

Great Changes Noted In 7-Year Occupation Of Japan by Allies

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 Seven years ago the first GIs and a handful of American correspondents rolled in jeeps through defeated, fire-bombed Tokyo.

The famed Ginza-Tokyo's shopping street with its little open air booths standing beside modern department stores—lay in ruins. Asphalt streets reared up in misshapen waves, the result of the searing heat of the fire bombs.

A near decimated populace, hiding behind a mask of inscrutability, watched in silence as the jeeps threaded their way through the debris blocking the 15-mile route between Tokyo bay and Tokyo's Hameda airport. The GIs and correspondents glanced nervously over their shoulders, still not sure but that a sniper's rifle might be aimed at the space between their shoulder blades.

Occupation Began
 In this atmosphere of destruction, hatred and mistrust the Allied occupation of Japan began.

A part of the emperor's palace was burned out. So was one wing of the famous Imperial hotel.

Hiroshima and Nagasaki lay among their atomic ruins. In Tokyo, not a single dog roamed the streets or sniffed among the ruins. The starving people had eaten every one.

Japan returned Monday to the family of nations.

It's a different Japan, too.

People Now Prosperous
 The people are prosperous and well-fed. Health standards are at an all-time high. Most of the war damage has been repaired. Taxicabs are almost as numerous on the streets of Tokyo as they are in New York or any other American city. Japanese factories assemble American automobiles, the national budget is balanced, and Japan has \$1,000,000,000 stockpiled in foreign exchange.

In fact, some say Japan lost the war but won the peace.

It isn't quite that simple.

Japan still is technically at war with Russia and Red China.

Cuts Self Off

By aligning herself with the West she has cut herself off from a large area which would be her natural export market.

The Japanese realize they are riding the crest of a Korean war boom which will halt once the Korean war is settled. Almost at once they must assume the task of building their own armed forces. Reparations to countries which suffered damages under Japanese World War II occupation must be settled. The Phil-

ippines alone are asking \$3,000,000,000.

In addition trade barriers already are rising.

Tariff Increase Talked

There is talk in the United States of raising tariffs against Japanese ceramic ware. Trade controls are restricting Japanese exports to the sterling bloc areas.

Japan also is feeling the world-wide textile slump and already has cut back her production. The steel, chemical fertilizer, soap and rubber industries expect similar cutbacks soon.

Phoenix Officials Schedule Budget Hearing May 19th

Phoenix — A public hearing will be held on May 19 for Phoenix's city budget for the next fiscal year, according to Mrs. Marvyn C. Fisher, city recorder.

All interested tax payers are invited, Mrs. Fisher said, to attend the hearing and discuss the proposed budget.

The budget as proposed at the April 22 meeting of the city council and citizen's committee contains a total of \$28,872,200 in estimated expenditures. The total tax levy needed with this estimate is \$10,656,200. Mrs. Fisher explained, with the excess over the 6 per cent increase limitation being \$10,370,91.

Election Necessary

A special election will have to be held to sanction this excess, she said, which is considerably lower than last year's \$16,614,46. This lowering was made possible, the recorder added, by raising the water rates from a minimum charge of \$2 to \$2.50, effective July 1.

Members of the citizens' budget committee are Marie Furry, Leo Bohls, R. P. Wolfe, M. E. Randle, Frank M. Lovett, Bert Stancliffe, G. G. Skinner, E. G. Briscoe, H. R. Jensen, Cecil M. Norris, R. S. Furry, and Col. A. H. Dudley.

The city council will hold a regular meeting next Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the city hall, Mrs. Fisher concluded.

Former Medford Man Seek Friends' Letters

W. Estill Phipps, who was an attorney in Medford for many years and who at one time published "The Clarion" newspaper here, recently underwent a series of operations and is now in a nursing home at Gresham, it was reported by friends today.

They said he is lonely, as his only son is in Australia, and that he would like to hear from some of his old acquaintances. Phipps once was a prominent cherry grower at Gold Hill. He may be reached at the Bel Air Nursing home, 1428 West Powell, Gresham, Oregon.

Cut in Incentive Pay Seen Boost to Strike by Fliers

Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. Lester C. Hunt believes elimination of flight pay would swell the ranks of the Air Force "stay-down strikers."

The Wyoming Democrat, who heads a panel of the Senate preparedness subcommittee studying military "incentive" pay, suggested that a special civilian commission "take another look" at the whole question of risks and rewards in the armed services.

Wants Hook Commission

He proposed that the so-called Hook Commission be revived to make the study "as soon as possible." The commission made the 1948 studies which resulted in the present armed forces pay act. The commission derived its name from Chairman Charles R. Hook, a steel executive. Members were President John J. Cavanaugh of Notre Dame; Keith S. McHugh, New York telephone executive, and Lawrence Whiting, Chicago businessman.

Personal Problems Blamed

Sen. Paul H. Douglas (D-Ill.)

Boy, 11, Strangled By Cord Tied to Door

Vancouver, Wash.—(U.P.)—An 11-year-old boy was strangled at his home here Sunday. His body was found hanging by a plastic lamp cord to a door knob.

Gary Lowry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lowry, had been practicing Boy Scout knots, according to a younger brother, and Deputy Coroner Fred Apple said he believed the death was accidental.

The Grange

Roxy Ann Grange

Home Economics club of Roxy Ann Grange will meet Wednesday, April 30, at the home of Mrs. C. P. Van Ortwick, 1369 Poplar drive.

A dessert luncheon will be served at 1 p.m. followed by a regular business meeting. All Grange ladies are invited. Roll call will be "Canning Tips."

He said recently that he thinks personal problems—not pay problems—caused the stay-down strike of reservists at several Air Force bases. Hunt took a different view.

"I think, if we cut off this incentive pay, we would have a lot more stay-downs," he said.

GOP Headquarters Opening Thursday In Jacksonville

Jacksonville — A Republican headquarters, to remain open here until the fall general election, will be opened with fanfare and ceremony Thursday at 3:30 p.m., it was announced today.

Ralph Moody, noted Salem attorney formerly of Medford who is also an authority on phases of Southern Oregon's history will be the principal speaker, and will comment on the Republican party today as following the principles of Andrew Jackson, after who Jacksonville was named.

In addition to noting the Jacksonville is a fitting place for "the rebirth of the Grand Old Party," Moody will discuss the significance of the old U. S. hotel, and will comment on the conflicts in historical record as to what presidents and generals slept there.

Three in Charge

Announcement of the doings was made by Ed Hanley, committeeman of Precinct 65, who with Mrs. Curtis L. Hopkins

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—FIVE

committeewoman of Precinct 69, and Miss Claire Hanley, president of the Southern Oregon Historical society, will be in charge of the event.

The headquarters will serve the entire Jacksonville and Applegate areas as a Republican central station, Hanley pointed out, and he added that it is the first GOP headquarters to be opened there in about 50 years. It will be located in the former police office, next door to the barbershop, and will include a complete file of candidates' pictures, literature and a library of Republican campaign material.

Music, Flowers Planned

The opening Thursday will feature music, a reception for the ladies attending, and free orchids and gardenias furnished by Tommy Luke, Portland a notable figure in the state Republican party.

Gus Newbery, long-time attorney and Republican of this coun-

ty, will coordinate the opening event.

The opening will lead up to a massive Republican rally at the West Side school at 6:30 p.m., May 12, Hanley added, to which voters in all west side

precincts and candidates will be invited. Box lunches and other events will be conducted at the rally, which will operate under the slogan "150 per ounce for gold—put Jacksonville's miners back to work."

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