

U.S. Navy Faces Big Headache In Handling Guam

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Washington, Nov. 18 (AP)—The navy has a 225-square mile headache on Guam.

As U. S. administrator of the rugged Pacific outpost, the navy is saddled with postwar military and civil government problems tougher than any previously encountered since Guam was taken from Spain in 1898.

The navy doesn't seem to be side-stepping any of these difficulties, chief of which is the task of trying, with inadequate funds, personnel and supplies, to make Guam into a powerful defense bastion.

Another tough job is the rehabilitation of 23,000 Guamanians whose homes and economy were wrecked by the war.

Navy Criticized
Former Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes recently criticized the naval administration of Guam as the navy "at its worst." So the navy conducted reporters on a tour of Pacific island bases, including Guam, and gave them a free hand to investigate and write the facts as they saw them.

The reporters talked with Rear Adm. Charles A. Pownall, naval governor of Guam; assistant secretary of navy W. John Kenny, who was making an inspection tour of the island; and other high naval officials. They also interviewed Guamanian civil leaders, farmers, merchants and teachers.

Installations Made
The navy is carrying out initial phases of a program to set up on Guam permanent new military installations designed to stop short any future enemy attack on Pearl Harbor or the west coast of the United States.

The survey showed that work already is underway to enlarge Guam's Apra harbor to accommodate 400 fighting ships. The \$500,000,000, five-year program envisages construction of permanent supply and ammunition depots, communication facilities, cold storage plants, dock space, a submarine base, and marine support installations.

The navy also has a detailed plan for schooling, public works and general rehabilitation of the Guamanians.

The people appear to appreciate

Back to Civvies



Lt. Gen. Harold L. George has resigned as commander of the Army's Air Transport Command to become president and chairman of the board of Peruvian International Airways. General George organized the ATC which grew into a force of 350,000 officers and men operating 3700 planes at 456 bases throughout the world. A native of West Somerville, Mass., he will establish offices and residence in Lima, Peru.

the fact that the navy is selling them food, clothing and luxury items at cost. They realize that the navy's community building program was set back by the summer typhoons.

But the Guamanians are disturbed over the present system of naval government which, they contend, is subject to the whims of each naval governor assigned to administer the island. They hold that congress should protect them by enacting a basic system of laws for them.

Dissension also is growing over the navy's importation of U. S. Hawaiian and Filipino employees and an accompanying differential in wage rates. Most natives working for the navy earn an average of 30 cents an hour. The foreigners average \$1.80. Although the navy supplies many of their needs, the Guamanians feel their wage scale should be boosted to around 90 cents an hour.

Would Turn Rent Control to States

Washington, Nov. 21 (AP)—Sen. Bourke B. Hickenlooper, R., Ia., proposed today that the republican-controlled 80th congress turn the job of controlling rents over to the states.

He said it should take immediate steps when it convenes in January to end federal rent ceilings in any state which sets up a rent control agency of its own.

In this way, Hickenlooper said, the government could get out of the rent control business gradually.

THIEVES STRIP HARP

Portland, Ore., Nov. 21 (AP)—Thieves broke into the parked car of Val Cloud, Seattle evangelist, and stole the legs, motor and crossbars from the evangelist's vibrarap, he told police today.

TROOPS REACH JAPAN

Yokohama, Nov. 21—Two ships arrived from Seattle Wednesday with 2,700 replacement troops for the occupation army and 137 dependents. The vessels were the Admiral Mayo and the Frederick Funston.

Storm Halts Crash Victims' Recovery

Newhall, Calif., Nov. 21 (AP)—Treacherous White mountain was snowlocked by a new storm today with the bodies of 10 of 11 persons who perished in a Western Air Lines transport plane crash frozen at the Alaskan-like wreck scene.

Efforts to recover the victims were halted Monday when rescuers who started from the mile-high peak with three bodies were forced by the rising storm to abandon two along the trail.

The body brought down was tentatively identified by a locket around her neck as stewardess Joan Fautleroy, 22, of Los Angeles.

A posse of 40 deputy sheriffs from Los Angeles and Ventura counties who headed up the mountain by jeep, horseback and on foot were ordered to abandon their operation when they returned to a base camp soaking wet and nearly frozen after daring shoulder deep snow drifts and icy slopes on which they sometimes slipped 150 feet.

The bodies of all those aboard when the plane smashed into the mountain only 70 feet from its peak were located. All but one were burned beyond recognition.

PETS GET BEAUTY SALON

Pittsburgh (AP)—Small business ventures here took on a new twist with the opening of a beauty salon for pets. Eugene C. Ort, navy veteran, and John T. Budney run a pickup and delivery service. They shampoo, clip nails, scrub teeth, and comb and brush the animals. A complete treatment includes feeding and a run around the block.

Miland Calls It Quits After OPA Experiment

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The ceiling was established locally after sky-rocketing food prices caused strikes, mass demonstrations, and riots. The immediate effect of the price control measure was to drive unrationed food supplies off Milan markets to other towns where there was no OPA.

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Talks Strike



Ralph Helstein, above, president of the United Packinghouse Workers (CIO), has ordered all union members to prepare for a strike against the nation's meat industry. The UPW is currently negotiating with packers' "Big Four" over wage demands.

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Marine General's Condition Same

Astoria, Ore., Nov. 21 (AP)—The condition of Brig. Gen. Evans F. Carlson, famed retired leader of the marine raiders during the war, last night was reported as "unimproved" since he entered the naval hospital here about 10 days ago for treatment of a heart disorder.

"Although he is not 'out of the woods' he is not in a critical condition," said Capt. L. J. Roberts, commanding officer at the hospital. "However, his condition has not improved since he came to the hospital."

Carlson entered the hospital from his home at Brightwood, Ore., near Mt. Hood.

CIO Joins Fight To Help Lewis

Atlantic City, N.J., (AP)—The CIO today joined the fight of John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine workers (AFL), against the injunction granted to the federal government by a District of Columbia federal court.

The convention adopted a resolution condemning the issuance of injunctions in labor disputes, including a surprise amendment offered by the resolutions committee condemning the action of the federal government in the coal strike threat.

KANSAS GETS BRAUN RADIO

Pratt, Kan., (AP)—An all-metal radio believed to have belonged to Eva Braun, mistress of Adolf Hitler, now plays sweet music instead of war hymns for Mr. and Mrs. George M. White. Their son, a war veteran, got it in what had been Eva Braun's special car on Hitler's train.

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