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ALF LONDON ASKS TERMINATION OF WARTIME POWERS

Favors Congress To Probe "Inflated Ideas of Military" On Army's Size.

Topeka, Kan., Aug. 23—(U.P.) Alf M. Landon today urged President Truman to declare the war emergency ended, terminate his wartime powers and suspend the draft immediately.

"It is absurd to believe that we need an army of up to 500,000 men to occupy Germany further," Landon said.

He contended that congress should investigate "inflated ideas of the military" regarding the size of the army.

Landon said it would require some time to decide on the size of the occupying army in Japan but added that investigation of the need there should be determined as soon as the situation settled down.

Butte, Mont., Aug. 23—(U.P.) Sen. Burton K. Wheeler, D., Mont., was scheduled to arrive today from Helena where he urged immediate termination of the draft last night charging the armed forces had "all the men they can use."

"They are letting out men every day," Montana's senior senator said. "There is no use of drafting more."

Wheeler also said he was opposed to compulsory peacetime military training and asserted Sept. 5, would defeat President Truman's proposal for such a program.

He added last night that continued drafting of men 18 through 26 for deployment to the Pacific was unnecessary because "They have got enough in the Orient."

He was confident that the armed forces could get all the men they needed for occupational purposes through voluntary enlistments.

Employment of the "best scientists available" and establishment of a government laboratory for them to develop new defensive measures for the country was urged instead of peacetime training.

Wheeler emphasized the United States should control atomic energy and was opposed to an international organization to govern use of the new power.

FEATHERS OF 68 CHICKS ENOUGH TO CLOTHE PAIR

New York, Aug. 23—(U.P.)—The feathers of 68 chickens—broiler size—will clothe a man and his mate when today's experiment with a new synthetic wool moves out of the laboratory to the tailor shop.

Textile experts of the U. S. Rubber company have made hens and turkeys rivals of the sheep. They have developed a new fabric that "looks like wool and is warmer, softer and lighter than wool," but which is spun mostly from poultry feathers.

Dr. W. A. Gibbons, research director of the company, said the feather fabric "can be dyed any color and possesses a brilliant lustre. It is odorless and can be laundered in soap and water with no more shrinking than cotton."

The feather content of the new cloth is from 60 to 70 per cent, he said. The rest of the fabric can be rayon, cotton, wool or nylon. Gibbons said the fabric won't be marketed until he is satisfied with results of laboratory research.

U. S. Rubber's textile section manager B. H. Foster, conceived the idea of cloth from feathers when he learned that the nation wastes some 100,000,000 pounds of chicken feathers and about 30,000,000 pounds of turkey feathers annually.

They Figure in Alleged 'Murder Mart'



At Seattle, Wash., Mrs. Gladys Bailey, 35, said she lived in "uter bell" after she learned her sweetheart, a night club operator, allegedly paid \$500 to have her killed. Her charges placed William Cooper, 47, above, in jail under \$25,000 bail.

LAST BOND DRIVE OPENS OCTOBER 29, WILL END DEC. 8

Sec'y Vinson Announces 11 Billion Goal—Plan F.D.R. Memorial "E" Bond.

Washington, Aug. 23—(U.P.)—The victory loan, last organized bond drive of its kind planned by the government, will be held from Oct. 29 to Dec. 8 with a goal of \$11,000,000,000, the treasury announced today.

Secretary of the Treasury Fred M. Vinson explained that despite the end of the war the government still needed huge amounts of money to meet costs of mustering out pay, redeployment of soldiers, hospitalization and other expenses incident to the war.

A \$200 bond, known as the Franklin Roosevelt Memorial Bond, will make its first appearance when the drive starts. It will sell for \$150 and will be part of the E group.

To meet the \$11,000,000,000 goal, individuals will be asked to purchase \$4,000,000,000 of the bonds and other non-bank investors \$7,000,000,000. The E bond quota will be \$2,000,000,000, half that in the final war loan goal.

The overall goal is \$3,000,000,000 below that of the 7th war loan, but it was pointed out that with war contracts being cancelled at a rapid rate, many former buyers will not be on the victory bond roll. In the last drive a total of 1,300,000,000 subscriptions came from war plants alone.

Major emphasis will again be on sales to individuals, Vinson said. He stressed the importance of savings by individuals and said that payroll savings sales through the entire month of December will be credited to the respective goals.

RADIO 'HAMS' CAN BROADCAST ANEW

Washington, Aug. 23—(U.P.)—Radio "hams"—amateur broadcasters whose hobby is cruising the air waves—are now emerging from the silence that was imposed on them after Pearl Harbor.

The Federal Communications commission has authorized all those in good standing at that time to resume operation. Before the war a would-be amateur broadcaster took an FCC examination and, if he passed it, received free a three-year license to operate. When war broke out the FCC suspended all amateur licenses. This suspension has now been lifted. A man whose license had a year to run at the time of Pearl Harbor can now operate a year before applying to the FCC for a renewal.

At present "hams" may broadcast on the 112 to 115.5 mc cycle band only. Later the commission may consider authorizing transmission on the 144 to 148 mc cycle band.

SEATTLE MURDER MARKET MYSTERY HAS NEW VICTIM

Rum Agent Stabbed, Burned —'Killer' Balks at 'Rubbing Out' Mother-in-Law

Seattle, Aug. 23—(U.P.)—The plot of Seattle's alleged "murder mart" mystery thickened today as police disclosed an undercover agent for the Washington state liquor control board was found late yesterday in serious condition from stab wounds and cigarette burns.

The agent, Forrest Ford, 28, was the second liquor board investigator in a fortnight to apparently fall victim to the bootleg underworld.

The new twist came as police uncovered "shocking" details of the "paid-for" slaying of another undercover agent, Walter Foley, Jr., 22, and the attempted "for-hire" murder of an attractive 39-year-old restaurant cashier, Mrs. Gladys Bailey.

Walter Cooper, night club operator, described by police as "a self-styled Al Capone," has been charged with paying for both crimes.

Mrs. Bailey said she lived in "mortal terror" after she found out Cooper wanted her slain. The accomplices in the attempted "for-hire" murder, Farmer Thomas, bounce at Cooper's nightclub, and Robert Timme, a carpenter, said Cooper hired them to kill Mrs. Bailey, not knowing that Thomas was engaged to the intended victim's daughter. He made a down payment of \$100, Thomas said.

The men said they conspired to save the cashier because "it would be a dirty trick to rub out your future mother-in-law."

PORTLAND BLAST KILLS ONE, MORE THAN SCORE HURT

Portland, Ore., Aug. 23—(U.P.)—One workman was killed, another is near death, 19 were hospitalized and a score of others were injured less seriously when a gas furnace exploded today at the Portland eastside plant of the Iron Pipe and Manufacturing company.

Firemen brought a two-hour oil fire under control after the blast ripped through the large factory in which 300 persons were working. It was feared for a time that other workmen might be buried in the wreckage but company officials believed they had accounted for everyone.

Michael J. Keck, 51-year-old inspector, was killed. June Klages, 27, was still unconscious four hours after the blast.

Hollywood, Aug. 23—(U.P.)—Alan Ladd handsome tough guy of the screen, has been suspended. Paramount studios announced today.

MEDAL OF HONOR GIVEN 28 HEROES AT WHITE HOUSE

President Confers High Honor At Simple Ceremony; Many Wounded.

Washington, Aug. 23—(U.P.)—The president personally welcomed 28 American fighting men into the nation's hall of heroes today.

In the crowded east room of the White House, the chief executive solemnly fastened the medal of honor, the nation's supreme award for valor, about the necks of 24 heroes from the war in Europe and four from the Pacific battle fronts.

More than 300 mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters and sweethearts—many of them awed and noticeably nervous—sat quietly in the chandelied east room of the executive mansion as the World War II heroes stepped up to the president one by one, saluted and stood stiffly at attention.

Maj. Gen. Edward F. Witsell, acting adjutant general of the U. S. army, slowly read the citations relating the heroic battle episodes for which each won the coveted award.

Two of the award winners did not stand with the others—they could not walk and were in wheelchairs. Most of the rest had to wait until today for the most memorable day of their lives because of wounds suffered in battle. Many are crippled for life.

All of today's heroes were members of the army. Their 28 awards bring to 196 the number of medals of honor awarded to army personnel since World War II began.

A part of the U. S. army band played softly in the White House lobby as the heroes and their families were ushered into the east room. Mrs. Truman greeted many of them personally as they entered. The soft strains of "Hail to the Chief" heralded the entrance of the president and the simple ceremony began.

Mr. Truman smiled at the crowd, then looked respectfully at the 28 khaki clad men to whom he was to award the medal which he, himself, had said would be a better possession than the presidency of the United States.

FIRE ON WILSON RIVER GAINS, AS TOWNS PERILED

Portland, Ore., Aug. 23—(U.P.)—Flames continued to take their toll of Pacific northwest timber resources today, although crews were making some progress in scattered areas.

In the Wilson river sector of western Oregon, the blaze has swept south and west, crossing Clear creek and the north fork of the Trask river, near their junction, scouts reported.

The latest outbreak between Nehalem and Tillamook seared green "fog belt" timber as the blaze moved relentlessly on to the sea, threatening the communities of Mohler and Nehalem. All available equipment and hundreds of soldiers and loggers were thrown into the fight in an effort to stem the blaze. Frank Hamilton of Forest Grove headquarters said an expected drizzle today would give fighters a good start towards gaining the upper hand.

Washington, Aug. 23—(U.P.)—Loadings of revenue freight in the United States dropped 217, 175 cars in the week ended Aug. 18.

DELAY JURY SERVICE Federal jurors who have been asked to report at Klamath Falls tomorrow will not be required to do so, Paul Hanlin, deputy United States marshal, announced today. Hanlin said the jurors will be called at a later date.

GOOD NEWS, LADIES

Wilmington, Del., Aug. 23—(U.P.)—Two nylon producing plants with a capacity to turn out enough nylon for 360,000-000 pairs of ladies' hosiery a year—eleven pairs a year for each woman in America—are operating round the clock, the E. I. Dupont De Nemours Co. announced today.

The company said it had resumed the manufacture of nylon yarn for ladies' hosiery and other textiles at its Seaford, Del., and Martinsville, Va., plants.

Nylon yarns will be available for manufacturers of ladies' hosiery about Sept. 1, and other branches of the textile industry a short while later.

Dupont said the amount of yarn for hosiery will be much greater than before the war and prices much lower.

FIFTH OF JAPAN CITIES WIPED OUT BY ALLIED RAIDS

10 Million Dead, 412,000 Wounded, Incomplete Reports Indicate.

San Francisco, Aug. 23—(U.P.)—One fifth of Japan's more than 200 cities were "almost completely wiped out" in allied air raids with a death toll of 240,000, radio Tokyo said today.

"Nearly 10,000,000 people—one sixth of the population of the Japanese homeland—were killed, wounded or rendered homeless during the course of the war of Greater East Asia," an official Domei news agency dispatch said.

Japanese air defense general headquarters for the first time disclosed total raid casualty figures some 24 hours after announcements that 480,000 persons were killed, wounded or left homeless by two American atomic bombs.

As recorded by United Press Tokyo gave the following cumulative totals of raid casualties "according to figures so far available":

Killed—260,000, of whom 90,000 died from effects of the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki Aug. 6 and 9.

Wounded—412,000, including 180,000 atomic victims. Homeless—9,200,000.

A total of 2,210,000 houses "completely demolished or burnt down" and 90,000 partly damaged.

"These figures were still incomplete," Domei said, "and are likely to mount higher upon investigation."

"Out of 206 cities of Japan proper 44 have been almost completely wiped out, while 37 others including Tokyo lost over 30 per cent of their built up area.

"Almost the entire Japanese mainland received heavy damage as a result of the enemy air raids, except Akita, Yamagata, Shikawa, Nagano, Shiga, Kyoto, Nara, Shimane and Tottori prefectures, where damage was comparatively small."

U. S. CASUALTIES PUT AT 1,070,819

Washington, Aug. 23—(U.P.)—U. S. combat casualties of World War II reached 1,070,819 today. This was an increase of only 681 over totals announced last Friday.

The 1,070,819 figure included 252,885 dead. Of these, 199,656 were reported by the army and 53,229 by the navy, marines and coast guard.

Army losses thus far compiled total 923,481 compared with 147,338 for the navy, marines and coast guard.

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FAST EVACUATION OF 32,000 IN JAP PRISONS ASSURED

Contact Made With Lt. Gen. Wainwright — American List Public Soon.

Manila, Aug. 23—(U.P.)—The allies announced plans today for the speedy evacuation of 32,000 prisoners and internees from Japan to the Philippines and confirmed that contact had been established, presumably in Manchuria, with Lt. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright.

Allied Nationals, including 7,000 Americans and 14,000 British, will be repatriated from Japan by air and sea as rapidly as their health permits. Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced.

An international Red Cross delegation radioed MacArthur from Tokyo that its representatives and delegates from the Swiss and Swedish legations will proceed tomorrow to the seven main war prisoner camps in Japan to assist in the evacuation of inmates to embarkation points.

In Chungking, Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, commander of American forces in China, announced without elaboration that "contact has been established" with Wainwright, hero commander of Bataan and Corregidor.

A rescue team of American paratroopers reported last week that it had liberated Wainwright from a prison camp at Sian, 100 miles north of Mukden. A plane took off from soviet-held Mukden Tuesday to bring out the general.

Wedemeyer did not mention Wainwright's present whereabouts, but it was possible that he either had or was about to fly out of Manchuria. He will be 62 years old tomorrow.

MacArthur's headquarters said the recovered personnel division of the American Red Cross would cooperate with occupation troops in speeding the evacuation of all allied war prisoners and civilian internees from Japan.

The names of those liberated and evacuated will be transmitted immediately to the war department in Washington. Units also will accept and transmit messages to next of kin through the war department.

WAR BULLETINS

San Francisco, Aug. 23—(U.P.)—The Yenan radio said today the Chinese communist fourth army was making a forced march to Shanghai to assist a Chinese insurrection against looting Japanese troops.

San Francisco, Aug. 23—Radio Tokyo said today that Subhas Chandra Bose, Indian rebel leader, died in a Japanese hospital Aug. 19 from wounds sustained in an airplane accident.

Bose, known as the "Indian Quisling," who fled India for Japan to form a puppet party in connection with Japan's greater East Asia co-prosperity sphere, was seriously injured when his plane crashed near Taihoku airfield. Tokyo radio said.

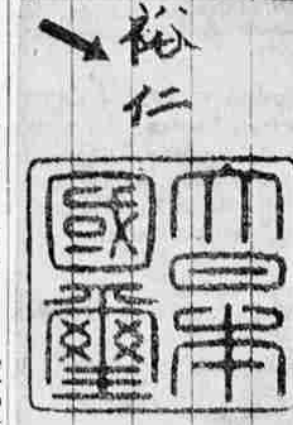
Chungking, Aug. 23—(U.P.)—Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, American commander in China, today ordered American forces not to fraternize with the "enemy."

London, Aug. 23—(U.P.)—The presidium of the supreme Soviet of the Ukraine Soviet republic today ratified the United Nations charter, exchange telegram reported from Moscow.

San Francisco, Aug. 23—(U.P.)—The Japanese Domei news agency reported today that an extraordinary session of the Japanese Diet will convene Sept. 2 and 3.

San Francisco, Aug. 23—(U.P.)—Winds of gale velocity, described by radio Tokyo as a "small typhoon," hit the Japanese capital last night, the Japanese reported today.

Official Staff



Here's the official seal of Japan and personal signature of Emperor Hirohito (arrow) on credentials presented to Lt. Gen. Sutherland in Manila by the Japanese surrender delegation.

TOKYO REQUESTS FIVE REVISIONS OF M'ARTHUR TERMS

Yank Forces To Control All Strategic Centers Jap Radio Reports.

Manila, Aug. 23—(U.P.)—Tokyo asked for five revisions in Gen. Douglas MacArthur's surrender orders today and told the Japanese people that 50,000 to 60,000 Allied occupation troops land in the capital area next week alone.

MacArthur's forces ultimately will seize control of all Japan's strategic centers "with decisive armed strength," Radio Tokyo said.

Japanese Imperial headquarters broadcast in rapid succession five requests to MacArthur for changes in the surrender orders effective tomorrow immobilizing ships in Japanese home waters and requiring those at sea to head for Allied ports.

The five requests were for permission to:

1. Continue railway ferry services with unarmed, especially marked vessels between Aomori and Hakodate, Uno and Takamatsu, and Odonari and Wakani for communications and transportation to carry out the surrender terms.

2. Leave in operation within Japanese waters some motor sailing vessels of more than 100 tons which, without radio equipment may not receive the immobilization order.

3. Send a transport to Minamitoro island with food supplies, since current supplies will be "completely exhausted" by Sunday. The transport would bring back sick and wounded.

4. Send two hospital ships with food and medical supplies to isolated garrisons on various south Pacific islands.

5. Allow Japanese ships at sea to communicate with the Allies on frequencies other than those prescribed by MacArthur since Japanese ships "unfortunately" have no transmitters for the latter.

ALIEN LABOR TO GO HOME SWIFTLY

Washington, Aug. 23—(U.P.)—The War Manpower commission was speeding arrangements today for repatriation of foreign workers brought here to relieve the wartime labor shortage.

Some 83,000 foreigners were recruited for wartime jobs in this country. About 16,000 were from Barbados, Jamaica and British Honduras and some 67,000 from Mexico.

Most of the Mexicans are employed by railroads and in view of the acute railroad labor shortage their release will be gradual. The others will be sent to Camp Murphy, Fla., the principal WAC repatriation center. They will be sent home as fast as shipping is available.

CHINESE POISED FOR OCCUPATION, NIPP SURRENDER

Ready To Enter Nanking, Hong Kong — Attlee Tells British Policy.

Chungking, Aug. 23—(U.P.)—Chinese paratroopers and airborne combat teams were poised today for occupation of Nanking, Shanghai, Hongkong and other important areas prior to the formal Japanese surrender of more than 1,000,000 troops and huge amounts of equipment in China.

Japanese military chiefs informed Chinese officials it was now safe for them to enter Nanking. Chinese paratroopers were reported waiting at Chihkiang for the go-ahead signal from Chinese officers who accompanied Japanese surrender delegates to Nanking.

Gen. Yasuji Okamura, supreme commander of Japanese forces in China, assured the Chungking government he would recognize only an authorized representative of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, and requested further surrender instructions.

London, Aug. 23—(U.P.)—Gen. Josef Stalin tonight announced in an order of the day that Japan's Kwantung army has surrendered.

Stalin's order honored the far eastern forces of the Soviet which brought about the capitulation of the Kwantung army in a 15-day campaign.

He revealed that troops of the Mongolian people's republic cooperated with the Red army in the attack on the Japanese.

Stalin disclosed that the Russians have occupied Paramushira and Usumury islands in the Kuriles.

London, Aug. 23—(U.P.)—Prime Minister Attlee told the House of Commons today that a British commander will accept the surrender of the Japanese at Hongkong.

Attlee made his statement in reply to an inquiry by opposition leader Winston Churchill.

The question arose as a result of indications that a race was in progress between the British and the Chinese to take over the British crown colony.

Churchill wanted to know whether the government had plans under way to restore the British administration in Hongkong once the Japanese surrender had been accepted.

"Yes," Attlee said, "as stated by the foreign secretary on Monday arrangements are being made for the Japanese surrender to be accepted by the British force commander. Plans for re-establishing the British administration in the colony are fully prepared."

The house cheered Attlee's announcement and Churchill expressed gratification.

Churchill asked Attlee if he recalled that "On numerous occasions and particularly at the Cairo conference in 1943 the government made it plain that we did not contemplate any modification in the sovereignty of His Majesty's territories in the Far East."

SUGAR STAMP 38 VALID ON SEPT. 1

Washington, Aug. 23—(U.P.)—Sugar stamp 38 in ration book four will become valid Sept. 1, office of price administration announced today.

It will be good for five pounds of sugar until Dec. 31, 1945. The current sugar stamp, No. 38, becomes invalid Aug. 31.

OPA is continuing the current ration rate of five pounds of sugar every four months because of the shortage of supplies. No improvement for civilians is expected this year. Stocks are lower now than they have been for ten years.

Calcutta, Aug. 23—(U.P.)—The Burma campaign cost the Japanese 128,000 killed the southeast Asia command announced yesterday.