

Peace Industries Take Over Japan's Biggest Naval Base

By TOM LAMBERT
YOKOSUKA, Japan.—(AP)—Textiles instead of torpedoes, paper instead of planes, are coming off the production lines here where Japan once had her largest naval operating base.

Fifty-five new industries, many of them housed within the once walled and tightly guarded confines of the base area, are turning out a variety of goods ranging from cloth to clocks.

The harbor, which once admitted only Japanese warships, is an anchorage for commercial vessels. The walls which once hid Japanese naval secrets have been bulldozed away.

Open to Public

The five-mile length of the establishments, from the naval arsenal on the north to the surface

base on the south, is open to the public except for a small area where the U. S. Navy operates.

The Japanese built midget submarines here, plus some planes and many torpedoes. At one time the base employed 70,000 persons.

American raiders hardly touched Yokosuka. The U. S. Navy found machine shops, cranes, derricks and docks practically intact after the surrender.

Now the machines are used for peaceful production or to keep in good shape the U. S. Naval vessels on duty in Japanese waters.

Clean-Up Job

Capt. Benton W. Decker of San Diego, Calif., commands Navy forces at Yokosuka. Scooping at recent Chinese charges that the base is being rebuilt with American aid, he says his job has been "to clean up rather than build up."

For school, hospital and street cleanup work he enrolled church clubs, religious societies and parent-teacher groups and has put considerable reliance on the 40,000-member Yokosuka Women's Club which he fostered.

The women are good workers, but do not lightly toss off the aged Japanese idea of feminine subservience.

Decker continually urges them to think and act for themselves and says he thinks eventually "we can get across the idea that they count for something."

60,000 Workers Arrive

Lt. Cmdr. John H. Holton of San Gabriel, Calif., Decker's military government officer, says the influx of new Japanese factories has brought some 60,000 Japanese either to return or to settle here.

Another source of work is the preparation of some 15,000 machines and machine tools at the base for allied reparations.

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SNUG FIT—Joke Van Zwienen, 7, gets fitted for wooden shoes by her father who makes them at Lekkerkerk, Holland. Such shoes are in demand because of a leather shortage.

'Of Course, Dear (BEEP), Yes, Dear, of Course (BEEP)'

HARRISBURG, Pa.—(AP)—Forgetful husbands and lovers wishing to recall precisely the sweet nothings whispered into their ears soon will get some help from the telephone company.

Starting August 2 a limited number of subscribers may obtain from the Bell Telephone Co. of Pennsylvania a little gadget officially described as a "recorder connector with an automatic tone signal."

By means of this device, any telephone user paying the \$5 initial charge and \$2 monthly fee may have a permanent record of telephone messages.

Housewives, for instance, can rest assured that the shopping orders phoned to hubby at the office will be carried out down to the last spool of thread.

And the swain forced to leave town for a few days can leave behind a record of his love for his sweetheart to consider in his absence.

The telephone company received permission from the Pennsylvania state public utility commission Monday to file rates for the proposed service.

One thing the company made clear, however.

Every regular telephone line to which the voice recorder has been connected will have attached also the tone signal — which will emit a "beep" every 21 seconds.

This will serve as a warning to all callers that their conversations are being recorded.

Without such a warning, the voice recorder is illegal.

"Yes, dear (beep) a pound of steak, a loaf of bread (beep)."

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Lowell Farm Site Available for Bid

Sealed bids on farm property and buildings near Lowell will be accepted by the Office of the District Engineer, Portland, and opened on Aug. 12, according to an announcement from the Corps of Engineers.

The buildings, consisting of a six-room house, frame utility room and woodshed, silo, frame barn, frame poultry house, and frame hog house, are on Tract A-55, Lookout Point Dam, one and one-half miles southeast of Lowell.

Inspection of the property between 8 a. m. and 4:30 p. m., except Saturdays and Sundays may be arranged with the acting resident engineer at the government warehouse near the railroad tracks at Lowell.

Only cash bids will be accepted. At the time of the bid the bidder must enclose 10 per cent of the bid price, except where the bid price is \$50 or less, in which case the entire bid price must be enclosed. Deposits will be returned on rejected bids.

Mexico City Builds Hotel de Luxe

MEXICO CITY.—(AP)—One of the largest and most modern hotels in Latin America is scheduled to be opened here June 1.

It is the Hotel de Prado, an 11-story building with 600 rooms and 65 suites. It has enough murals and art work to qualify it as an art gallery and will be a virtual city within a city when completed.

The managing director, Luis Osio, said accommodations will include everything from single rooms to grand suites having three bedrooms, three baths, living room, dining room, library and smoking room. Osio claims that no two rooms in the hotel are exactly alike.

The modernistic public rooms have murals by such artists as Diego Rivera; the French artists Marcia Bloch and Pierre Van Parys Bourdelle, and the Mexicans Roberto Montenegro and Miguel Vovarubias.

An indoor swimming pool, a spacious roof garden and a street-level arcade including restaurant, coffee shop, soda fountain, gift shops, stores, barber shop, beauty shop, flower shop, etc., also are in the building.

Claims Half Century As Woman Driver

LOS ANGELES.—(AP)—Mrs. Jessica P. Merville has evidence to back up her claim of having driven longer than any other woman.

The 69-year-old former antique dealer doesn't claim to be the oldest driver, but she can prove that she has been driving since 1898.

She has photographs showing that her father's first car, an 1898 one-cylinder Winton, was the first one in Mt. Morris, N. Y., and one of the first three seen in Buffalo. She has pictures to prove that she drove it, too.

Storage Space Shortage Seen

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Agriculture Secretary Charles F. Brannan Monday asked farmers to enlarge their storage bins so their grain won't be wasted or drop in price.

Brannan said that the pressure of the harvest has overloaded the country elevators, terminal warehouses and the transportation system.

"Exports are helping to move the food grains, but exports cannot be completed all at once," he said.

"The immediate solution is cooperation by farmers in arranging to store a substantial portion of their crops on the farms, so that there can be more orderly movement of grain to market."

"This year's crops are the most expensive ever produced by reason of the high cost of production materials. The pressure of fast flowing grain upon the markets has the effect of lowering prices received by farmers."

Brannan said government storage facilities can accommodate only about 50,000,000 bushels now, compared with 300,000,000 during the war. Farmers now own many of these bins.

About 7000 Americans drown annually.

The device of the rattlesnake, coiled and ready to strike was popular with colonists before the American revolution and used on a number of flags.

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