

JAPANESE SWARM TO COAST AREAS IN FOOD SEARCH

Self-Survival Only Thought Of Hungry Japs As Thousands Strive For Living

By Earnest Hoherecht (United Press Correspondent) Tokyo, Sept. 19—(U.P.)—Thousands of Tokyo's remaining 2,000,000 inhabitants swarmed across the city's coastal mud flats today, searching for enough shell fish to provide another meal. The cry is for food. Self-sur-

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vival is the only thought for these hungry Japanese. As far as the eye can see, countless thousands of men, women and children tirelessly splash through the shallow water. Each pays approximately five cents to the man holding the government shell-fishing concession. For that they are entitled to all they can catch in a day—usually a water bucket full per person.

This is a scene repeated day after day. Thousands of others line the city's canals and rivers, creating a forest of bamboo fishing poles from dawn to dusk as Tokyo's populace desperately tries to increase its food supply.

Hunger Everywhere
Hunger is evident everywhere. War gardens in small, neat typically Japanese fashion dot every available area of land. The average man prays that his garden will supply enough food to stall off starvation one more winter—a hope against odds that "something" will be done by the Japanese or American governments to keep food in the mouths of those still dwelling in this city or dismal makeshift homes.

Food lines are everywhere. Before the shopper can stand in the long line outside the food store, he must stand in an equally long line to get ration certificates.

For his certificates the Japanese can purchase a small quantity of black beans—a substitute for rice which is scarce these days.

With his vegetables, beans or fish the Japanese can return home at dusk to the squalid shacks erected in the ruin of this once-great metropolis.

Homes Small
Home is usually a 12-foot by 12-foot frame structure, covered by pieces of scrap sheet metal. The shanties are jammed close together—windowless, without sanitation, usually one-room affairs floored with fire-blackened bricks. There is no furniture and only a minimum of necessary household items.

In some huts soldiers have hung their helmets on the walls and put aside their boots for

sandals. There is little clothing except that worn by the inhabitants.

Fire bombs brought Tokyo to this. Flames eating away at the city left it in ruins. The Tokyo fire department never had a chance against the holocaust.

Conditions Near Chaos
Today the Japanese can compare their 25-year-old fire equipment and their ox-drawn carts with the huge convoys of gigantic American trucks rolling by day and by night in a never-ending line—a parade of vehicles watched with awe by these dazed, bewildered masses.

Today conditions are approaching the chaotic. Millions of Japanese roam the country homeless and hungry. Millions just wait to see what will happen. They watch intently as smoke comes from the chimneys still standing beside small, obscure establishments in the surviving fringe around this ash pile of a city.

Some have work to do. Others have volunteered to help clear away the wreckage. Women and children join with shovels in the gigantic task—work that only increases appetites for food they cannot get.

Father Accused In Hammer Slaying Of Daughter Aged Five

Tacoma, Wash., Sept. 19—(U.P.) Joseph B. Wessel, lumber mill worker, was charged with first degree murder today after his 5-year-old daughter Mary Ann died at Tacoma general hospital last night from blows received in a vicious hammer beating.

Prosecutor Thor G. Tollefson accused Wessel of fatally beating Mary Ann in a hammer attack on his estranged wife and family. Mrs. Wessel, mother of four children, still was in serious condition.

Tollefson revealed that at the time of yesterday's beating, Wessel was free on \$1,000 bond for a similar attack on his wife in June which necessitated a delicate operation to remove a sliver of skull bone from her brain.

Child Delinquency Conference Slated

The Oregon Juvenile Council will hold a conference in Multnomah county courthouse, Portland, Sept. 21 and 22, County Juvenile Officer Robert M. Elder said today. Elder is president of the council.

The program will open at 10 a. m. Friday with registration. At 10 a. m. Saturday there will be an address by members of the interim committee of the House and Senate on child delinquency. O. H. Bengtson of Medford, Jackson county representative, is chairman of the committee.

CIVIL SERVICE OFFICE IS DISCONTINUED HERE

Office of the United States civil service representative, located in the Holland Hotel, will be closed after today. Eugene Liljenquist, civil service representative, announced.

Liljenquist, in charge of the local office since June, has been instrumental in engaging civilian employes for Camp White. He is to enjoy a vacation before resuming his work at a new station.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their kind expressions of sympathy and beautiful flowers during our recent bereavement. Mrs. J. W. Dye, Mrs. Lloyd Hanson, Clarence Conner, Wilby Conner, Warren Conner, and other relatives.

LT. WHITTAKER, CRASH SURVIVOR TO SPEAK HERE

Lt. James C. Whittaker, copilot for Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker at the time of the epic crash at sea after which Lt. Whittaker, Capt. Rickenbacker



LT. JAMES WHITTAKER

and three other survivors drifted 21 days at sea, will speak at the First Baptist church of Medford, Thursday at 8 p. m. Lt. Whittaker's address, which will tell of the flight and crash in the Pacific ocean and of the days spent on the life raft, will be open to the public. It is being sponsored by the United States Christian commission, a group seeking to minister to the wounded and disabled veterans of the war. The offering, which will be taken, will go directly to this work.

Lt. Whittaker, only member of the Rickenbacker party who kept a diary of the ordeal, will give a full account of their days adrift. His lecture has been given commendation from ministers, editors and leaders in every field for its value to the morale of the home front.

Books Listed

New books received at the Jackson County Library include:

- Fiction**
Abbot, Mary Patten's Daughters; Bassett, Silver Moon Cottage; Burnel, The Pool; Colver, Homecoming; Dark, The Little Company; Escagnolle, Innocencia; Forester, Commodore Hornblower; Gorman, The Wine of San Lorenzo; Hartley, The Way; Hilton, So Well Remembered; Lawrence, Let Us Consider One Another; Loewenstein, The Child and The Emperor; Lothar, The Prisoner; McLean, A Moment of Time; MacLennan, Two Solitudes; Neumann, Now 'Tis April's There; Osborne, They Change Their Skies; Sedges, The Townsman; Shurtleff, Short Leash; Slaughter, A Touch of Glory; Wickenden, The Wayfarers.
- Non-Fiction**
Harriman, Psychology in Nursing Practice; Wilson, How to Live Beyond Your Means; Lewis, Beyond Personality; Van Dusen, They Found the Church There; Bontemps, They Seek A City; Beals, What the South Americans Think Of Us; White-leather, Main Street's New Neighbors; Garrett, A Time Is Born; Pink, Freedom From Fear; Neuschutz, Jobs For The Physically Handicapped; Young, Angel In The Forest; Barzun, Teacher In America; Evans, How to Make Historic American Costumes; Wells, Raffles; Orr, Here Comes The Elephants; Hudson, An Introduction to Electronics; Harrington, Mill and Factory Book of Tool Care; Paust, Fighting Wings; Ott, Transport Aircraft; Stierl, Aircraft Engines; Stierl, Aircraft Instruments; Stierl, Aircraft Welding; Biegeleisen, Careers in Commercial Art; Aronson, The Book of Furniture and Decoration; McKinney, The Challenge of Listening; Corwin, On a Note of Triumph; Silvers, The Editor Accepts; Carmer, Taps Is Not Enough; Dickinson, Bolts of Melody; Haberly, Silent Fame and other poems; Nathan, The Darkening Meadows; Shapiro, V-Letter and Other Poems; Lauterbach, These Are The Russians; Muir, This Is India; Rau,

Home To India; Gatti, Killers All; Robeson, African Journey; Peat, Canada; Webster, Town Meeting Country; Kane, Deep Delta Country; Thorp, Pardner of the Wind; Fisher, The Salinas; Briceno, Cocks and Bulls in Caracas; Gessler, The Leaning Wind; Stefansson, Within The Circle; Deford, They Were San Franciscans; Borden, Francesca Cabrini; Norris, Fighting Liberal; Nye, George Bancroft; Maynard, Too Small a World; Pryor, Reminiscences of Peace and War; Teale, Dune Boy; Trotter, Campus Shadows; Surmellan, I Ask You, Ladies and Gentlemen; Wright, Black Boy; Stewart, Names On The Land; Bailey, Woodrow Wilson and the Great Betrayal; Bonsal, Unfinished Business; Pyle, Ernie Pyle in England; Romulo, My Brother Americans; Wolfert, American Guerrilla in the Philippines; Miller, The Far Shore; Kaiterborn, Europe Now; Altrocchi, Miller, The Far Shore; Kalten-ton, Golden Gate Country.

TOKYO ROSE FREE PENDING DECISION

Tokyo, Sept. 19—(U.P.)—Iva Toguri, Los Angeles-born Tokyo Rose of the Japanese air waves, was released into the custody of her Portuguese husband today.

A Nisei, she had been arrested by the American eighth army for possible trial as a war criminal. Final disposition of her case awaits determination of her citizenship status by the U. S. state department. She may be recalled at any time by the eighth army.

Another alleged war criminal, Shigenori Togo, Japanese foreign minister at the time of the Pearl Harbor attack, was revealed to have suffered a relapse at his home.

Togo, ill with a heart ailment, was reported "resting" today after his condition began to worsen at 3 p. m. yesterday.

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Murray, who also heads the entire CIO, made the assertion in support of the steel union's contention that the steel industry is able to pay a \$2-a-day wage increase without a price increase. The new wage demand will be served on the industry at Pittsburgh next Tuesday.

BING TO HOSPITAL
Hollywood, Sept. 19—(U.P.)—Bing Crosby's physicians today ordered the crooner to a hospital bed for a week in "a routine

checkup." Crosby will register at St. John's, Santa Monica within the week, on completion of his role in Paramount's "Blue Skies." He was out of the film for two days with back pains caused by kidney trouble, his doctors said.

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