

Letter From Washington

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V-E DAY. The celebration of V-E day in Washington was very quiet. I saw little evidence of a spirit of gaiety in the downtown area. The House met as usual. Following a 15 minute observance of the great event, with speeches made by the majority and minority leaders and Speaker Rayburn, the House took up the report of the special committee which had been investigating the meat shortage.

On the evening of V-E Day, the great flood-lights which illuminate the Capitol and the Washington monument were turned on for the first time since 1941.

Wednesday morning the flag which was planted on Mount Suribachi on Iwo Jima February 23 was raised on the United States Capitol flagstaff. In the immortal picture taken by Camera-man Joseph Rosenthal, five marines and a sailor are seen raising the flag on the Iwo mountain. Three of those men were subsequently killed in action. The three survivors, Pharmacist's mate (2nd Cl.), John H. Bradley, Antigo, Wisc., and marine privates (1st Cl.) Rene A. Gagnon, Manchester, N. H., and Ira H. Hayes, Sacaton, Ariz., were here and raised their flag over the Capitol. (Pvt. Hayes is an Indian chief). The flag is somewhat battered, but it is an inspiring sight. Incidentally, I understand that, when the marines wanted to plant a flag on Mount Suribachi, they obtained it from the commander of the first LST to arrive on the beach at Iwo. The LST commander loaned the flag, but I suspect he is very pleased to have the flag "loaned" on a permanent basis so that it may continue to fly over the nation's Capitol.

RELEASES FROM NAVY. The navy has recently announced its policy regarding release, discharge or resignation of navy personnel.

In the case of families which have lost two or more sons who were members of the armed forces, all remaining members of the immediate family serving in the navy, marine corps or coast guard will be returned to the continental United States, or retained here for permanent assignment. Applications for return to or retention in the United States must be filed by the serviceman himself or by his immediate family.

Enlisted personnel forty-two years of age or over may apply for discharge or release to inactive duty. Application is made through the individual's commanding officer. Similar requests, previously denied, may now be re-submitted and approval obtained from the commanding officer without reference to the Bureau of Naval Personnel. There are some exceptions to this discharge rule, but apparently it will be generally applied.

In making its announcement, the navy states that there still exists a critical need for combat and seagoing officers in the navy, marine corps and coast guard, and this need will continue until the war with Japan

is successfully concluded. In the meantime, there can be no large-scale demobilization in officer personnel. Requests for inactive duty or release from service will be made by officers, but the navy states the action taken will be entirely dependent upon the needs of the service.

The navy further states that the defeat of Germany will bring about no demobilization of the navy. On the contrary, the navy is expanding and will continue to expand. The navy cannot demobilize until Japan is defeated.

ARMY PLANNING REDUCTION. It is currently estimated that the army will release 1,300,000 enlisted men. Length of overseas service, amount of combat duty, battle honors, duration of service in the United States, age and family status will be factors considered in making the selection for discharge. It is estimated, however, that not more than 2% of the total number to be released will be men who have served only in the United States.

In addition to the 1,300,000 enlisted men to be demobilized during the coming months, it is expected that 700,000 officers may be released for over-age or unfit for further service. In all cases, the military necessity for the retention of any enlisted man or officer will have first consideration.

Discharges will not be confined to those who served in the European theater. GIs in the Pacific and faraway outposts will be equally entitled to discharge. The army estimates that about half of the 1,300,000 will come from the European theater; the remainder will be released from other parts of the world.

Livestock

Portland, Ore., May 16.—(UP)—Livestock: Cattle 150, calves 35, fairly active; steady. Load good led steers 16.75; few common steers 11.20-12; common to medium heifers 11.20-12; cutters down to 9.00. Canner and cutter cows 7.00-9.50, fat dairy type cows to 10.50. Good to choice vealers 13.00-16.00.

Hogs 100. Unchanged. All barrows and gilts 15.75; sows 15.00; feeder pigs held above 12.50. Sheep: 150. Slow, steady. Good to choice spring lambs 13.50; medium to good short lambs and yearlings 11-12. Good short ewes 6-8.50.

Portland Produce

Portland, May 16.—(UP)—Wholesale Market Prices: Corn—Texas \$4 per sack of 4 doz. Garlic—Local No. 1, 35¢; Mexican

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Mine Blast Takes Toll of 23



Rescue workers are pictured working over victim of terrific gas explosion two miles underground in a Sunnyside, Utah, coal mine. The sealed bodies of 21 of the victims have been recovered, while rescue crews continue to dig through coal-strewn tunnels in search of two of the workers, who are believed buried under several tons of coal brought down by the blast.

Chicago, May 16.—(UP)—Wheat 22c per lb. Postoffice—Nominal; Maine, No. 1, \$3.15 central.

Chicago Wheat

| Wheat | Open | High | Low | Close |
|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| May | 176 1/2 | 177 | 175 1/4 | 176 3/4 |
| July | 164 1/2 | 165 1/2 | 164 1/4 | 165 1/2 |
| Sept. | 160 1/2 | 161 | 160 1/4 | 161 1/2 |
| Dec. | 160 | 161 1/4 | 159 3/4 | 160 3/4 |

S. F. DAIRY PRICES

San Francisco, May 16.—(UP)—Dairy market:
Butter: 93 score 43, 92 score 42 1/2, 90 score 42 1/4, 89 score 41 3/4.
Cheese: Loafs 27.9, triplets 27.2.
Eggs: Large grade A 40 1/2, medium grade A 37 1/2, small grade A 35 1/2, large grade B 37 1/2.

Wall Street

New York, May 16.—(UP)—Trading increased in volume and stocks advanced steadily through today's session. Late in the session gains ranging to more than 2 points spread through the list. About the only exceptions were the aircrafts, where losses ranged to more than a point in Douglas. This

group still felt the influence of a reduced dividend by United Aircraft.

A higher dividend for Johnsonville sent that stock soaring nearly 4 points to its 1945 high. A dividend increase also sent Allied Stores to a new high. American Telephone equalled its high on declaration of the regular quarterly dividend of \$2.25 a share maintained steadily since 1922.

Preliminary closing Dow-Jones stock averages: Industrial 164.50 up 0.50; railroad 56.18 up 0.33; utility 30.82 up 0.07; 65 stocks 61.88 up 0.23. Sales totaled 1,210,000 shares compared with 1,010,000 shares yesterday.

Today's closing prices on selected stocks:
American Tel. & Tel. 165 1/4
Anaconda 34 1/2
Chrysler 113 1/2
Curtiss Wright 8
General Electric 42 1/4
Montgomery Ward 59 1/4
Penn. R. R. 38 1/2
Phillips Petroleum 51 1/4
J. C. Penney 122 1/2
Southern Pacific 45 1/2
Standard Oil of Calif. 43 1/4
Texas Gulf Sulphur 42 1/4

HERBERT BOTTS, FREED BY REDS, IS VISITOR HERE

JOHN LONG DIES ON PACIFIC DUTY

John Robert Long, 20, CM3c in the navy Seabees, was killed May 19 while serving in the Philippine Islands, according to a message received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Long, Kings' Highway. No details were given.

The young man graduated from Medford high school with the class of 1943 and enlisted in the Seabees in July of that year. He is survived by his parents, one brother, Howard, in the coast guard and stationed in Florida, and two sisters, Virginia and Mary Ann Long at home. Young Long was born in Grants Pass and had resided in southern Oregon his entire life.

DRUNK GIVEN FLOATER ON NUISANCE CHARGE

Robert Edward Dandy, 47, drew a 60-day jail sentence in city court today but the penalty was suspended on condition he leave the state at once. Dandy was arrested by state police last night at the home of L. I. Douglas on Berrydale avenue where he was creating a disturbance while under the influence of liquor. Douglas claimed he was not acquainted with Dandy, who walked uninvited into his home, state police said.

OBITUARY

H. GEORGE BAKER
H. George Baker, 63, well known resident of Medford, passed away in a local hospital Tuesday. A complete obituary with arrangements for services will be announced later by Conger-Morris Funeral Parlors.

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HERBERT BOTTS, FREED BY REDS, IS VISITOR HERE

Sgt. Herbert R. Botts, who has been a prisoner of the Germans since D-Day, is visiting at the home of his mother, Mrs. R. A. Botts, 312 South Central avenue and will leave Thursday night for Hot Springs, Ark., where he will report to a redistribution center.

Sgt. Botts was taken prisoner on Normandy after the paratroopers with whom he was fighting ran out of ammunition. He was imprisoned at Stalag 3C, east of the Oder river, and was liberated by the Russians Jan. 31. After his liberation Sgt. Botts made his way to Odessa,

Port Said, Naples and then to Boston. He was outfitted by the U. S. Army at Naples, his mother said.

The liberated prisoner is now in excellent health, weighing 195 pounds although at one time he weighed but 120 pounds when he was forced to go 23 days with little to eat. His mother said he gives the Red Cross much credit for their untiring work in the European theater.

Sgt. Botts graduated from Medford high school in 1939 and entered the army March 4, 1942.

8 CHICKENPOX CASES REPORTED IN COUNTY

Eight cases of chickenpox, five cases of whooping cough and one case of mumps were reported to the Jackson County Health department during the week ending May 11.

The chickenpox cases are widely scattered, with two reported from Medford, three from Trail, two from Prospect and one in Shady Cove. Two



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