

Grange Chiefs Urge Jap Ban

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 24.—(P)—Exclusion of persons of Japanese ancestry from U. S. citizenship and deportation at the war's close were demanded

today by the masters of granges in five western states. A statement, ratified by grange executive committees in the five states, claimed that persons of Japanese ancestry are incapable of becoming assimilated in American communities. The masters, who said they represent 125,000 farm people of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and California, said the resolution would be sent to their congressional delegations.

In proposing a constitutional amendment depriving Japanese-Americans of citizenship, residence, and rights to own property in this country, the grange masters added that they would expect Japan to enact similar bars against Americans in that country.

"The grange masters recommended also that 'The United States shall not retain any rights in Asiatic territories unless willing to permit similar exploitation of its own territories.'"

"The basis of the whole economic problem," the statement said, "has been the exploitation of Asiatic territories without any corresponding privileges to Oriental peoples who are entitled by right of race to their own resources."

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State Boosts Aid To Injured Workers

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 24.—(P)—Increases ranging up to 50 per cent have been authorized for monthly maintenance allowances for workmen of Oregon who have been injured, and who are receiving vocational rehabilitation training, provided by the workmen's compensation act.

The state industrial accident commission reported the increases, which allow \$50 for married men, double the old rate; \$40 for single men, an increase of \$15; \$55 for married men with one dependent, instead of \$30; and the maximum of \$80 for married men with two or more dependents.

The money comes from a fund, authorized at not less than \$75,000, under the charge of the commission. The allowances are in addition to existing partial or permanent disability payments, based upon the seriousness of the injury, Commissioner Paul E. Gurske said.

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Battle Rages—

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VFW Votes Against Admitting Women

CHICAGO, Aug. 24.—(P)—Delegates to the 43th annual encampment of the Veterans of Foreign Wars today voted down a proposal to admit service women to the organization.

The vote against the motion was 2,848 to 1,946. The veterans adopted a resolution calling for a peace-time army of "no less than 3,000,000 men with up to date equipment" to insure against any threat of invasion.

Bulgaria Asks—

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and handed to Hungary in the Vienna dictate of 1940. At Sword's Edge

Romania and Hungary have been at sword's edge ever since with large proportions of their armed forces drawn up at the Hitlerian boundary of 1940. Frequent border clashes have been reported. Diplomats of both the Balkan countries have uttered inflammatory remarks. The deposed Romanian dictator, Marshal Antonescu, was reported to have fled to a German sanctuary.

Hungary, occupied by Germany and gravely threatened by the Romanian capitulation allowing Russian troops to reach her frontiers, abolished all political parties apparently in fear of intrigue which might take her from the war.

Bucharest broadcasts said Romania in fact had turned co-belligerent and there were reports of spreading fighting in the rich oil and wheat kingdom between Romanian and German troops.

Bulgaria, already outflanked in the south by Turkey's severance of relations with Germany, now was periled from the north as well and in an entirely untenable position.

Yugoslavia and Greece, where patriots' armies have waged long and bitter guerrilla war against the Nazi yoke, were in positions for quick liberation.

The Germans were plainly in panic as the Balkan crackup seemed to be repeating the history of 1918 when the collapse of Bulgaria shocked the Kaiser's generals into a quick plea for peace. Situation Clouded

Berlin announced the formation of a "Romanian national government" but it was not clear whether this regime or King Mihai's government controlled Bucharest. Nor was it clear who controlled the Bucharest radio, which announced a curfew from 8 p. m. to 5 a. m. and ordered all civil officials to report for duty.

Even before Romania's announced acceptance of armistice terms, reports reaching London told of German troop withdrawals from southern Greece in apparent preparation for a large scale concentration of their lines in southeastern Europe. A quick, grand withdrawal now is even more imperative. Bulgaria faces the choice of capitulation or invasion, and Hitler must concentrate on holding Hungary in line or the battle-front may jump all the way from Iasi to Vienna.

King Mihai's proclamation said the conquest of Transylvania, half of which Hitler awarded to Hungary in the Vienna dictate in 1940, was a major Romanian objective. He summoned all Romania's armed forces to the side of the allies as a co-belligerent and said "we shall cross the frontiers unjustly imposed upon us at Vienna so as to liberate our Transylvania from enemy occupation."

The new premier, Konstantin Sanatescu, pledged a "democratic regime." The anti-Nazi peasant leader, Iuliu Maniu, is a minister without portfolio in the new government. A Swiss radio broadcast said Gen. Mihail was new Romanian commander in chief.

The Germans appeared to be moving quickly to control the situation in Bulgaria where Turkish reports, a few hours before Mihail's capitulation, pictured the Bulgar government as still trying to get peace without sacrificing territory taken from prostrate Greece and Yugoslavia.

TOP ACE AIRSICK

SALT LAKE CITY, Aug. 24.—(P)—A reporter caught Maj. Richard I. Bong, top American air ace, as the airliner he was riding paused briefly here last night. The hero of scores of acrobatic aerial encounters was airsick.

WAR BRIDE MISSING

BONNERS FERRY, Ida., Aug. 24.—(P)—Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Selover of Bonners Ferry have requested San Francisco authorities to search for their daughter-in-law, an Australian war bride whom they have never seen. The bride, Mrs. Henry Selover, 20, arrived in San Francisco Aug. 12 from Brisbane, Australia.

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Summer Session Ends On Campus

Summer quarter will end Friday on the university campus, with students completing their final examinations at 5 p. m. Examinations started today, and all final grade reports must be in the registrar's office not later than Thursday evening, Aug. 31.

Final enrollment figure for the entire summer quarter, as released by Dr. Dan E. Clark, director of summer sessions, is 513 students, of whom 337 were undergraduates, and 158 graduates, and 18 auditors. Of the undergraduate students, 143 were men and 194 women; and of the graduates, 52 were men and 106 women. The total figure is 94, or more than 22 per cent in excess of last year's 419 enrollment.

Dewey Plans Major Talks On Pacific Coast

PORTLAND, Aug. 24.—(P)—Two or three major addresses will be made by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey on the Pacific coast soon, and Gov. John W. Bricker of Ohio, his running mate on the republican presidential slate, will campaign in this area later, according to a republican official.

Marion Martin of Bangor, Maine, assistant chairman of the republican national committee, here to confer with party leaders, said the republican presidential nominee's campaign will include more speeches than originally planned. She did not disclose where either man would speak.

Dewey will come west soon after his campaign opens in September, he said.

Atherton Sees Jap Defeat Within Year

PORTLAND, Aug. 24.—(P)—The United States is going to win the war against Japan "sooner than we expected," Warren Atherton, national commander of the American Legion, predicted here yesterday, "providing we keep up the stream of supplies."

"The more supplies we have than the axis, the shorter the war will be," he predicted the defeat of Germany within 60 days and the surrender of Japan within a year.

Atherton recently toured South America and Pacific islands.

Realtors Discuss Title Insurance

Informal discussion on title insurance and phases of abstract work featured the realty board meeting, Thursday, John B. Bell being the guest speaker. The program was carried on on a question basis.

Invitation was read from the chamber of commerce, inviting all realtors to the forum this Friday noon at the Osburn hotel when E. L. Potter of Oregon State college will be guest speaker to discuss buying of farm lands in western Oregon.

BAGS 37TH PLANE

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, AEF, Aug. 24.—(P)—Capt. Johnny Johnson, top RAF fighter ace, raised his score to 37 planes destroyed when he shot down two FW-190's while leading a Canadian Spitfire wing over France yesterday.

COOKIE THIEF SURPRISED

PORTLAND, Aug. 24.—(P)—Police, summoned by a burglar alarm, rushed to a downtown grocery early today. They found an 11-year-old boy eating his way through the cake-and-cookie shelves of the bakery.

PITCHES 173RD NO-HITTER

Dick Zimmerman, noted south-paw pitcher, pitched his 173rd no-hitter game of an eleven-year career. It was his last game as Camp Wolters (Tex.) hurler, prior to being shipped.

TODAY on the HOME FRONT

By JAMES MARLOW and GEORGE ZIELKE

By FRANCIS J. KELLY WASHINGTON.—(P)—With Capital Hill tax experts already neck-deep in blueprints for a post-war revenue program, Sen. George (D-Ga) predicts that congress will have to plunge early next year into "a rather full revision" of the social security law.

"We are getting all sorts of requests for an expanded social security program," said George, chairman of the finance committee which handles tax matters on the senate side. (Social security legislation is so classified because of the payroll levies on employers and employees.)

Political realists are aware there is not a wisp of a chance that congress will attempt to pass a post-war tax bill or to revise the complicated social security structure while the war and the presidential campaign are approaching their climaxes.

Nevertheless the finance committee in the senate and the ways and means committee in the counter-part in house, know action on the two gigantic problems cannot well be postponed far beyond next January. The ways and means group will get first crack at both bills because of the constitutional provision that revenue legislation must originate in the house.

George sees three principal questions that must be answered on social security. They are:

1. Shall public assistance grants paid jointly by the federal and state governments to the needy aged be equalized throughout the 48 states?

2. Shall the old age and survivors insurance program, which employers and employees finance through payroll taxes, be broadened to take in large groups not now covered—such as farm labor, domestics, and employees of the federal, state, county and municipal governments?

3. Finally, shall the federal government sponsor an all-hazard program of medical and hospital care, maternity benefits and payments to persons unable to work because of accident or illness?

Curiously, one major change in the social security program can be produced by congressional inaction—the scheduled automatic doubling of the present 1 per cent payroll levy on employers and employees next Jan. 1. Three times the senate has blocked the otherwise automatic increase on the ground it wasn't needed at the time, but indications are that it will be allowed to rise in the expectation of a sharply-increased drain on the fund after the war.

The finance chairman estimated that at least another 3 per cent would have to be collected from employers and employees to finance a cradle-to-grave plan of protection against health and accident hazards. With the automatic rise in the present payroll levy, that would bring the tax to 5 per cent or more on all covered workers and their employees.

There is certain to be a drive to give war veterans full credit for time spent in the services, against their social security taxes. Nobody in congress has said out loud he would vote against that.

Soviets Drive—

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night, soviet troops had galloped within 167 miles of Bucharest and 140 of the Ploesti oil center, and less than 50 from the mouth of the Danube—a principal transport artery for Hitler. Tighina, Cetatea-Alba and Vaslui all fell in Bessarabia.

Gen. Rodion Y. Malinovsky's troops were within 35 miles of those of Gen. Fedor I Tolbukhin driving down from Iasi, and the armies appeared to be throwing a great noose around enemy forces clustered about the Bessarabian capital of Chisinau.

North of the Carpathians, Marshal Ivan S. Konev's first Ukrainian army group was overrunning swiftly the arsenals where thousands of Polish and Russian war prisoners were put to work in 1941 and 1942.

The Polish press bureau in London said the Germans evacuating equipment know in preparation for a retreat in Poland.

In the middle Baltic, the red army appeared to have withstood the latest German tank drive. The Russians retained their positions from the east and south.

Two Northwest Made Major-General WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—(P)—Two northwest men are now for whom the separate temporary rank of major general was conferred by promotion.

The northwesterners are Gen. James G. Christensen, Portland, chief of staff army ground forces, and Gen. Ben M. Sawbridge, ma.

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