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## Jap Diet Meets in First Peacetime Session



Japanese Diet sits in first session since surrender at Tokyo. In House of Representatives, one member is making speech, thanking Emperor for the morning. Prince Konoye sits left of speaker of House, with new premier to speaker's left. On dias also are seated heads of War and Navy Departments of Japanese Government.

## MacArthur Will Raise Stars and Stripes Over Bomb-Ravaged Tokyo Early Saturday

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Yokohama, Sept. 7.—(U.P.)—Plans were completed today for Gen. Douglas MacArthur's triumphant entry into bomb-ravaged Tokyo tomorrow morning.

The supreme commander is expected to raise the stars and stripes over the American embassy across the street from Emperor Hirohito's palace at 10:30 a. m. (9:30 p. m. today, EWT).

Final Act Symbol The ceremony will symbolize

### Mac Returning Soon is Report

San Francisco, Sept. 7.—(U.P.)—Unofficial rumors circulated here today that Gen. Douglas MacArthur would return to the United States by way of San Francisco shortly after his triumphant weekend entry into Tokyo.

Although there was no confirmation of the reports, an army spokesman said unofficially that MacArthur "is expected within two weeks."

The final act of Japan's capitulation. The flag is the same one which flew from the capitol on Washington on Pearl Harbor day in 1941 and since has flown over Berlin and Rome and from the masthead of the Missouri during the signing of Japan's surrender last Sunday.

MacArthur will return to his Yokohama headquarters after the flag-raising. He ultimately will establish his headquarters in the Tokyo embassy building.

The seventh and eighth regiments of the first cavalry division, chosen by MacArthur to spearhead the occupation of Tokyo, will roll into Tokyo about breakfast time tomorrow.

They will assemble at the main Tokyo railway station by 10 a. m. and then march 10 blocks to the embassy for the flag-raising ceremony.

The first cavalry band and the seventh regiment, once commanded by Custer at Little Bighorn, will lead the parade with the "F" troops of the second battalion providing a special honor guard for MacArthur.

Admiral William F. Halsey, meantime, disclosed that an American prize crew has taken over the Japanese battleship *Fuji*, presumably in Japan's inland sea. He also reported that five Japanese destroyers, two minelayers, two picket boats, four submarine chasers, six

## BERLIN ALLIES IN V-J PARADE

Berlin, Sept. 7.—(U.P.)—The Allies staged a V-J victory parade of massed infantry and armor today with Gen. George S. Patton and Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov and the reviewing stand.

It marked the first time that American, Soviet, British and French troops have marched together in a parade.

Tanks, armored cars, artillery and infantry of the four nations proceeded from the Brandenburg gate west through the Tiergarten and along the Charlottenburg Chaussee, where the reviewing stand had been built.

A considerable crowd of Germans gathered at the western end of the parade route, although many others continued conducting nonchalantly black market activity in the Tiergarten area.

minesweepers, four submarines and 180 midget submarines have been seized.

Land On Korea Fleet dispatches said first units of Lt. Gen. John R. Hodge's U. S. 25th corps will land at Jinsen on the west coast of Korea about 2:30 p. m. tomorrow (1:30 a. m. EWT).

Japanese Governor-General Abe, Lt. Gen. Yoshio Kozuki, commanding the Japanese 17th army group, and Vice-Admiral Ginzaburo Yamaguchi, commander of naval forces in Korea, will surrender the southern Korean garrison of 185,000 troops Sunday.

American occupation of Keijo, capital of Korea and 25 miles inland from Jinsen, will follow the surrender ceremony. An advance party of 25 men flew into the Keijo area yesterday.

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# 47 U.S. Sub Survivors Liberated In Japan Home With Scars From Sadistic Treatment

## KLAMATH STRIKE BELIEVED HEADED FOR NEGOTIATION

AFL Machinists Will Go Through CIO Picket Lines If Parley Attempt Fails

Klamath Falls, Ore., Sept. 7.—(U.P.)—The International Woodworkers of America (CIO) strike in the Klamath Falls mill of the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company, throwing 2,200 men idle in the company's four mills in this area, headed for negotiation today.

Members of the union were on strike in a demand for a union shop throughout the plant, IWA holding bargaining rights for production employees only.

AFL machinists union members are not on strike and are ready to go to work, according to a company spokesman. The machinists have attempted to go through the CIO picket line but turned back after a conference with CIO officials, stating they would return if an attempt to negotiate failed.

The company spokesman was not sure when negotiations would be held.

Labor disputes today idled more than 90,000 workers while brewing trouble in other plants indicated the number of strikers might pass the 100,000 mark.

Labor-management disputes over many reconversion problems constituted the principal cause for most of the stoppages.

The Detroit industrial area remained the sore spot in the nation's labor strike. More than 42,500 workers were idled by strikes that crippled the "arsenal city's" automobile production.

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## CONGRESS FAVORS DRAFT RETENTION UNTIL EXPIRATION

Members Feel Voluntary Enlistments Will Fill Occupation Needs After May

Washington, Sept. 7.—(U.P.)—Congress appeared virtually certain today to let the draft continue at least until the present selective service act expires next May 15.

By that time, many members feel, measures taken to spur voluntary enlistments will have begun to make themselves felt and it will be possible to estimate whether enlistments alone will fill occupation needs.

The house expects to act next week on legislation to speed recruitment by extending veterans' benefits and offering a 90-day furlough with pay and transportation to men eligible for discharge who wish to reenlist.

Meanwhile the war department announced a new point discharge system for commissioned officers in the army which will make some 200,000 of its 800,000 officers eligible for immediate discharge.

The "critical" scores, computed on the same basis as scores for enlisted men, are: colonels, lieutenant colonels and majors, 100; captains and 1st and 2nd lieutenants, 85; warrant and flight officers, 80; nurses, 65; Wac officers (all grades) 44; physical therapists and dietitians, 41.

## CHURCH GROWTH HITS NEW HIGH

New York, Sept. 7.—(U.P.)—Church membership in this country reached an all time high of 72,492,869 persons, more than 52 per cent of the population, according to the 1945 edition of the yearbook of American churches published today.

The 1945 membership in 236 religious bodies represent an increase of 3,991,483 in two years, Dr. Benson Y. Landis, editor of the yearbook, said.

Thirteen groups reported more than a million members each. Roman Catholic church membership totaled 23,419,701. Twenty-three Baptist denominations reported membership of 14,208,193; 20 Methodist denominations reported 9,924,842 members and 20 Lutheran denominations reported 5,129,147 members.

Others reporting included: Jewish congregations 4,641,184; Protestant Episcopal church 2,227,524; Presbyterian church in the U. S. A., 2,040,399; Disciples of Christ, 1,672,354; and Congressional Christian churches 1,075,401.

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## 1,200 Prisoners Are Rescued From Hell Camps of Formosa

By John Grover (Representing Combined Allied Press) (Distributed by United Press)

Aboard Seventh Fleet Flagship, Sept. 7.—(U.P.)—Admiral Thomas C. Kinkaid today announced the rescue of approximately 1,200 American and British prisoners of war from Formosa "hell camps" by a carrier task force that ran a gauntlet of mine fields to land liberation teams of marines and medical experts.

The carriers reported back to this flagship that the prisoners had been evacuated from three internment centers in the Taihoku area of northern Formosa. The liberators will be rushed to Manila for hospitalization and repatriation as soon as possible.

Toughest Camps Incomplete reports reaching the flagship indicated the Formosan camps were among the toughest operated by the Japanese. Seventy-nine prisoners were too ill to be moved. Two doctors and 10 hospital corpsmen were flown in to care for them until they are sufficiently recovered to be transported.

"We are observing darkened-ship regulations, but the glow from within the souls of these men who were Japanese prisoners for almost four years lights up our whole horizon," messaged Rear Adm. Dixwell Keicham, commander of the rescue force.

All the prisoners rescued from Formosa were military personnel. Approximately 200 of the group were Americans, and the remainder British.

Run Mine Fields The warships steamed through two mine fields guarding Kilun harbor. A marine landing party splashed ashore, located the camps, and liberated the weak but gleeful, tearfully-happy prisoners.

Later, planes from the escort carriers landed at Matsuyama airport and unloaded 950 pounds of supplies and medical stores.

Adm. Kinkaid also announced that first direct contact has been established with a group of 1,917 newly-located Allied prisoners of war and civilian internees in the Mukden area of Manchuria.

Lt. Col. J. E. Donovan reported by radio that, in addition to these, the U. S. army airborne rescue team which has been operating in the Mukden district has assembled 1,721 prisoners of war—a much larger total than had been reported previously.

A special water improvement bond election has been set for Saturday Sept. 22, for voters of Central Point. The bonds will be for not more than \$80,000 for a new water distribution pipe system.

The Medford water commission has agreed to furnish water as soon as the new reservoir now under construction is completed, next December.

On the same day, a community auction will be held at Central Point. The funds secured to be used for the new American Legion post hall.

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## TORTURE CAMP INMATES TELL JAP BRUTALITY

Broken Teeth, Head Wounds Bruises Received in Beatings — Met By Relatives

Oakland, Cal., Sept. 7.—(U.P.)—Forty-seven emaciated, weary navy and marine officers and enlisted men, liberated from Japanese prison camps but still bearing the marks of sadistic brutality, were back in the United States today to tell for the first time the story of the submarine *Tang*, which sank Japanese ships off Formosa before being blown up by one of her own torpedoes.

Most of the men had broken teeth, head wounds, bruises and scars left by the clubs of Japanese guards. Dressed in motley uniforms and tired from their journey, they were taken immediately to the Oak Knoll Naval hospital after a few received brief greetings from relatives.

Tang Story Told The *Tang's* story was told by MM 2/c Clayton O. Decker, 1436 Second avenue, Oakland, Calif., who said Cmdr. Richard O'Kane, San Rafael, Calif., and three other officers who were on the bridge when the torpedo hit, were washed overboard.

A Japanese destroyer picked up three officers and six enlisted men, Decker said, and announcing that "it is well known that submarine men don't get enough sunshine," tied them to the deck of the destroyer for hours until all were blasted by the hot sun.

Beaten For Hours "The Nips would stick lighted cigarettes into our nostrils, beat us and push us around for hours," Decker said. "After the destroyer landed us at a port on Formosa, we were blindfolded, handcuffed and led through the street."

"Later we were taken to Nagasaki, then to the 'torture camp' at Ofuna, where we were questioned closely by five English-speaking Jap navy officers. Two of them said they had graduated from Stanford university, three from the University of California. They pretended to be much interested in American football and one of them wanted to know what became of Ernie Nevers."

Decker, who was met by his wife, Lucille, and his four-year-old son, Harry Leroy, whom he had never seen, said he saw an American sailor beaten to death at the camp and once had been "terribly" beaten himself without cause. The guard who beat him later handed him a cigarette, he related, but a second guard beat the first for violating regulations.

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## FEAR 22 KILLED IN SMASHUP OF MIAMI AIRLINER

Florence, S. C., Sept. 7.—(U.P.)—Twenty-two persons were killed today when an Eastern Airlines plane, seeking desperately to make an emergency landing, crashed and burned on a plantation peac grove, 14 miles east of here.

Florence, S. C., Sept. 7.—(U.P.)—A giant Eastern Airlines plane en route from Miami to New York with 22 persons aboard crashed a few miles west of here near the Pee Dee river today.

It could not be determined immediately whether any of the 19 passengers and three crew members survived. But an army pilot who sighted the wreckage shortly before 10:30 a. m. EWT said the ship was "totally demolished."

Before it was sighted in tangled wreckage, the plane had been missing more than 10 hours.

Rescue parties from Florence set out to find the wreckage after the army pilot's report had been received here.

Airline officials were mystified as to the cause of the disaster, one of the few crashes on Eastern Airlines in recent years. Eastern has one of the best safety records of any American airline.

The crash occurred in level country, dotted by woods and farms. The weather was clear, with a ceiling of more than 6,000 feet and visibility was clear.

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