

U. S. Prisoners Of War Made to Serve Japanese

(A Chinese girl, who for security reasons must be known only as "Katie Chen," has reached Free China after spending six weeks in Japan. She visited Kobe, Yokohama, Tokyo and Mianzhou, a mountain resort. In the following dispatch she described the war-time Japan she saw.)

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(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Chungking, April 20 (UP)—American war prisoners in Japan are being used as Coolies to perform dirty work on the waterfronts. Japanese live in constant dread of aerial attack, which they fully expect in 1944.

Strict blackouts are enforced nightly in Tokyo, Kobe, Yokohama and other cities.

Strict censorship withholds all news of Japanese military reverses for the people.

This, in part, was the picture of Japan given me by an alert, intelligent Chinese girl who has just arrived in Chungking after a difficult round trip to and from Japan.

"Tokyo is full of funny type air raid shelters," she said. "Every few yards of every street you see holes in the pavement. They are about five feet deep and five feet square, with the top uncovered. Beside each one is a sign which says 'air raid shelter—four persons.'"

Prisoners Worked

She said she saw American prisoners of war doing Coolie work on the docks.

"Outside Kobe I saw American prisoners in sampans. They were dressed in rags, and were loading coal steamers."

"I couldn't speak to them, of course, but I observed them from the deck of a ship. The Japanese told me American soldiers captured in the southwest Pacific were being used as Coolies in practically every part of Japan."

She said the Japanese are convinced their home islands will be attacked from the air this year.

"Friends all advised me to leave Japan before spring. One girl, a member of a prominent Japanese family, said: 'We're afraid the same thing will happen to Tokyo that's happening to Berlin.'"

Wounded Seen
Everywhere in Japan, she said, the visitor is conscious of the numerous war wounded.

"People on the street must bow to them to show their respect. They must also bow to the many little boxes containing the ashes of Japanese war dead."

"It is not an uncommon sight

Paper Aids Wounded in Many Ways



Here is a view of the vast interior of an "LST" craft as it evacuates a cargo of wounded marines and other service men from a Pacific Island. En route emergency treatment is applied. And, at base hospital, all the skills of modern medicine are put into play to save lives and limbs. Your cooperation is urgently needed to carry on this work. Blood plasma, medical supplies and equipment, food are all packed in paper containers made from reprocessed WASTE PAPER. Clear your conscience with the facts. Are you doing all you can to help the boys who are fighting for you?

(International News Photo)

to see people carrying such boxes on trains and trucks.

"At Kobe, I saw a funeral ceremony lasting all afternoon. Apparently it was for a general."

She said there were few men on the streets of Japanese cities except boys under 17, the wounded, the aged and a few businessmen.

She said there appeared to be an "obvious distrust" among Japanese for their German allies.

Warnings Issued
"I was repeatedly warned not to talk to Germans. In the Imperial Hotel at Tokyo I was told to be most careful of my conversation lest I be overheard by Germans."

Miss Chen said she saw nothing in Japan to support the theory that Japan may collapse internally at an early date.

"Instead," she said, "it is my impression that the Japanese will make a long, hard fight. The average Japanese is reasonably well fed and still confident that the Japanese armies are winning. They have all been impressed that if they do not win, they will be crushed as a nation."

Pinehurst

Pinehurst and Brooks-Scanlon Camp, April 21 (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Brock Jones are the parents of a baby boy born April 19 at the St. Charles hospital. The baby weighed seven pounds. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Couch.

England's Beth Has Birthday, Watches Guard

London, April 21 (UP)—Princess Elizabeth observed her 18th birthday in accordance with wartime austerity today by watching the grenadier guards, of which she is colonel-in-chief, change guard somewhere in the country.

She was accompanied by the king and queen, the princess royal, and Princess Margaret, and received a silk replica of the king's colors of the first battalion as a birthday present from the regiment.

United States officers were among the small group of guests who witnessed the ceremony.

From this day on, should her father die, Elizabeth would become queen of England. Had this occurred before today, the Duke of Gloucester would have become regent.

The house of commons has made Elizabeth a member of the councilors of state, who serve in the absence of the king from his realm. The princess henceforth will have a small personal staff consisting of a controller, secretary, and lady-in-waiting.

Communicable Diseases Gain

Communicable disease in Oregon was somewhat more prevalent this far in 1944 than in the corresponding 1943 period, this week's health bulletin published by the Oregon state board of health reveals. The report stated that although the influenza epidemic which began in December carried over in January and February and ran the over-all totals up, other communicable disease records were not markedly under last year's.

Excerpts from the report follow: "The over-all total of cases of communicable disease reported in the first three months of 1944 is 12,915, representing a 20.5 per cent increase over the same period last year. The Oregon state board of health's monthly morbidity table, published in the current issue of the Health Bulletin, reveals that children's diseases in general ran counter to this overall upward trend. The four com-

mon children's diseases, considered as an entity, fell off by almost 61 per cent, in spite of the fact that increases were scored by two of them—chicken pox and whooping cough.

Veneral Diseases Gain

"Veneral disease totals for the period were up by 38 per cent; tuberculosis rose by 13 per cent, scarlet fever was up 713 per cent and poliomyelitis was up 50 per cent. The actual numerical increase for polio was, however, only four cases.

"Pneumonia, which is not strictly considered a communicable disease, but which is nevertheless reportable in Oregon, rose by only three per cent. Since this disease is frequently associated with influenza, it is considered significant that such a slight increase in indicated incidence of the disease was registered at a time when influenza was so unusually prevalent.

"While disease totals for the first quarter were markedly above 1943, March's total was down as compared with March of last year. The prevalence of influenza in January accounts for this discrepancy.

"Measles and meningococcal

meningitis trends in Oregon were the reverse of those for the nation at large. Whereas measles is relatively more prevalent throughout the country in the first three months of the present year, it was down by almost 80 per cent in Oregon. The same observation applies to meningococcal meningitis, the decline for this disease being just under 60 per cent."

Seventeen kinds of penguins are known; all species look much alike but vary in size from the 56 pound emperor Antarctic bird, 40 inches tall, to the smallest only 18 inches in height; some species inhabit the southern tropics.

According to American Red Cross lists, 40 Kansans are serving with the Red Cross overseas.



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Dicalite Company Lauded by Cooper

Forrest E. Cooper, deputy manager of the Oregon war finance committee, has released a war bond payroll saving report from the Dicalite company of Terrebonne, revealing that the firm's 59 employees are all enrolled in the payroll savings plan and are regularly investing 11.6 per cent of their salaries in war bonds.

A little more than 82 per cent of The Shevlin-Hixon Company's 1,000 employees are enrolled in the plan, the report disclosed, and invested 10.8 per cent of their pay in bonds last month.

A U. S. treasury "T" flag, given to firms with 90 per cent or more employees investing 10 per cent or more regularly in war bonds, will soon be sent to the Dicalite company, Cooper announced, and said it is hoped that additional Shevlin employees will enroll in payroll savings plans soon so that a similar banner can be awarded there.

Mr. and Mrs. Hart and family of Portland have moved on the Cooper brothers place. Donald, Pat and Joyce entered Tumalo school last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Miller of Portland spent several days visiting their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Miller.

Eight-year-old Eddie Bishop is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bishop indefinitely. He is attending Tumalo school.

The three months old grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clark is recovering from pneumonia at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Robert Rollins, in Bend. The baby's father is serving in the navy in the south Pacific.

Seaman 2/c Walter Stav spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Stav, at Brooks-Scanlon. He is stationed at Lakeview.

Mrs. Fred Denham is at camp this week after having spent two weeks under medical treatment at the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland. While there Mrs. Denham was visited by her mother, Mrs. Lillian Shumway of Milton, and her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Shumway, also of Milton.

Mrs. Imogene Pierce arrived Tuesday from San Francisco to spend two weeks with her sister, Mrs. Clifford Martin, and family. Mr. and Mrs. Curt Roberts and daughter have moved in the house formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wolf. Mr. and Mrs. Wolf moved on their acreage on the Butler road last Sunday.

Jackie Dexter, daughter of Mrs. Clarence Aermi, attended the wedding of Nevada Kirby and Gene Ensign last Saturday afternoon in Bend.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Pinkston and son of Bend visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Thrasher and daughter Sunday evening.

Helen Ward, a high school student in Bend, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Ward, at camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Pease of Bend were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. "Bud" Renno and family.

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