. Frank Merrill, who led a 700-mile jungle trek through northern Burma that paved the way for the capture of Maitikya, has been transferred to the China-Burma-India liaison group at Southeast Asia headquarters because of his health.

"I considered it unfair toward a valuable officer, to ask a further effect which might make a lasting impression on his health and therefore transferred him to less arduous but equally important duty," Stilwell said.

Brig. Gen. Theodore Wessels was appointed commander of the marauder volunteer group, in succeeding Merrill.

Stilwell's announcement came four days after army authorities disclosed an almost complete breakdown in the morale of Merrill's marauder after the long, arduous march through the northern Burma mountains culminating in the seizure of the Myitkyina airfield.

Several hundred convalescent soldiers from the marauder group were sent back to the fighting line late in May through a misunderstanding of Stilwell's orders, when the American positions at Myitkyina became precarious.

Stilwell had ordered that all able-bodied men be thrown into the fighting and he wept when he heard that physically unfit men had been sent into action.

Parleys Plan—

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Schofield barracks, Roosevelt said Hawaii through war developments has ceased to be a United States outpost and has become, instead, "one of our rear areas."

"From here we are conducting a campaign," he said, "one more advanced than any other campaign of the past, largely because of the good work you are doing here at this advance base."

Accompanied By Aides

The president was accompanied to Hawaii by white house military aides—Adm. William D. Leahy, who is chief of staff to the president; Maj. Gen. Edwin M. Watson, his military aide; Rear Adm. Wilson Brown, naval aide, and Rear Adm. Ross T. McIntire, surgeon-general of the navy and the president's personal physician.

Also in the group were Samuel I. Rosenman, special counsel to the president and one of Roosevelt's close personal advisors, and Elmer Davis, director of the office of war information. Davis said he was not a member of the presidential party and explained he came to the Pacific to review OWI operations. However, he helped handle press relations.

Roosevelt said he will report to the nation on his Pacific trip but gave no indication of a date.

Powerful New—

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retreat into a military debacle of major proportions. Ready to Join Battle

Allied headquarters gave no information on the size of the new striking force, but the announcement indicated that Breton's sky raiders were ready to join the battle for Paris.

Headquarters spokesmen also gave few details on the progress of the fighting today, beyond disclosure that American units are advancing in the Mortain sector, where the Germans threw four panzer divisions into a major counterattack toward Avranches early this week. Mortain itself was believed still held by the nazis after changing hands several times.

The chief news came from the German radio, which said British forces advancing eastward from their Orne river bridgehead above Thury-Harcourt had made contact with the Canadians driving southward on Falaise.

Oil Fields at Ploesti Attacked From Air

LONDON, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Up to 500 heavy U. S. bombers escorted by Mustangs and Lightnings attacked enemy oil and military installations near Ploesti, Romania, today as the allied air blitz on communications and troops concentrations in Germany and France entered its eleventh consecutive day.

The Ploesti raiders reported good results although forced to seek their targets through thick smoke screens. They encountered intense flak and succeeded in shooting down several enemy fighters.

Thick weather prevailed over the English channel, but judging by the thunder of motors, coast watchers estimated that a considerable force of bombers and fighters were engaged in the day's operations.

AFL Machinists Back President Roosevelt

PORTLAND—(AP)—The Pacific coast conference of AFL machinists endorsed President Roosevelt for reelection by a 70 per cent vote here.

The endorsement followed a stormy controversy over the advisability of the union's entering political issues.

Delegates also approved government intervention in jurisdictional labor disputes in cases which cannot be settled by the unions alone.

Northwest Victory Gardens Top South

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—The Pacific northwest is ahead of California in victory gardening, Norvel Gillespie, western director of the National Victory Garden institute, says after a northwest tour.

"I found the victory garden leaders in the Pacific northwest are preparing for possible shortages of fresh foods this winter," he reported.

Pay Hiked For State Deaf School Staff

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 10.—(AP)—The state board of control late yesterday approved pay increases of \$5 to \$20 a month for employees of the state school for the deaf. Increases will aggregate \$200 a month.

The board took under advisement a plan whereby guards at the state penitentiary could live off the grounds, and receive a

Nazi Robot Bombs Drop Incendiaries

LONDON, Aug. 10.—(AP)—German bombers have added the terror of their robot bombs to the assault on Britain. The flying torpedoes were used in London's longest running air raid since the assault on the city last month ago.

Some of the robot bombs at southern England in a few days have scattered a few small incendiary bombs in directions when they crashed to earth, the report said.

The barrage today was an hour lull.

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A request by Warden Alexander for authority to construct a new retaining wall at the penitentiary was also under advisement by the board.



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