



President Truman and His Cabinet Confer on Jap Offer (AP)—President Truman and his cabinet confer at the White House, while it was disclosed that the United States is in communication with its allies on the broadcast Jap surrender offer. From left: Secretary of Agriculture Clinton Anderson, Secretary of Labor Lewis Schwellenbach, John B. Blandford, Jr., of national housing agency, J. A. Krug, war production board, John W. Snyder, office war mobilization and reconversion, William H. Davis, office of economic stabilization, Leo Crowley, foreign economic administrator, Secretary of Commerce Henry Wallace, Undersecretary of Interior Abe Fortas, Postmaster General Robert Hannegan, Secretary of War Henry Stimson, Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, Truman, Secretary of the Treasury Fred Vinson, Attorney General Tom Clark, Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal.

### \$25,000,000 for Basin Asked

Ephrata, Aug. 13 (AP)—Appropriation immediately of \$25,000,000 for construction work on the Columbia river basin project was asked Saturday in a resolution passed by the Columbia basin commission and addressed to the president, the senate and the house.

"Because of the importance of this project to the economic future of the Pacific northwest and the nation, we ask that technicalities be minimized to permit the making of an immediate appropriation."

The proposed project would provide irrigation for 1,029,000 acres in central Washington. "It is our belief that conditions resulting from sudden termination of the war demand that immediate action be taken to provide farm homes for thousands of farm-minded men being released from the armed services," the resolution continued.

"In doing so, it will provide employment for members of the armed forces as they are released and for the hundreds of thousands of civilians whose employment in war industries is being terminated."

### Huskies Report To Coach Welch

Seattle, Aug. 13 (AP)—Seventy more candidates were expected to report to coach Ralph "Pest" Welch today as he issued a call for the first session of summer gride practice at the University of Washington.

Only three lettermen were included in the preliminary registration.

They were tackles Harry Rice and Bill McGovern and Fred Osterhout, an end.

### Gates Club Members Guest Bevier Home

Gates — Mrs. Walter Bevier was hostess to members of the Birthday club, at her home on Wednesday afternoon. Cards were played following a 1 o'clock luncheon served by the hostess to Mesdames Lulu Collins, Riley Champ, A. E. Carney, E. Davis, Blanch Dean, Martha Bowes, Marietta Smith, Clarence Johnson, Arnold Syverson, Floyd Bassett, Carl Knutson, A. B. Horner and Gerald Heath.

High score was held by Mrs. Bowes, second, Mrs. Dean. Mrs. Collins received consolation and Mrs. Merle Devine won visitor's prize.

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### Firemen Use Assembly Line

Seattle, Aug. 13 (AP)—Forest fire fighters have adopted an assembly line technique in reverse. Chief Forester E. H. MacDaniels of the West Coast Lumbermen's association said Saturday.

"Since the fire can't be put on a conveyor and brought to the fire control force," he wrote in an article, prepared for the press, "the force lines up in the right order and moves in on the fire."

"Every man has only one function and only one tool to worry about. The axmen follow the line locator. They clear a space for the rest of the crew to work in. Brush, low hanging limbs, branches and small tops on the ground are cut to make a fireline."

Next come men wielding a tool called the "pulaski," a combination axe and hoe designed to improve the fire trail.

Then a snag falling crew moves in. A burning out crew follows to backfire from the fireline and then a holding crew arrives to put out spot fires and watch for breaks in the line.

"The mop-up crew starts at the edge of the fire and works toward the center, putting it all out as they go," MacDaniel said.

"Last comes the patrol. No matter how careful the mop-up crews have been it's most unlikely that they got everything. Until two or three inches of rain or a foot of snow have fallen on the fire it will bear watching."

### Plenty of Problems Faced by Herman

Seattle, Aug. 13 (AP)—The end of the war—when it comes—is going to have particular significance for one Washington resident.

This week-end Albert L. Harman, 47, Port Angeles, Wash., pleaded guilty to violations of OPA regulations including slaughtering without quota, selling ungraded meat, and charging above ceiling prices.

He was fined \$1000 and a one year sentence was suspended.

But—and perhaps only the end of the war and war time regulations will solve it—a big problem for Harman remains. He has been adjudged 250,000 points in arrears.



Rev. R. T. Fine who has assumed the pastorate of the Free Methodist church. He served in Des Moines, Iowa, and was general superintendent of the Iowa conference before coming west. He came to Salem from Central Free Methodist church of Portland.

### Bengston Heads Child Care Group

Representative O. H. Bengston of Jackson county has been selected as chairman, and Representative J. O. Johnson of Washington county as secretary of the legislative interim committee, appointed to make a study of the care, treatment and rehabilitation of underprivileged children, and to make recommendations at the next legislature for the prevention of child delinquency in Oregon.

The committee will hold a public hearing in September to receive recommendations of child caring institutions and other civic organizations interested in this vital problem. Organizations interested are requested to contact any members of the committee during the next 30 days with written suggestions.

Members of the committee are Representative O. H. Bengston of Medford, Representative J. O. Johnson, Portland; Senator Thomas Parkinson, Roseburg; Senator J. C. Booth, Lebanon; Representative Paul Hendricks, Salem.

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### Acquittal for Mike Steinbock

Portland, Aug. 13—After deliberating 11 hours, the jury in Judge James Alger Fee's United States district court brought in a verdict of not guilty in the war production board case against Mike Steinbock, Salem night club operator.

Steinbock, who was indicted June 14, was tried on two counts: making fraudulent statements in applying for permission to build a restaurant in Salem and violation of a war conservation order in erecting the building. J. Robert Patterson, United States attorney, contended that Steinbock's application was for a "lunch-club" from which to serve war workers; that its estimated cost was \$5,000, and that in reality it was used as a night club and built at a cost of \$16,000. The establishment operates as "Leonard's Supper Club."

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atomic bomb is already to make it movie debut. Producer Darryl F. Zanuck announced today. Zanuck said that a full length picture centering about the "A-bomb" was completed by his company under the title "The House on 92nd Street."

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