

Home and Commercial Building Restrictions End Oct. 15

Weather

FORECAST: Clear with little change in temperature tonight and Wednesday.
Highest Yesterday Temp. 84
Lowest this Morning Temp. 52

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Militarists Deceived Hirohito Is Claim of Premier Kuni Who Swears It Won't Happen Again

JAP COMMISSION TO FERRET OUT GUILTY LEADERS

Army Secret Police Will Be Abolished; Emperor to Be Given Truth About War.

Tokyo, Sept. 18—(U.P.)—Premier Naruhiko Higashi-Kuni said today Japanese militarists deceived Emperor Hirohito on secret developments leading up to the attack on Pearl Harbor and promised that "it won't happen again."

He asserted in a two-hour interview with more than 50 Allied correspondents that circumstances surrounding the carrier-plate assault against Hawaii remain a great Japanese "state secret."

The premier announced he will create a commission to investigate Japan's war guilt and

Washington, Sept. 18—(U.P.)—Sen. Richard B. Russell, D., Ga., today introduced legislation calling for early trial of Emperor Hirohito as a war criminal.

Russell, charging that the iron hand America had laid upon Germany had been changed to a kid glove in Japan, put before the senate a joint resolution whereby congress would declare it to be "the policy of the United States to try Hirohito, emperor of Japan, as a war criminal."

fix responsibility for Pearl Harbor, abolish the much-criticized kempai-tai (army secret police), and keep the emperor free of military influence.

To Hear Truth "We shall tell him the truth," said Higashi-Kuni, an imperial cousin.

The premier insisted he did not know whether the emperor was aware that the attack on Pearl Harbor had been planned or whether he was aware of atrocities committed by Japanese. Shigenoro Togo, Japanese foreign minister in late 1941, told the United Press at the same time that neither he nor Saburo Kurusu, his "peace envoy" to Washington, had advance knowledge of the Pearl Harbor assault.

In another interview, Adm. Mitsumasa Yonai, Japan's present and six times past navy minister, said the attack on Pearl Harbor represented the maximum effort of which the Japanese felt capable.

Higashi-Kuni promised to put a direct question to the emperor—whether he had been informed of the Pearl Harbor plans in advance—and transmit the answer to Allied correspondents.

Some Punished Higashi-Kuni said Japan itself already has punished some of its own people responsible for mistreatment of prisoners. But he was unable to say who was punished, when or where it was meted out, or what type of punishment had been decreed.

He promised to obtain information on these points and transmit it to correspondents.

The premier was nearly as vague on the question of atrocities as on Pearl Harbor. He said protests had been submitted against atrocities, but he did not make it clear in what manner the purported protests had been made. The imperial headquarters' reaction to protests, he said, was: "We'll think it over."

Higashi-Kuni denied knowledge of the execution of Allied airmen but said he had heard reports of torturing of prisoners.

MINING ASSOCIATION WILL MEET SEPT. 21

A change in date for the September meeting of the Jackson county Mining association has been announced, the session to be held Friday, Sept. 21, instead of Sept. 19 as was originally announced. According to Floyd K. Dover, temporary president of the newly organized association, the meeting will be at 8 p. m. in the Chamber of Commerce building in Medford.

Speaks Tonight



PALMER HOYT

Palmer Hoyt, publisher of the Portland Oregonian and wartime director of the domestic branch of the Office of War Information, will be the speaker at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce forum tonight at the Hotel Holland. Advance reservations indicate a capacity crowd in the Blue Room of the Holland to head the distinguished journalist.

Hoyt, a director of the Associated Press and past-president of Sigma Delta Chi, toured the Pacific war front early this year for the U. S. navy. He is recognized as one of America's foremost champions of a policy of international free press.

Capt. Harry D. LaFavre, USN, commander of the Navy hospital at Camp White, will be among the guests at tonight's chamber forum.

BOOTLEG CARGO WORTH \$12,000

Portland, Ore., Sept. 18—(U.P.)—Two men were being held today by State Liquor Control Commission authorities for investigation after state police intercepted a truckload of bootleg liquor valued at \$12,000.

Apprehended in a large truck near Milkaukie, Ore., Monday because of the conspicuous absence of license plates on the vehicle, the men, Fred Vargas, Stockton, Cal., driver, and Robert V. Harrison, Los Angeles, relief driver, were immediately apprehended and the truck and liquor impounded.

Ray Conway, administrator of the State Liquor Control Commission, said it was the largest Oregon haul of bootleg liquor on record with police finding a total of 324 cases in the truck, all in pints. The largest previous haul was 178 cases.

Conway said the truck had been loaded at Los Angeles and had covered nearly 1000 miles before being spotted on the highways.

SURPRISE SNOW

Denver, Sept. 18—(U.P.)—Passage was clear over several northern Colorado mountain roads today after snow plows had removed the ten inches of snow which left many late-season tourists marooned Sunday.

Wanta Get in the Movies? 80 People Offered Chance

At least 80 citizens of the Rogue River Valley may become movie actors this week-end, and have a part in the filming of Universal Pictures' "Canyon Passage" at Diamond Lake.

The call for at least 80 people to appear in the colorful cabin-raising scene of Ernest Haycox's novel of southern Oregon in the 50's has been issued by Henry Spitz, in charge of production in Oregon. About 60 men and 20 women will be needed Saturday and Sunday on location and, after dextrous touches from Hollywood make-up men, they will be transformed into rugged pioneers.

Spitz will establish headquarters at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce office Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock to interview those who wish to have the unique experience of participating in a technicolor movie. Transportation will be provided on Universal Pictures buses.

Ten old wagons, suitable for use in "Canyon Passage," are also sought by Universal Pictures and those who have them are requested to telephone the Chamber of Commerce. The wagons will be transported by truck to Diamond Lake this week-end and returned in good condition as soon as the cabin raising sequence is completed, according to the film company.

UAW UNION OFFERS COMPROMISE ON WALKOUT THREAT

Will Withhold Strike Vote If Stop-Gap Wage Boosts Given During Negotiations

Detroit, Sept. 18—(U.P.)—The CIO's United Auto Workers union said today it would withhold a threatened industry-wide strike vote if five per cent compromise wage increases are offered immediately.

UAW President R. J. Thomas revealed that "stop-gap" wage boosts would be acceptable during negotiations over the union's demand for a blanket 30 per cent pay gain.

Thomas said "in no cases" would less than 30 per cent be accepted as a final settlement.

The compromise postponement of pending strike ballots in the automobile industry was proposed as government intervention neared.

By United Press Oil workers in six midwestern states were alerted for strike action today as walkouts and shutdowns, affecting 215,000 workers, continued throughout the country.

The sixth district CIO wage policy committee of the International Oil Workers union issued strike mobilization orders to 30,000 members yesterday after union leaders were rebuffed in demands for a 30 per cent wage increase.

Reconversion Hurt A third plant of the Westinghouse Electric Corporation was closed down yesterday as a strike of "white collar" workers entered its second week in a deadlock over incentive bonuses. The strike of some 12,000 salaried employees has idled 26,068 production employees in East Pittsburgh and Sharon, Pa., Cleveland, and Lima, O., and other cities in five states.

The threat of impending strikes further clouded the reconversion picture. In Birmingham, Ala., a CIO textile workers spokesman predicted that 50,000 to 60,000 workers soon would be manning picket lines to protest alleged union-busting activities.

Take Strike Vote A nationwide strike vote by mail has been scheduled for 18,500 CIO hosiery workers employed by 99 firms throughout the country. The strike notice was filed after workers rejected a proposed two-year contract with the manufacturers.

On the West Coast, 2,000 film craftsmen remained out in the seven-month-old movie strike, 2,500 dried fruit pickers struck for higher wages, and 800 Oregon lumber workers were involved in a jurisdictional dispute, idling 2,200 others.

POST-WAR NAVY OF 666,000 AIM

Washington, Sept. 18—(U.P.)—Legislation was introduced in congress today to set the post-war personnel strength of the navy and marine corps at a combined total of 666,000 officers and enlisted men.

The measure was introduced in the senate by Naval Affairs Committee Chairman David I. Walsh, D. Mass., and in the house by Naval Affairs Committee Chairman Carl Vinson, D., Ga.

Walsh and Vinson said establishment of the navy and marine corps peacetime personnel strength would enable more "speedy demobilization" within the two services.

They said they had worked out the legislation in consultation with naval department officials whose views they added, the bill "represents in a general way."

HOT SPRINGS SOLD

Lakeview—One of the biggest real estate deals in Lake county was closed this month when Les Passmore of Lakeview and his brother-in-law, Jerauld Jacobson purchased Hunters Hot Springs hotel and property. Included in the sale was the hotel, duplex apartment, garages, houses and everything connected with the property, which was owned by the Hunter estate.

Wind, Fire Leave Florida Air Base in Wreckage



Fanned by a tropical hurricane, blasts roared unabated through hangar after hangar at Richmond, Fla., Naval Air Station, destroying 25 patrol blimps, 266 planes and causing damage estimated at between 30 and 40 millions. Burned-out hangar, with wreckage of Navy TBF planes in foreground.

Truman Centers Labor Power In Schwellenbach's Office

Washington, Sept. 18—(U.P.)—A sweeping reorganization of the labor functions of the government was announced today by President Truman. He transferred all of the powers and operations of the War Labor Board, the War Manpower Commission and the United States Employment Service to the Labor department.

At the same time Mr. Truman

STIMSON RESIGNS; PATTERSON TAKES WAR OFFICE CHAIR

Washington, Sept. 18—(U.P.)—President Truman today accepted the resignation of Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson and nominated Undersecretary Robert P. Patterson to succeed him. He also announced that assistant secretaries of War John J. McCloy and Robert Lovett had submitted their resignations, but that he was not accepting them immediately.

Stimson had been rumored on the way out since Mr. Truman began reshuffling the late President Roosevelt's cabinet early in the summer.

Stimson, a republican, was brought into Mr. Roosevelt's so-called coalition cabinet in 1940 along with another republican—the late Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox.

BURTON CHOICE FOR HIGH COURT

Washington, Sept. 18—(U.P.)—President Truman announced today that Sen. Harold H. Burton, R., O. will be the new Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

Burton's nomination to succeed Justice Owen J. Roberts, who retired in July, was sent to the senate at the same time Mr. Truman was announcing his selection in a conference at the White House.

NYLON HOSIERY TO BE READY BY DECEMBER 1

Washington, Sept. 18—(U.P.)—Nylon hosiery mills are speeding up production and, according to a war production board official, should have 36,000,000 pairs ready for distribution by Dec. 1.

A spokesman for WPB's office of civilian requirements told the United Press today that he could see no reason why nylon stockings shouldn't be on general sale by Christmas.

BASEBALL

National First game. (11 innings). Boston..... 3 4 2 Cincinnati..... 1 4 4 Wright and Masi, Harriet and Lakeman.

CAUSE, SOLUTION OF DELINQUENCY TALKED AT MEET

Causes and solution of the child delinquency problem, with special emphasis on conditions in Jackson county, were discussed last night at a meeting in the court house called by Rep. O. H. Bengtson, chairman of the interim committee appointed by the house of representatives to study child delinquency in Oregon. Approximately 60 persons representing service clubs, Salvation Army, Parent-Teacher associations, educators, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, various civil organizations, law enforcement officers, city officials of Jackson county, parents and individuals met and discussed juvenile delinquency problems and the possible establishment of a detention home in Jackson county.

Actual number of delinquents from Jackson county and case examples were given by Robert Elder, county juvenile officer, and views on the subject were expressed by C. R. Bowman, county school superintendent; Lt. Cmdr. H. G. Miller, formerly in charge of the Fairview home, Salem, now stationed at Camp White; District Attorney George Neilson and C. A. Meeker, mayor of Medford.

Response to the first meeting was very satisfactory, according to Bengtson, and a series of such discussions will be held in the future. Purpose of the discussions is to formulate a definite plan for improvement of the situation in Oregon, one which can be introduced at the next meeting of the state legislature, he said.

Ottawa, Sept. 18—(U.P.)—Increased immigration was suggested today to man Canada's war-born industries as the House of Commons was told there were two jobs for every applicant.

SHIRLEY HAS CONSENT

Hollywood, Sept. 18—(U.P.)—Screen Star Shirley Temple, 17, air Force Sgt. John G. Agar, 24, today had parental consent to get married. They plan to wed tomorrow night.

Gruesome Tale of Nazi Concentration Camp Told In Trial of Nazi Guards

Lueneburg, Sept. 18—(U.P.)—Nazi guards at the Belzen concentration camp still were shooting down helpless inmates when British troops entered that place of horror last April, a British medical officer testified today.

The eyewitness story of diabolical Nazi savagery came from a gadier H. L. Glyn Hughes, deputy medical chief of the British Second Army and the first prosecution witness at the military trial of 45 German men and women guards from the Belzen and Oswiecim camps.

"We took steps to halt the firing and warned that we would shoot if the firing continued," Glyn Hughes said in recounting the Brit's entry into Belzen.

Unburied Bodies Found He revealed that the British found 13,000 unburied bodies piled in grisly stacks inside the camp, with living women prisoners lying helpless among the dead.

Conditions were so horrible that another 13,000 inmates died within six weeks after the British took over.

He said Josef Kramer, commandant of the Belzen camp and the number one defendant among

RAPID EXPANSION TO PROVIDE JOBS AIM OF DIRECTOR

Six Point Program Worked Out to Help Construction Industry Over Nation.

Washington, Sept. 18—(U.P.)—War Mobilization Director John W. Snyder disclosed today that government restrictions on home construction, public works, and commercial construction will end Oct. 15.

Snyder disclosed a six-point program to speed expansion of the construction industry.

1. A government campaign to increase supplies of scarce building materials through such steps, if necessary, as price and wage increases and priorities to break bottlenecks.

2. WPB action to prevent hoarding of building materials to avoid artificial shortages.

To Fight Inflation 3. The OPA will tighten price controls over building materials to counteract inflationary pressure.

4. The federal credit agencies will discourage excessive and unsound lending on mortgages.

5. Representatives of industry groups will be called into conference here to map out a voluntary program to increase quickly the production of materials and facilities needed to expand the home-construction agency.

6. The National Housing Agency will supply public information and an advisory service on home values.

In lifting all restrictions on private construction as of Oct. 15, Snyder said:

Main Job Source "The rapid expansion of the construction industry will be the greatest single source of jobs in our entire economy. That was in the minds of all of us when it was agreed that L-41 (The WPB restriction order) should be lifted."

Snyder added that at the same time it should be recognized that the mere lifting of restrictions was not enough to expand construction, but that active steps should be taken to expand the production of building materials.

The six-point program was worked out in conferences among Snyder, Economic Stabilizer William H. Davis, WPB Chairman J. A. Krug, Price Administrator Chester Bowles and National Housing Administrator John B. Blandford, Jr.

RUSSIA FAVORS ITALY COLONIES

London, Sept. 18—(U.P.)—Soviet Foreign Commissar V.M. Molotov revealed today that Russia favors placing Italian colonies under the trusteeship of individual members of the United Nations, rather than under any collective guardianship.

Molotov held a press conference at which he clarified to a varying extent the Russian attitude on many issues facing the five-power council of foreign ministers in session here.

Molotov indicated complete Soviet support of Yugoslavia's claims against Italy.

A new issue was injected into the conference today when the Armenian socialist party asked the big five to call upon Turkey to renounce in favor of Soviet Armenia "all rights and titles" over territories assigned to Armenia by President Wilson.

M-T Bargain Days Most Successful

The 1945 Bargain Days subscription campaign of the Mall Tribune, which closed last night, proved the most successful ever conducted by the paper according to Jarry Latham, circulation manager, with 10 per cent more subscribers taking advantage of the offer than for the greatest previous year of 1944.

Latham expressed his thanks to the subscribers and also to the carriers who cooperated in the campaign.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

At Piche paying off on Bob Ebel's hot dog stand.

Alfred Carpenter retrieving a postage stamp from the bank floor and presenting it to Frank Hull with instructions to credit it to his Chamber of Commerce account and make note of same in the press.

Laura York wondering if her well worn brief case is going to withstand another year of school.