

# KAISER PURCHASE OF GENEVA MILL NEARLY ASSURED

Oakland, Calif., Aug. 9—(U.P.) Henry J. Kaiser's vision of a tri-state western iron and steel industry, hinged on purchase of the Geneva, Utah, steel mills, was virtually unobstructed today.

The U. S. Steel Corp., only major bidder blocking Kaiser's purchase of the giant Geneva mills from the government, withdrew yesterday. The firm's president, Benjamin F. Fairless, explained that too many problems were involved in postwar operation of the \$200,000,000 plant.

Simultaneously with the announcement of his company's withdrawal, Fairless disclosed in New York that U. S. Steel would expand its Columbia steel plant at Pittsburgh, Calif.

Fairless said that modern cold reduction facilities with an annual capacity of more than 325,000 tons of cold reduced sheets and tin plate would be installed at the Pittsburgh plant at an estimated cost of \$25,000,000.

The ultramodern strip, metal and tin plate rolling mill, first of its type authorized for far west construction, would produce sheets and tin plate for western manufacture of refrigerators, washing machines, stoves and tin cans, Fairless said.

**2,764 Returnees Aboard Two Ships**  
Boston, Aug. 9—(U.P.)—The troopships Montclair Victory and Samuel Griffin docked here today with 2,764 European war veterans, including advanced units of the 13th Airborne Division.

Brig. Gen. Hammond M. Monroe, 51, of Eureka, Cal., assistant commander of the 13th, led an advance party of 170 officers and men down the gangplank of the Montclair. He formerly served as chief of staff of the 98th Division.

**HOW TO RAISE FUNDS**  
Chungking, Aug. 9—(U.P.)—A 40 per cent tax, expected to raise 200,000,000,000 Chinese dollars, will be levied on holders of government gold certificates, it was announced today.

**ATOM BOMB DANCERS**  
Los Angeles, Aug. 9—(U.P.)—Sings of the times: The Burbank Burlesque Theater today advertised, "See Burbank's 'Atom Bomb Dancers.'"

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# GERMANY'S DEBT OVER \$80 BILLION

Berlin, Aug. 9—(U.P.)—The Red Army Newspaper Tagliche Rundschau said today that Germany's national debt exceeds 800,000,000,000 marks (\$80,000,000,000).

The newspaper said it included 300,000,000,000 marks in war damage and 60,000,000,000 in circulation. The national debt was 12,500,000 marks when Adolf Hitler rose to power in 1933.

## Replanning of Jap Cities Possible By Allied Air Attacks

San Francisco, Aug. 9—(U.P.)—Japan, spurred by Allied air attacks on the homeland, is turning attention to Japanese "cities of the future."

Tokyo radio, recorded by United Press, said the Nippon Times pointed out that "since enemy air raids are making possible extensive replanning of Japanese cities, no time should be lost in seeing to it that this replanning is done in such a way as to express most accurately the true character of Japanese social ideals."

The Times agreed with Home Minister Genki Abe that the "cities of the future" should not be allowed to have more than 1,000,000 inhabitants. "Simplicity, restraint, chastity, beauty and appreciation of things" should stress the Japanese spirit. And anyway smaller, less congested cities will always "render possible quicker evacuation" under air raids, Tokyo added.

## AFL Membership To Work For Defeat Of Industrial Measure

Chicago, Aug. 9—(U.P.)—The entire membership of the American Federation of Labor was pledged today to work for the defeat of the Ball-Burton-Hatch bill to regulate industrial relations.

AFL President William Green told a press conference last night that the combined strength of the union's 7,000,000 members would be mobilized to prevent passage of the bill.

The so-called "B2H" bill "strikes at the very heart of labor," Green told reporters. He cited as one of its "worst features" the provision for compulsory arbitration of labor disputes, which would outlaw the right to strike.

## Judge Will War On Baby Black Market

Denver, Colo., Aug. 9—(U.P.)—Juvenile Judge Philip B. Gilliam today declared war against a "black market" in babies which he said was doing a wholesale business in illegitimate children, some bringing "\$1,000 or more."

Gilliam reported that illegal traffic in unwanted babies was flourishing in the Denver area. The children, he said, generally were born of unmarried girls and put up for auction to the highest bidder.

## Bomb Hurried Red War Entry, Belief

Washington, Aug. 9—(U.P.)—High official sources indicated today that the atomic bomb probably hastened Russia's entry into the war with Japan.

Russian participation was discussed at the Berlin conference and was one of the uppermost secrets of the big three.

## Three Months In Combat Not Enough

Rotan, Texas—(U.P.)—Pfc Floyd Underhill feels a bit chagrined when he speaks of his overseas career with Uncle Sam's army.

"It's a crazy way to fight a war," he said while home on leave from a west coast hospital. "I was overseas eight months, but spent only three months of them in combat."

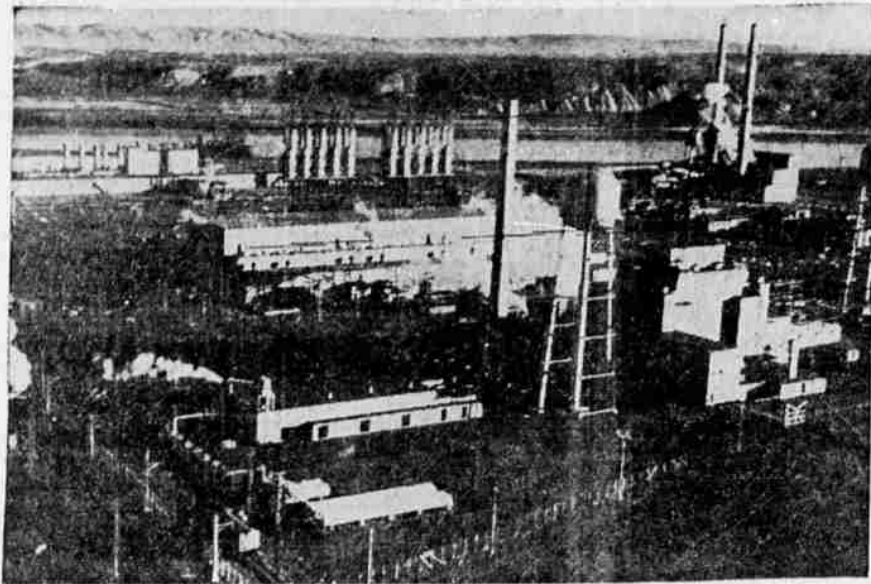
"The other five were spent in hospital," he added, after being wounded twice.

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# Atomic Bombs Produced in Hanford Plant



(Acme Telephoto) Vast production area at Hanford, Wash., plant for production of world's most powerful explosive, the atomic bomb. Workers in this gigantic industry, scattered over more than 400,000 acres, received first hint of what they were making with President's announcement of the bomb. Enormous quantities of materials go through successive processes by remote control of dials and panels, without being seen.

## OREGON BATTALION GRANTED CITATION

Salem, Ore., Aug. 9—(U.P.)—Copy of a war department citation for the 1st Battalion, 162d (Oregon) Infantry Regiment, 41st Division, was received here today by Adjutant General Raymond F. Olson.

The citation was granted for "outstanding performance of duty against the enemy near Salamaua, New Guinea, from June 29 to September 12, 1943." During that time the Oregon battalion is credited with killing 584 Japanese while suffering the loss of only 11 officers and 176 enlisted men.

The battalion is composed of National Guard units from Salem, McMinnville, Eugene and Roseburg.

## JAPANESE HAD CHANCE TO DEVELOP ATOMS

Berkeley, Calif., Aug. 9—(U.P.)—Japanese scientists had an opportunity with other nations in the race to develop atomic power.

Dr. Ernest O. Lawrence disclosed today that two groups of Nipponese savants twice visited his original atom-smashing cyclotron on the University of California campus.

The visits occurred before Pearl Harbor—when the lay world looked upon atom smashing as an experiment in pure science.

## FRENCH VOTE SET

Paris, Aug. 9—(U.P.)—The government today announced that the general election and popular referendum on the new constitution will be held Oct. 21.

## FIRST STEAM LINE

Bangor, Me. (U.P.)—The first steam railroad built in Maine was the Bangor & Piscataquis Canal and Railroad Co.'s line from Bangor to Old Town, completed in 1836.

## Transfer of Ship To Japs Offered By United States

Washington, Aug. 9—(U.P.)—The United States has offered to transfer to Japan at once an 11,758-ton ship to replace the Awa Maru, Japanese relief vessel accidentally sunk by an American submarine.

The State department said this government had specified that the offer was good only if the Japanese agreed to use the ship solely for repatriation and relief purposes.

The Awa Maru was sunk April 1 while returning under Allied safe conduct from a voyage to Hongkong and Singapore. It had carried relief supplies for Allied prisoners of war and civilian internees. The Japanese claimed that more than a thousand persons perished when the ship went down.

## Fog-Ridding Device Being Studied For City in California

Huntington Beach, Cal.—(U.P.)—How the English cleared airports of fog during the war is being studied to see whether it would rid Huntington Beach of fog, according to William H. Gallienne, of the chamber of commerce.

War-time secrecy has been lifted to reveal how British peacop fog was burned off the air bases by means of oil-burner devices strung along runways like lights, enabling Allied planes to maintain round-the-clock bombing of Germany.

If the oil burners could be bought and the plan seems feasible, Gallienne proposes to erect some of the burners to make Huntington Beach a fog-free city.

## 100 FIGHT FIRE

Missoula, Mont., Aug. 9—(U.P.)—More than 100 fire fighters today were combating a raging 550-acre forest fire in high, precipitous country between Plains and Thompson Falls in the Cabinet National Forest.

# HEALTH PROGRAM FOR SCHOOLS IS SET FOR OREGON

Salem, Ore., Aug. 9—(U.P.)—A plan for implementing the new health and physical fitness program for Oregon's public schools, as authorized by the last legislature, was worked out at a meeting of the joint state committee here Wednesday.

The committee outlined courses of instruction in health and physical fitness to be followed in all grade and high schools throughout the state among leaders in the movement for better health instruction who attended the meeting here were R. W. Leighton, dean of physical education at the University of Oregon; Dr. Adolph Weinzirl, professor of public health and preventive medicine, University of Oregon; H. S. Hoyman, professor of health education, University of Oregon; Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, and Austin Landreth, city superintendent of schools at Pendleton.

## Ex-Air Officer To Head Pest Survey

Salem, Ore., Aug. 9—(U.P.)—John E. Davis, of Corvallis, until recently a lieutenant in the army air forces, has joined the state department of agriculture as senior entomologist and pathologist, it was announced today by E. L. Peterson, state

Director of agriculture. Davis will conduct the new insect pest and plant disease survey work under the department's division of plant industry. Davis holds a master of science degree in entomology from Oregon State college.

The plans for four-nation control machinery, and the zones of Austria to be occupied by the United States, Britain, Russia and France, were released simultaneously in the four allied capitals. The control machinery provides that the city of Vienna will be directed by an inter-allied governing authority to be composed of four commandants—one from each allied nation.

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Everybody's talking about what a grand job Herb Helm is doing at the war plant. Not just one shift, but two a day—to help build the war materials our men need.

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Yet when Herb comes home—too tired to talk or watch where he drops his ashes, maybe—she makes allowances, keeps smiling, brings him a restful glass of beer, and makes enough conversation for them both. Next morning, Herb goes to work refreshed and cheerful.

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