

# Yanks Are Facing Lengthy Stays In Chinese Territory

By Walter Rundle

(Times Press Staff Correspondent)

Shanghai, Dec. 21 (AP)—American G.I.s in China learned in personal terms today the meaning of the new U.S.-Chinese policy—they will have to stay in the country much longer than originally planned, unless they are high point men.

Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, commander of U.S. forces in China, broke the news to his troops in a statement pointing out that President Truman's policy declaration outlined the job that must be done to assure "maintenance of peace in the Pacific."

Hope Comes to End "Frankly," he said, "the new program spells the end of hopes previously held that a majority of United States troops would be out of China by Jan. 1."

He revealed in new directives that sailings of two repatriation ships—the Marine Devil and the Marine Angel—already had been cancelled.

"The new policies, translated into the action we must take, include the following," Wedemeyer said:

"A.—Assist the Chinese central government in repatriating approximately 3,000,000 Japanese scattered throughout the Chinese theater.

"B.—Assist in moving forces by air and sea to the liberated areas.

"C.—Protect American property remaining in the Chinese theater awaiting disposal under U.S. policies.

"D.—Continue planning for organization of a United States military advisory group composed of volunteers."

To forestall expected "beefs" from the G.I.s, Wedemeyer released figures showing that only 260 high point men, eligible to go home, had been retained because they were classified as essential.

"More than half of these," he explained, "definitely will leave before Jan. 1."

Low in Points He said there were 561 professional soldiers in China who "gladly accept service anytime, anywhere without equivocation."

The remaining 8,672 army personnel in China, he said, are low-point soldiers who are not eligible to return to the zone of interior under present regulations.

## Sailor Found Dead In Hotel Bathtub

Seattle, Dec. 21 (AP)—The coroner's office sought today to determine the cause of death of Shipfitter 2/C George E. McCullough, 22, who arrived here last night by bus from San Francisco.

The sailor was found by his wife in a water-filled hotel bathtub and failed to respond to emergency treatment by city firemen.

Authorities, pending more complete medical examination, said they were not sure whether his death was caused by drowning or by gas leaking from a heater in the bathroom.

Bulletin Classifieds bring results

## OTHMAN'S SLANT ON THE NEWS

By Frederick C. Othman

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Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—Let's look into the crystal ball today with the government's swarms and see what kind of a year 1946 is going to be.

If we could toss it over our shoulders, forget it, and start the new year with 1947 we might escape the shudders. Or we might not.

"It's a nasty six months ahead," announced A. F. Hinrichs, acting chief of the bureau of labor statistics. "After that I hate to talk too definitely."

He's the government's virtuoso of the adding machine, the card index, and the eighted sample. His job is to try to keep tab on the cost of living, which he claims has gone up only 33 per cent. A couple of senators insist he's talking through his fedora, but if we can't believe our own government's figures, who'll be our Diogenes? All right:

"Just when," asked Sen. Homer Capewhart, the Indiana phonograph man, "do you figure the cost of living will come down?"

That started it. Hinrichs said the price of food would drop, beginning about next July. Only don't you start feeling cheerful about it. As your grocery bills get smaller, the cost of clothes and bed sheets will go up. So will house rent and the next result will leave the cost of living next year about where it is now.

The government's sooth-saying crystal, however, is one of those de luxe long distance jobs and Hinrichs said that by 1950 things should be better. A lot better. A whole lot.

Wide Distribution Of Tires Is Goal

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—Tires come off the ration list Jan. 1 but it may still be some time before there'll be enough to allow all motorists to get a complete new set.

In announcing the end of rationing, OPA and the civilian production administration said total production next year is expected to be about 66,000,000 passenger car tires. That's 13,000,000 more than ever produced in this country in a single year.

As of now, however, the supply is not enough to meet all possible requests. CPA therefore will continue to ban spares on new cars, production of white sidewall tires and tire export.

In addition, OPA asked tire dealers to do everything possible to take care of hardship cases first and to distribute tires to a maximum number of motorists. A complete set of new tires, it said, should be sold only to those who genuinely need them.

Sugar Still On The end of tire rationing left sugar as the only commodity on a ration list which at one time included cars, shoes and almost all food items. Tire stocks were frozen the day after Pearl Harbor and rationing began Jan. 5, 1942.

During the rest of December, motorists who hold tire purchase certificates should turn them in to dealers so they can be supplied before rationing ends. After today, no additional certificates will be issued except in emergency cases.

"Between now and 1950 with present prices I can say with absolute certainty that wages will go up very substantially," Hinrichs added. "That is because the productivity of the average worker by then will be about 30 per cent greater than it was in 1940."

Capewhart said, yeah, if the workers go back to work. Yeah, said Hinrichs. He said better machinery would start speeding the average man's production by the end of next year and have him going full tilt in 1947.

"Unless we get production quickly," insisted Capewhart, "we are either going to have a bad deflation, or a real, extreme inflation. That's as certain as the sun rising in the east and setting in the west."

The senate small business committee called in Hinrichs to tell about house rentals, which he said had gone up about four per cent since 1939. That's good, he said, but it's not important.

"Dammit," he said, "the people wanted houses and there weren't any. What's the use of a low rent ceiling, if there's no house to rent?"

Sen. Kenneth Wherry of Neb., said the 33 per cent figure for the rise in the cost of living was ridiculously low. Sen. Capewhart said his housewife could be forced to believe it. Hinrichs started to say something, but Sen. Wherry drowned him out with the statement that the OPA's job on clothing prices was ridiculous.

"I mean simply lousy," he said. "Yes," said Sen. Capewhart, adding that last Saturday night he had to buy a hard-boiled shirt to go to the Gridiron club's dinner. He tried 12 stores. He finally got a shirt that looked like lace.

"It had so many holes in it you could whistle through it," he said. "And the tail was too short."

The solution is obvious: abolish 1946.

## Holt to Manage Livestock Show

Portland, Ore., Dec. 21 (AP)—Walter A. Holt, former Umatilla county agent, was chosen today to manage the 1946 Pacific international livestock exposition scheduled for Oct. 5 to 11.

T. B. Wilcox, Jr., president of the sponsoring group, said plans for development of the 1946 show were at a standstill at present because the lease with the government was still in effect. He said it was hoped the buildings would be restored to the management in the near future, so that much needed reconditioning could be done.

Holt is widely known for being show director of the "Happy Canyon" pageant part of the Pendleton round-up for the past five years.

## Morton Tompkins Out As Candidate

Portland, Ore., Dec. 21 (AP)—Morton Tompkins, master of the state grange, withdrew as a candidate for congress from the 1st district to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Rep. James Mott.

Tompkins decision to stay out of the race leaves the field to Walter Norblad, republican, and Bruce Spaulding, democrat.

# Isle Occupation Trouble Report Denied By Mac

Tokyo, Dec. 21 (AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur denied today a radio report that he had threatened to resign if he was not "let alone" in Japan.

An American Broadcasting company broadcast from Tokyo yesterday reported that MacArthur had disagreed with the soviets over which Japanese home island they should occupy and that he had notified the state department he would quit if he was not let alone and if the Russians were allowed further participation in occupation affairs.

He declared today that the question of Russian participation is "matter for other decision than my own."

Statement Issued In a formal statement denying the radio broadcast report, he said:

"The statement purported to have been made by Larry Tighe of the American Broadcasting corporation has absolutely no basis in fact."

"For the second time in recent weeks, it becomes necessary for me to deny the allegation that I have threatened to resign."

"I am here to serve, not hinder or obstruct the American government. It is my full purpose to see the thing through. The question of Russian participation is a matter for other decision than my own."

"If Tighe made the statement he is alleged to have broadcast from Tokyo, someone must have been feeding him a funny type of 'hoop' being peddled around Tokyo on the black market."

In a broadcast after MacArthur's denial, Tighe said:

"I received this information from a reliable and honest source, and I still consider it both reliable and honest."

"The word 'MacArthur' has come to be regarded as a word denoting authoritative statements from his headquarters rather than from him personally."

"I did not imply that the supreme commander, himself, indulged in name calling and recriminations with the Russians. However, I reaffirm the story which I previously broadcast that the express desire of the commander of this area is that Russian troops not be allowed to take over the Japanese island of Hokkaido."

## Another Veteran On Police Staff

Bend now has two veterans of its famed Company I in police uniform. It was reported here today by police chief Ken C. Gulick, who announced the appointment of Robert A. Marr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Marr, as an additional policeman to his staff. Several weeks ago Emil Moen, another Company I veteran, donned Bend's police uniform.

Officer Marr, who lives at 1946 West First street, entered the service from the Bend high school when Company I was called into the service. He spent three years, 5 1/2 months in the southwest Pacific area.

In 1942 Marr was assigned to the 162nd infantry, 3rd battalion headquarters in Australia, where he served two years as a business clerk. One year he served as a staff sergeant, a squad leader, and retired from the service as a sergeant of a battalion in an anti tank platoon. Later he headed a platoon. He was discharged last Aug. 18 after four years, 11 months in the service.

## Nine More Men Given Discharges

Nine more Central Oregon servicemen have been honorably discharged from the army and navy, the Fort Lewis and Bremerton separation centers reported today.

They are: Benji Kenneth R. Braaten, machinist's mate 1/c, 45 Lafayette place; Robert H. Hosley, boatswain's mate 2/c, 1375 Cumberland; John L. Smyth, water tender 3/c, 342 Riverfront; S Sgt. Robert Anderson, 1405 Galveston street; T/4 Paul R. Butler, 1244 East Second street; Pfc. Francis F. Bigelow, 1132 Milwaukee avenue and T Sgt. Oliver E. Leedy, 166 St. Helens place.

Redmond: T Sgt. Marvin O. Thornton, Box 1044. Prineville: Jesse W. Givens, boatswain's mate 2/c, 174 West Fifth street.

## Distressed Ship Taken into Tow

San Francisco Dec. 21 (AP)—The 7,000-ton army motor ship U. S. S. Imperial, carrying 700 service personnel to the mainland, flashed a call for assistance off the storm-swept northern California coast today and was taken in tow in a 50-mile gale by a coast guard cutter.

# Kenwood Pupils Give Program

Pupils of the Kenwood school yesterday staged one of the most successful Christmas programs in the school's history, according to those in charge and parents who attended. The program two plays entitled "Santa Claus Junior," played by pupils of the first grade, and "Mr. and Mrs. Santa," played by pupils of section 14, under the direction of Ann Longballa. Mrs. Enid DeLany directed "Santa Claus Junior."

The program, staged in the school gymnasium, was under the general direction of Miss Marie Brosterhous.

Cast of the play "Santa Claus Junior" was Keith Trent as "Santa Claus, Jr.," Kaye Rice, Dona Mae Brown, Donald Welcome, Marjory Packard, Alpha Still, Gary Smith, Caryl Marshall, Sheila Wentland, Kay Wheelhouse, Irma Kentner, Dolores Palmer and Vincent Larson, Jr.

Cast of "Mr. and Mrs. Santa": Ronald Oestreicher as Santa Claus; Muriel Brooks, Mrs. Santa Claus; Larry Shaffer, Lemuel Foster and Richard Nickel as dwarfs; Ann Nelson, Suzanne Gillfillan, Gwen Russell and Ann Longballa as dolls, and Carol Harmon as Frigid Queen.

The choruses were composed as follows: Fifth grade: Barbara Ream, Barbara Loehr, Albert Holoman, Dennis Trent, George Nelson, Phyllis Anderson, Sara George, Betty Gohrke, Crystal Simpson, Marilyn Johnson, Donna Cox, Jerry Rice, Gary Monica, Edith Wolgram, Bernis McCuen, John Layton, Gloria Turner, Owen Dickerson, Janice Saunders, Phyllis Holliday, Janice Dumber, Leonard Foss, Judy Blinn, Rustin Kimsey, Ardith Towner, Alice Henderson, Jessie Ross, Betty Malin, Morris Langberg, Beverly Hanson, Shirley Payne Duff, Patricia Coleman, Marlyn Waterman, Erastine Wise, Janice Sinclair and Charles Yarnes.

Sixth Grade: Daryne Hoover, La Donna Gifford, Lynn Dunn, Carolee Solmon, Jeanne Chapman Dooren Winters, Norlene Fredericksen, Carolyn Jones, Audrey Howe, Pat Summers, Jerome Nash, Bill Cozner, Eulalia Olson, Abby Andrews, Kathleen Burden, Myron de Bunce, Dorothy Neth, Merilee Prentice, Alice Valtchka, Clara Skjersaa, Marlene Goodfellow, June Yoachum, Jimmy Finley, Bobby Gilliland and Marilyn Doner.

Seventh grade: Carol Harma, Ann Longballa, Mary Lou Hudson, Nadine Gillis, Clyde Dale Rhodes, Margaret Hansen, Roberta Fredericksen, Bessie McCarthy, Laverne Cruzan, Larry Cruzan, Ann Nelson, Gwen Russell, Thomas Welcome, Jacqueline Nyström, Dolores Prater, Joyce Jacques, Larry O'Donnell, Beth Ann Donner, Suzanne Gillfillan, Muriel Brooks, Shirley Padgett, Peter Wick, Barbara Crawford, Faye Ross and Jewell Pryor.

## Sailor Finds Brother In Okinawa Search

Cireleville, O. (AP)—Due to Dale Ankrum's efforts, an almost impossible feat was accomplished. Chances of finding a lone ship in the Pacific are very remote. And a lone man, especially a brother, would be even harder to locate. That didn't stop Dale.

Eale, carpenter's mate 2/c, and a member of an LST 73 crew, heard that his brother's ship was in his vicinity. He decided to see

him. He went to the post office on his side of Okinawa island, learned the location of his brother's ship, hitch hiked across the island on jeeps and trucks, and walked many a mile.

Ralph, 23, a coxswain, was sitting in his compartment on the LST 283 writing a letter to his mother when Dale walked in. The two brothers finished writing it together.

## DRIVE FOR 9 1/2 MILLION

Cleveland (AP)—A campaign for \$9,525,000 for the Greater Cleveland hospitals fund to provide expanded facilities for the institution which care for the city's ill and disabled, soon will be launched. It will be the largest coordinated hospital fund campaign ever undertaken in the United States.

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