

# TOJO MAKES SUICIDE ATTEMPT

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### Top Jap War Criminal Pistols Self As Yank Arresting Party Waits

Hideki Tojo



Former Premier Hideko Tojo, master mind of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, shot himself below the heart today and late tonight his life flickered low as he was taken to a U. S. army hospital in Yokohama.

Tojo, admitting responsibility for the Pacific war, tried to kill himself by firing a bullet clean through his body when the U. S. army sent a detail to his villa in suburban Tokyo to arrest him as Japan's top war criminal.

Sustained by plasma injections and semi-conscious, the little brown man who plunged more than half the population of the world into war was loaded into an American ambulance and taken by way of a first aid station near the Meiji shrine to the 98th Evacuation hospital at Yokohama.

Hours after the shooting at 4:21 p. m. (3:21 a. m. EWT) it was learned that Tojo had made elaborate preparations for his death. The Japanese code virtually demanded that he kill himself when Emperor Hirohito issued his rescript ending the war.

Capt. James Johnson, U. S. army doctor who stitched up Tojo's gaping wound and said he had a chance to live, said he believed it was a .32-caliber bullet that ripped through his body while American troops waited to arrest him.

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A Japanese newsman said Tojo's associates four times previously had urged him that hara-kiri was the only honorable course left him.

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END OF WAR TIME  
ON SEPTEMBER 30  
GIVEN APPROVAL

Washington, Sept. 11.—(U.P.)—The House Interstate Commerce committee today approved a bill to turn the nation's clocks back an hour to prewar standard time.

Under terms of the measure, introduced by Rep. Lyle H. Boren, D., Okla., war time would be abolished at 2 a. m. on Sunday, Sept. 30. War time—one hour later than standard time—has been in effect since early February, 1942.

Acting Chairman Alfred L. Bulwinkle, D., N. C., said he will try to have the house act on the Boren bill tomorrow. He said he expects speedy passage.

War time was initiated as a daylight saving device during the emergency.

### Rescued Doolittle Flier Planning Turn Other Cheek To Tormenters

Salem, Ore., Sept. 11.—(U.P.)—Jap prison camp three weeks ago, said that God had spoken to him during his solitary confinement in a Jap prison.

Quoting the Biblical words of Christ, "Love your enemies; bless them that persecute you; do good unto them that hate you; and pray for them that spitefully use and persecute you," Deshazer informed his mother that he would return to Japan just as soon as he could complete a four-year course at a religious college.

Deshazer has been recuperating in the Walter Reed hospital in Washington. He is scheduled to arrive by air in Portland today and motor to Salem.

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### BASEBALL

American

Detroit 5 2 1  
Boston 0 9 0  
Trout and Richards (9) and Hausmann (7) Barrett (5) and Holm.

National

First Game—  
Philadelphia 4 9 2  
(10 innings)

Pittsburgh 5 6 1  
Schanz and Semnick (6); Gables, Rescigno (10) and Salkeld.

Brooklyn 4 10 2  
(10 innings)

Cincinnati 5 10 2  
Herring, Baker (8) and Sandlock; Bowman and Lakeman.

### GOP Parity Demand Defeated in House

Washington, Sept. 11.—(U.P.)—The House today rejected, 168 to 136 a Republican demand for equal party representation on a congressional committee to investigate the Pearl Harbor disaster.

### MINISTERS MEET TO SEAL PEACE; NEWSMEN BARRED

London, Sept. 11.—(U.P.)—Foreign ministers of the world's five major powers met behind closed doors in London's Lancaster House today to seal the peace won by force of arms.

All correspondents were barred from the opening session, but it was expected the meeting would be brief and limited principally to establishing the order of business.

The original agenda was understood to be headed by the problem of drafting a peace treaty for Italy, first of the major axis powers to capitulate.

Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov put in an appearance about a minute before the conference was scheduled to begin at 3:30 p. m.

Molotov drove up in a long, black automobile flying the red flag with a golden hammer and sickle. As soon as his car halted, eight guards or detectives in plain clothes leaped from a convoy of automobiles behind him and formed a flying wedge around the Soviet commissar.

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Big Oil Fire Rages  
In Houston, Tex., Sept. 11.—(U.P.)—One of the largest oil fires in the history of the city raged uncontrolled today at the Eastern Straits refinery near the outskirts.

Fire Chief Homer Lyles reported firemen were fighting desperately to keep the flames from spreading to nearby industrial and chemical plants.

STRAUS' SON SUICIDE  
Baltimore, Sept. 11.—(U.P.)—Walter Straus, 32, son of the noted composer, Oscar Straus, was found dead in a hotel room here today. Police said Straus died from an overdose of sleeping tablets and left suicide notes to his wife and parents.

### Handful of U. S. Airmen Bluffed Japanese Into Keeping Big Force On Kurile Guard

11th AAF Headquarters, Aleutians, Sept. 11.—(U.P.)—A handful of Aleutian-based American planes, two army bombing squadrons and a small force of navy wing planes tied up approximately one-tenth of the Japanese air force since August, 1943, it was officially disclosed today.

Lifting the lid on American aerial strength in the Aleutians, one of the war's top secrets, 11th AAF headquarters disclosed that since the conclusion of the Attu and Kiska campaigns, the Japanese were bluffed into deploying one-tenth of their badly-strained air strength for fear of massed raids from Aleutians bases.

Actually, it was disclosed, all but the United States 404th heavy bombardment squadron, the 77th medium bomber squadron and navy bombers of Fleet Air Wing Four, were quietly

withdrawn from the Aleutian theater after mid-1943. This small aerial task force, however, because of tight security, was effectively able to maintain threat of an aerial "pincer" with attacks on Japan's Kurile Islands.

Flying for two years under fantastically difficult conditions—winds that often reached 130 miles an hour, ever-present fog, swarms of enemy fighters, no fighter escort, strong enemy anti-aircraft, and operating over a cold that immersion meant death in 25 minutes—the handful of planes ran up an imposing war record.

The 77th medium bomber squadron, first to attack the Jap homeland since the Doolittle raid, and also the first to operate against Jap home islands from land bases, was identified as the squadron which flew out

of then-secret Aleutian bases, located, surprised and helped turn back a Japanese carrier task force attacking Dutch Harbor on June 3-4, 1943.

Taking off in Marauders with improvised racks which gave their torpedoes only four inches clearance from the steel matings of their improvised runways, the 77th squadron sank at least one heavy Jap cruiser and damaged other enemy task force units.

No meeting of the Medford post will be held tomorrow evening and installation of new officers has been set for Sept. 26. Dick Baize will be installed commander of the post, succeeding Harry A. Young, and as part of his year's program will plan the 1946 state meeting.

2,624 RETURNING  
Boston, Sept. 11.—(U.P.)—Two transports bring 2,624 returning soldiers from Europe today.

### SLOW DISCHARGE BRINGS DEMAND FOR EXPLANATION

Washington, Sept. 11.—(U.P.)—The Senate Military Affairs committee today summoned Gen. George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, to appear tomorrow morning and explain the army's demobilization plan to the committee.

Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson and Secretary of Navy James Forrester also will be invited to attend the open hearing, but Committee Chairman Elbert D. Thomas, D., Utah, said they probably would not be asked to testify.

To Eye Navy Also  
Personnel heads of the army and navy will be invited to the same hearing. The navy's demobilization program also will be investigated thoroughly, Thomas said.

The committee ordered the hearings after a two-hour session which followed sharp congressional criticism of what congress considers to be the slowness of the demobilization program.

Thomas said the hearings might continue for some time, and the committee meanwhile would hold up approval of proposed promotion of a long list of army officers to temporary ranks.

### HONG KONG JAPS GET OWN MEDICINE

Hong Kong, Sept. 11.—(U.P.)—British bluejackets put the Japanese garrison of Hong Kong through a "sweat march" of their own today, parading thousands of enemy troops through the same streets where the defeated English and Canadians were massed more than three years ago.

The formal surrender of the crown colony was postponed another 24 hours until tomorrow morning, pending arrival of the Japanese delegate, but the roundup of Japanese troops continued without incident.

Colonels and other ranking Japanese officers also were searched, even to the point of having to drop their pants before the grinning British seamen.

### Earth From Oregon On 'Homesick Hill'

Salem, Ore., Sept. 11.—(U.P.)—A bale of earth from the Oregon State Capitol grounds forms part of a small mound in the Philippine Islands fondly called "Homesick Hill" by navy and coast guardsmen stationed nearby.

The Oregon dirt was sent to the Philippines by Gov. Earl Snell at the request of the servicemen. It is combined with soil from the other 47 states the governor said.

### Camp Callin Named Separation Center

St. Douglas, Utah.—The Ninth Service Command revealed today that Camp Callin, Calif., has been designated as a separation point by the War Department.

The camp will have all the functions of separation center but, according to the Ninth Service Command, it is only a temporary expedient within the overall policy of the War Department to take care of separates.

### CHEESE CONTROL ERASED TONIGHT, OPA ANNOUNCES

Point Free Sale Will Give Customer More Points For Use In Meat Purchase

Washington, Sept. 11.—(U.P.)—Point values on cheese will be reduced to zero at midnight tonight, the office of price administration announced today.

Price Administrator Chester Bowles said this action could be taken now because the agriculture department has removed all controls on cheese.

Bowles said elimination of cheese point value will "make available a small increase in the amount of meat and butter people can buy with their red points."

It was also learned from agriculture department sources that lower grades of beef will become ration free before Oct. 1. That is the date on which the United Press was told all meat rationing will end.

These sources said the department is carefully watching the marketing of cattle and that the end of meat rationing will depend largely on the number of cattle shipped to market in the next few weeks.

The department of agriculture and the office of price administration have denied officially that there is enough meat available now to lift rationing entirely at this time.

Meat Supply Growing  
However, an OPA spokesman said the meat supply is rapidly approaching the supply on hand in May, 1944, when meat points were very low. According to the department of agriculture meat rationing can be ended when the supply is enough to give civilians 140 pounds per capita annually. A department survey shows that 145 pounds per capita will be available during the last three months of this year.

It was thought possible of the official denial might refer specifically to pork. Pork still will be very scarce this winter although there will be plenty of other meats.

However, pork soon will be in the making again in large quantities, and so will Bourbon whiskey, if the forecast of a bumper corn crop this year proves to be accurate.

### Republicans Fight Airport Pork Bill

Washington, Sept. 11.—(U.P.)—Republican senators battled today to eliminate what they considered to be "pork barrel" provisions in a \$1,000,000,000 airport construction program.

The program would be authorized by bill written and sponsored by Sen. Pat McCarran, D., Nev., who said proposed Republican amendments would be "ruinous."

### BACK TO WORK MOVE GOES INTO REVERSE

A back-to-work movement of Westinghouse Electric Corp. office workers went into reverse today as the white-collar employees reneged their strike.

The walkout that started yesterday, ended in the afternoon and broke out again today threw 12,000 workers into idleness at six offices of Westinghouse.

### SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

John Mann giving a vacation account of his summer glazing spent playing with his grandchildren.

Irene Manno wondering why she always chooses the slowest moving line when on business at the bank.

Tarney Steward and Jim Collins settling the problems of the world while leaning against the bank wall for an afternoon rest.

Francis H. Wenham, English engineer and scientist, patented the first idea of the biplane in 1866.

### CIO MEET

Pittsburgh, Sept. 11.—(U.P.)—Some 175 leaders of the CIO United Steelworkers of America are meeting here today to "kick the little steel formula out the window" as it was put by their president, Philip Murray.

### Hero's Warmest Welcomer Is Wife

Four and a half years of anguished waiting, worrying about her famous husband are over for Mrs. Jonathan M. Wainwright as she throws her arms about Gen. Wainwright as he steps off plane at Washington National Airport, just in from San Francisco, Calif., where he was given a hero's tremendous welcome.

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Acclaim Exhausts Gen. Wainwright; New York Welcome Slated Thursday

Washington, Sept. 11.—(U.P.)—Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright, who endured 39 months of Japanese captivity, was resting up today from a new ordeal—too much acclaim from a grateful nation.

America's newest idol, the man whose gallant defense of Bataan and Corregidor gave his country time to plan its comeback, expects to spend today and tomorrow resting and having an