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Exonerating Hirohito

A unique contribution to Japanese psychology is the Domei broadcast from Tokyo announcing to the Japanese people the imperial decision on surrender, though it did not say what the emperor's decision was.

Why Shelve the Persuader?

If the world needed further proof of Uncle Sam's humanitarian instincts and practices even in warfare that want has been supplies by the performance of the United States in handling the Japanese peace proposal.

Official Hog-Tying

Ignoring a warning that such action might result in the cancellation of some log hauling permits and despite the declared need for every foot of lumber that can be produced, the war production board has rejected an application of the Marion county court for permission to purchase a much needed motor road grader.

Portland Noisy On Peace Eve

Portland, Aug. 14 (UP)—Relief from suspense given through a Jap radio announcement of impending surrender threw downtown Portland into a riot of noise early today as thousands of servicemen and their friends paraded up and down city streets in a mass celebration of the inevitable victory announcement from Washington.

Banks Will Be Open As Usual V-J Day

Washington, Aug. 14 (UP)—National banks will transact business on V-J day as usual unless the announcement of the end of hostilities should fall on Sunday or a regularly designated holiday, according to an official of the office of the comptroller of the currency.



Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

If V-J day were to continue in the offering for many more days they'd probably have had to get a priority for a new set of hinges for the doors at the state liquor store.

We went to apologize for an injustice we did to W. H. Billy Woods, manager of the Producers Cooperative Packing plant, by letting Billy open our annual hollyhock marathon just before we left on a vacation.

To those of short memories we'll recall that Billy made the opening entry in the marathon with a hollyhock 12 feet 1 inch tall which was growing at 650 E. street.

Novelties In the News

Sugar Blues

Stillwell—Mrs. Harve Danner had a new ration problem to cope with yesterday—a husband who didn't read the label.

Farmer Danner went to the pantry to get salt for his live-stock, grabbed a likely container and distributed its contents to his mules.

Danner made a return trip to the pantry, where an irate Mrs. Danner informed him that he had mistakenly given away her reserve supply of sugar.

Complete Sellout

Milwaukee—Early shoppers had cleaned out L. W. Musch's meat counters when an elderly woman entered the market.

Have you any beef? she asked. "No, I'm sorry," Musch said. "Any pork?" "No, I'm sorry."

DO YOU HAVE GAS?

High or low blood pressure, acne, rheumatism, nervousness, neuritis, colitis or constipation? Your doctor will tell you billions of bad bacteria in the intestinal tract are chiefly the cause of your trouble.

Poetry is Where You Find It

(Ad in Eugene Register-Guard) "Just a line, hot off the Press, From F. B. H. and O. L. S.: We're sellin' lots and tracts of land,

And makin' dough to beat the band. But we can't sell and keep assistin' If you don't help us with your listing.

A man comes in and wants a farm, And throws his hands up in alarm; If we don't have just what he craves,

He beats the air, and rants and raves. Another comes and wants some lots— He's watchin' out for buildin' spots.

If you have property to sell And want a price that suits well, Come in and tell us what you've got; A farm, a store, a house, or lot, We'll sell it to some rovin' gent, And settle up for five percent."

Have a Heart Item. St. Louis, Aug. 14 (UP)—There's a limit to all things—even "beefs" about no beef.

A sign in a suburban market here reads: "Please limit abuse of the butcher to five minutes."

A swarm of bees started looking for a permanent home in a crack in a courthouse wall. No doubt attracted by some of the honeys who work around the place.

The War Today

By DeWitt Mackenzie

An interpretative analysis of war developments by a famous Associated Press war correspondent.

The Japanese war-lords' delay in making up their minds whether they are licked was only adding to their nation's anguish, for American Superfortresses loosed more than 5,000 tons (and that's 10,000,000 pounds) of bombs on the unhappy country.

The huge Third Fleet and a British carrier task force were idling off the Japanese coast ready for further action. It was clear that the allies had no intention of taking any nonsense from a dawdling Tokyo.

Despite this delay we have no cause to worry for fear that we haven't got Japan on toast. Even before Tokyo made its first inquiry about the terms of surrender last week, it was clear that the allies had smashed Japan as no other major power, excepting Germany, ever has been smashed since the conquerors of old.

Greedy Costs Empire

It seems passing strange that Nippon shouldn't have to learn that crime doesn't pay by making war on the United Nations. The fact that she had the temerity to do so is just another proof that she hadn't yet emerged fully from the dim past.

She thought naively that because she had a big army and navy, she had caught up with the western world. But it is clear that she still was treading the paths of by-gone centuries.

Japan's greed will cost her a big empire. She no longer will rank as a great power. She will drop back to about the place she occupied in 1853-54 when our Commodore Perry introduced her to civilization.

Since that time she had extended her domains vastly, partly through receiving islands under mandate after the last war, and partly through aggression which brought her Korea and finally great and potentially rich Manchuria.

But now she will be a four island kingdom. She will be deprived of her navy, her air force, her army and every industry which could be utilized for purposes of war. She is to suffer the indignity of having her sacred islands occupied by allied troops, and of being under allied military rule.

It is a terrific punishment for Japan. And one wonders whether the peculiar Japanese code of honor may not result in some shocking "face-saving" sacrifices after capitulation has been made effective.

Education for Vets Advised

"Sound advice for disabled veterans is to take advantage of the government's vocational training program."

That statement was made today by Verne L. Ostrander, commander of Salem chapter No. 6, Disabled American Veterans, who said disabled veterans are eligible for college and other training under Law 16.

"Unfortunately," he said, "many young men, after being discharged from the armed forces, are putting off vocational training until later and taking jobs. In the opinion of the DAV, this is poor judgement.

From our experience with World War I men, those disabled veterans who came off best after the last war were those who took part in the government's vocational training program."

Cannery Workers Urgently Needed For BEAN PACK

BLUE-LAKE Producers Cannery

FULL TIME OR VICTORY SHIFT No preliminary trip necessary to secure work; just report to the personnel office, 7:30 p.m. or 7:30 a.m.

This is an urgent call. So please report today or tonight. Men, other than Victory Shift Workers will need a statement of availability from U. S. Employment Service.

1 block north from Edgewater St. on Patterson Ave., West Salem.

Also, this plant is cooperating with the Salem Cannerys Committee.

United Press Steps Up Probe In Wire-Tampering Incident

New York, Aug. 14 (UP)—The United Press stepped up its investigation today into the false flash which was fed into its wire system Sunday night and which said Japan had accepted

The American Telephone and Telegraph company, reported to the federal communications commission and the U.P. that an investigation had shown that the false flash did not originate in any of its test stations.

The U.P. leases its news wires from the A.T. & T. The A.T. & T. issued this statement yesterday in response to a request from the U.P. and the FCC to investigate.

The American Telephone and Telegraph company today completed a check of its various test stations along the route of the United Press circuit where last night's false Jap surrender flash originated.

A.T. & T. Not Responsible "As a result of this inquiry the A.T. & T. reported to the federal communications commission, and made a copy of its reports available to the United Press, that the flash could not have originated in any A.T. & T. test station.

The reason for this is that the flash was transmitted by automatic tape and these test stations are not equipped with the equipment to perforate tape.

The A.T. & T. said it would continue to cooperate with the United Press and the FCC in their investigation of the incident.

With high military and naval officers, and members of government, immoderate themselves on the altar of "honor" in this fashion?

There have been even suggestions that the mikado himself might abide by this code and do away with himself.

I'm not suggesting that these things will happen, but they call attention to the possibilities in this great drama.

Chester J. Laroche, vice chairman of the American Broadcasting company, last night telegraphed Hugh Baillie, U.P. president, that his network would "be pleased to contribute a substantial amount of the reward offered by the U.P. for the apprehension and conviction of anyone found guilty of the fraud."

A.P. Help Offered Kent Cooper, executive director of the Associated Press, last night recommended to the A.P. board of directors that the A.P. "add an appropriate amount to the reward offered by the United Press Association for the apprehension and conviction of anyone guilty of the incident of fraud as reported by that news agency."

Cooper pointed out that there is a law against tampering with wires in interstate commerce.

Chiang Accused by Chinese Communists

San Francisco, Aug. 14 (UP)—The Chinese communist radio charged today Chiang Kai-Shek's restraining order to the communist 18th route army violated the Potsdam declaration and called it further proof of Chiang's "preparation for civil war."

The Yen'an broadcast, recorded by the FCC, said a Yen'an correspondent had prepared a comment on the Chiang order which commanded communist Gen. Chu Teh to take no independent action against the Japanese.

The comment calls on the people of China and allied countries to oppose Chiang's plans for civil war and claims that armies of Chinese liberated areas which have borne the main burden of the war in China should participate with the allies in receiving the Japanese surrender, the broadcast said.

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