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DEMobilization Hits High Gear

CRITICAL POINT SCORE FOR ARMY RELEASE NOW 80

Half Million More Affected—Mac's Word Is Key—New Credit System

Washington, Sept. 3—(U.P.)—Demobilization of America's 8,000,000-man World War II army moved into high gear today as the formal surrender of Japan made it evident that the fighting was at last really over.

The war department, in conformity with its announced intention last week, lowered the critical point discharge score to 80, allowed credit for points accumulated between V-E day and V-J day and permitted immediate release of men 35 years of age and over with at least two years honorable service.

At least 500,000 more army personnel than were heretofore eligible to point discharge are expected to be eligible under the new plan. Point scores will have to be lowered still further, however, before enough men and women can be released to bring the army down to the 2,500,000 level it expects to reach by next July 1.

As the army opened the demobilization gates wide, President Truman, promising to return soldiers and sailors to their homes "as soon as the ships and planes can get here," warned that for many service men to continue for some time "to wipe out Japanese militarism just as we are cleaning out the militarism of Germany."

(Pacific dispatches said an occupation army of 1,500,000 men would move into Japan following the formal surrender. The army listed occupation needs in the Pacific on next July 1 as 800,000.)

Army officials told the house military affairs committee last week that they would reduce the critical score from 85 to 80 and lower the automatic discharge age as soon as word was received from Gen. Douglas MacArthur that the bloodless occupation of Japan was assured.

While the war department did not say so apparently, it had received the necessary word from MacArthur.

Washington, Sept. 3—(U.P.)—Soldiers receive points under the army discharge plan for length of service, overseas service, combat decorations and parenthood. All points earned before Sept. 2, 1945, now may be counted.

Here are the point credits: 1. One point for each month of army service since Sept. 16, 1940.

2. One point for each month served overseas since Sept. 16, 1940.

3. Five points for the first and each additional award since Sept. 16, 1940, of the distinguished service cross, legion of merit, silver star, distinguished flying cross, soldier's medal, bronze star medal, air medal, purple heart and bronze service stars for battle participation. Similar point credit is allowed for navy combat decorations awarded to army men and for awards and decorations of a foreign country which may be accepted and worn under war department regulations.

4. Twelve points for each child under 18 years up to a limit of three children.

NEGRO PUGILIST GOES ON RAMPAGE

Los Angeles, Sept. 3—(U.P.)—Watson Jones, 25, light heavyweight boxer, was jailed today for putting on an exhibition bout at the home of a girl friend.

Vivian Gilroy, 17, charged the colored fighter threatened her with his fists and then with a gun.

Police who found the pistol hidden under a mattress said the serial numbers were filed off, a felony under California law.

"It was just a family affair," Jones explained.

MacArthur Signs Final Peace Treaty



Final moment of triumph arrives for Gen. Douglas MacArthur as he signs document bringing about peace with Japan and end of war in the Pacific. Aboard U. S. S. Missouri in Tokyo Bay MacArthur signs his name, with Gen. Wainwright directly in the rear. Lt. Gen. Sir Arthur Percival of Singapore stands to right of Wainwright, with entire Allied delegation in background witnessing historic occasion. (Acme-NEA Telephoto, with navy; Allied delegation by Acme transceiver from U. S. S. Iowa via Radio-Telephoto.)

STALIN REPORTS RUSSIA TO KEEP KURILES AS OWN

Also South Sakhalin, Lost in 1904—Ends Military Threat in Far East

London, Sept. 3—(U.P.)—The Soviet Union will keep the Kurile Islands north of Japan for her own, Generalissimo Stalin said last night in a victory speech hailing the return of peace.

Russia had announced occupation of the last of the Kuriles, which stretch 700 miles north-east from the Japanese home island of Hokkaido to Russia's Kamencatka Peninsula, only 24 hours earlier.

It had been assumed that the southern half of Sakhalin Island would revert to Russia, but there had been no authoritative word on the fate of the Kuriles before Stalin's speech. Russia lost both the Kuriles and the lower half of Sakhalin to Japan in the war of 1904-5.

"Today, Japan has acknowledged her defeat and signed the act of unconditional surrender," Stalin said in his speech over the Moscow radio.

"This means that the Southern Sakhalin and the Kurile Islands will pass to the Soviet Union and from now on will not serve as a means for isolating the Soviet Union from the ocean and as a base for Japanese attacks on our Far East."

"They will serve instead as a means of communication of the Soviet Union with the (Pacific) ocean and as a base for the defense of our country against Japanese aggression."

"From now on, we can consider our country saved from the threat of German invasion in the west and of Japanese invasion in the east. The long-awaited peace for the nations of the whole world has come."

Stalin mentioned the Japanese attack on the Russian Naval Base at Port Arthur in February, 1904 at their later 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. Russia's three first-class warships were disabled in 1904 attack, he recalled.

Andrews Girls Back Hollywood, Sept. 3—(U.P.)—The Andrews sisters, film and radio trio just back from an overseas entertainment tour, today urged Americans to donate food to liberated European countries, to feed their starving people.

CHURCHILL PAYS VISIT TO GRAVE OF FORMER DUCE

Rome, Sept. 3—(U.P.)—We can't tell you his pseudonym, but a chubby-checked, cigar-smoking personality looking very much like the famous Winston Churchill is wandering around northern Italy on a 10-day rest.

Churchill, who arrived in Italy on Sept. 1 as the guest of Field Marshal Sir Harold R. L. G. Alexander, will spend his time golfing, painting and smoking at a villa in the Lake Como region.

The reason for the pseudonym, which the United Press is not at liberty to reveal, is to avoid any confusion on official business as leader of his majesty's opposition. The pseudonym is something that only Churchill could have thought of.

(The Daily Telegraph reported in London that Churchill would be known as "Colonel Warden" while visiting in Italy.)

Churchill arrived at Milan on Saturday in an American flying tour of the city's bombed areas and was instantly recognized by the surprised Milan citizens who cheered wildly.

Climbing into a swanky Rolls Royce, he rode off to the gas-line station where the bodies of Benito Mussolini and his fascist cronies had been strung up by the partisans last April. Britain's famous war leader got a first-hand look at the girder which once asked Hitler for permission to send Italian bombers against England.

Then he visited "Maggiore" cemetery where Mussolini's remains lie buried in a pauper's grave.

DR. HAYES NAMED VICE PRESIDENT

Portland, Ore., Sept. 3—(U.P.)—Dr. Stanley Lamb, Portland was named president-elect of the Oregon State Medical society during its two-day session which ended here Sunday.

Other officers elected were Dr. James C. Hayes, Medford, first vice president; Dr. Burton A. Meyers, Salem, second vice president; Dr. Raymond M. McKeown, Coos Bay, third vice president; Dr. Thomas S. Saurdren, Portland, secretary, and Cecil J. Ross, Portland, treasurer.

6 FLIERS CLAIM THEY WAXED FAT IN NIPP PRISON

Held at Bangkok They Had Plenty To Eat and Read, Unusual Work

Calcutta, Sept. 3—(U.P.)—Six U. S. army fliers, who arrived in Calcutta via Rangoon from a Bangkok internment camp, told one of the most unusual stories of the Japanese war today. They were prisoners and well treated.

Their Thai captors fed them rice porridge, cooked rice, beef, chicken, vegetables and eggs. They never worked and there were always excellent books to read.

"They came back looking better than when they went away or so they claimed."

Aboard U. S. S. Benevolence Off Tokyo, Sept. 3—(U.P.)—Japanese civilians occasionally sneaked food to American airmen held prisoners of war in Japan, 2nd Lt. Ray Halloran, a flier prisoner, said today.

Halloran (address unavailable) said that prisoners who were sent to Japanese homes to collect refuse to fertilize the Omori prison camp gardens often were given a bit of rice, tea or boiled potatoes.

"This was a filthy job, but there were many volunteers," Halloran said, "because it was a chance to get some food. One old lady was swell to us and invited us to her house for tea, potatoes or soybeans out of her small ration."

Two other ex-prisoners, Enns James A. McCann, New Castle, Pa., and Sgt. Harold T. Hedges, Oklahoma City, said they often were beaten with rifle butts when their captors wanted military information. They said American fliers were confined in "special," unregistered camps, having first priority on filth, disease, torture and starvation.

NATURE TAKES OVER San Francisco, Sept. 3—(U.P.)—Plants have begun growing again in Nagasaki amidst the devastation caused by the atomic bomb on Aug. 9, scientists from the Keio Imperial University reported today.

Idle Blue Pencils Berlin Sept. 3—(U.P.)—Censorship is still officially in force in the Berlin Press camp but the censors admit they haven't any ideas what they can bludge-pencil now that the war is over.

GEN. WAINWRIGHT SEES 'BUTCHER OF BATAAN' GIVE UP

Yamashita Signs Philippine Terms, Eats Steaks, Goes To Prison

Baguio, the Philippines, Sept. 3—(U.P.)—Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, bullet-headed "butcher of Bataan," was in Manila's Bilibid prison today after surrendering the last Japanese forces in the Philippines in a brief 11-minute ceremony.

Lt. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright and Lt. Gen. A. E. Percival, Great Britain's last-ditch defender of Singapore, watched grimly as the 59-year-old Yamashita affixed his signature to the eight-paragraph surrender document in a room of the high commissioner's building in Baguio, summer capital of the Philippines.

Yamashita, once called the "Tiger of Malaya" by his swaggering countrymen, probably faces charges as a war criminal. American military police escorted him from the room and immediately after the ceremony, and he was led away to join 10,000 of his countrymen behind bars.

The delayed ceremony had been delayed several hours awaiting the arrival of Wainwright and Percival in a special plane that carried them from Tokyo, where only 27 hours earlier they had watched Japan's formal surrender aboard the U. S. S. Missouri.

Yamashita, who enjoyed a steak washed down with beer last night, gave himself up to the American 32nd division yesterday and was brought to Baguio by plane and jeep. He called off all fighting for approximately 40,000 Japanese troops which are haphazardly scattered through the wilds of northern Luzon, Mindanao, and a few other islands.

After the ceremony, Wainwright said: "In without words to express the thrill I felt at being present yesterday morning at Yokohama when Gen. MacArthur accepted the surrender of the Japanese imperial government through its foreign minister. I was equally thrilled just now at having seen the chief of the imperial Japanese force in the Philippines bend his knee and bow his neck to the Americans."

"And as you know I was forced to surrender to Gen. Homma on May 6, 1942. Today the shoe is on the other foot. Yesterday and today have been the two greatest days in my life. When he arrived at Baguio, Yamashita, responsible for the deaths of thousands of allied prisoners, had been asked if he would commit hara kiri. He gave a bly-the-chuckle and shook his close-cropped head, saying: "Hara kiri? No—no hara kiri."

BETTY IS BRIDE AND SO NERVOUS

Chicago, Sept. 3—(U.P.)—Betty Hutton, Hollywood's incendiary blonde, was weakly a bride today after a quiet Drake hotel ceremony in which she wed manufacturer Ted Briskin of Chicago without even one exuberant shout.

Boisterous Bombshell Betty exchanged marriage vows with the tall handsome bridegroom in a whisper, in startling contrast to her lusty contralto yells on screen.

Mrs. Hutton appeared as nervous as any other bride when Federal Judge Philip L. Sullivan read the marriage ceremony at the swank Camellia house at the hotel. She wore a gold wool suit and a hat made of red wool cords.

Brookville, O., Sept. 3—(U.P.)—One woman was killed and at least five persons were injured today when the Spirit of St. Louis, passenger train double-headed, Pennsylvania, collided with a car at a crossing.

PRICE, SCHEFEICK, IN GOLF FINALS

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Jap Delegates Arrive for Signing



As Japanese delegation arrives aboard U. S. S. Missouri for final signing of peace documents to end war in Pacific. United States army representatives from MacArthur's staff directs Jap Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu (left) to correct place on deck of the warship. (Acme-NEA Telephoto from navy; photo transmitted by Acme transceiver from U. S. S. Iowa via Radio-Telephoto.)

SOLDIER RESCUED AFTER FALL INTO HOOD CREVASSE

Vancouver, Wash., Sept. 3—(U.P.)—Pvt. Charles C. Porter, 36, Barnes General Hospital here today for treatment of injuries suffered in rolling 50 feet into a crevasse while climbing Mt. Hood.

Porter began the climb early yesterday. A member of the party misled Porter and reported to a lookout station on the mountain.

The soldier, helpless with a crushed leg was found about sunset by Everett A. Darr, Portland, and Harry Parker, government camp. After help was summoned, Porter was placed on a stretcher to start the descent on the mountain, completed about midnight. He was taken to Barnes Hospital, where he is stationed as a medical detachment man.

Porter fell into a crevasse 9,000 feet up the mountain slope, about 2000 feet below the summit. Parker and Darr heard his cries for help and at first believed he had fallen into a glacier. It took them an hour to locate the victim in the maze of crevasses.

Windsor, Ont., Sept. 3—(U.P.)—Roy G. England, president of local 200, United Automobile Workers (CIO), said today that 12,000 Ford Motor company employees had voted to strike, but that no action would be taken for at least 48 hours.

MILLION JAPS IN PACIFIC GIVE UP

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PROBES ESCAPES Pasadena, Calif., Sept. 3—(U.P.)—A grand jury investigation will open tomorrow into the escape of 219 boys in three outbreaks in four days at the fosta state training school.

JURIST PASSES Pasadena, Calif., Sept. 3—(U.P.)—Walton J. Wood, 67, Associate Justice of the District Court of Appeals in Los Angeles, died last night at his home here after a short illness.

London, Sept. 3—(U.P.)—Sign of the times: British press censorship ended officially yesterday.

YANKEES EXPAND JAP OCCUPATION, LAND ON KYUSHU

Airborne Troops Arrive At 'Suicide' Base Early Today

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Yokohama, Sept. 3—(U.P.)—The vanguard of a new occupation army flew into southern Japan today as American troops in the Tokyo area expanded their foothold to more than 700 square miles.

Under an occupation program that ultimately will put 1,500,000 Allied technicians in Japan, 20 American troops landed in two transport planes at 1:30 p. m. (12:30 a. m. EDT) at Kanoya airfield on the southern tip of Kyushu, southernmost of the Japanese home islands.

They will set up communications facilities and otherwise prepare for large-scale American landings by air at Kanoya and by sea at Takasu, four miles southeast of Kanoya, beginning tomorrow.

The sea-borne forces will be landed under cover of Admiral Raymond A. Spruance's Fifth fleet. Kanoya, site of the airbase landings, formerly was a Japanese suicide-plane base for attacks on Okinawa.

(Radio Tokyo said 6,000 American troops from Atsugi airfield, 18 miles south of Tokyo, to Hiratsuka in northern Kyushu. The broadcast, reported by the FCC, said American authorities already had begun negotiations for the transfer of the police chief and mayor of Hiratsuka.)

Japanese radio broadcasts said 3,000 troops of the Eighth army began landing at the Tateyama peninsula and air base on the Chiba peninsula at the southeastern entrance to Tokyo Bay at 9:20 a. m. (8:20 p. m. Sunday, EDT).

They will take over occupation of the area from an advance landing party of marines.

Radio Tokyo also said 15 American soldiers arrived at the city of Chiba, 20 miles east across Tokyo Bay from Tokyo, to make preliminary arrangements for American occupation of the city.

LABOR DAY WEEK END DEATH TOLL OVER NATION 105

The nation's motorists flocked to the country and seashore during the Labor Day week-end in the first peacetime holiday celebration since Pearl Harbor.

At least 105 persons lost their lives in accidents, a United Press survey showed. Seventy-five of the fatalities resulted from automobile accidents. There were 14 drownings and 16 deaths from other causes.

The National Safety Council predicted there would be at least 300 traffic deaths during the three-day period unless motorists exerted extra care in handling their aged automobiles.

New York state reported the highest number of deaths—12, of which 10 were in traffic accidents. Three members of one family were killed at Mattituck, N. Y., when their car collided with a Long Island railroad train.

Indiana had nine deaths, eight in traffic accidents. California and Michigan each reported eight fatalities.

NIPPON ADMIRAL JOINS ANCESTORS

San Francisco, Sept. 3—(U.P.)—Radio Tokyo said today that Vice Admiral Matsuo Murozumi, superintendent of shipbuilding and ordnance in the Osaka naval defense district, committed hara-kiri last night, presumably in a fit of despondency over Japan's surrender.