

Seven Japanese Stragglers Believed on Pacific Islands; Don't Know War Over



CROWDING RAILS OF LINER, passengers watch crew of Kungsholm man two lifeboats rescuing personnel aboard British freighter Argobeam in Atlantic off Scotland. Shattered by explosion and fire, freighter is wallowing in distance after being abandoned. (International Soundphoto)

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Koror, Palau, Caroline Islands
—(U.P.)—Trust territory officials estimated Saturday there are at least seven Japanese military stragglers still in the Western Carolines and probably more on other islands of the South Pacific.

One Korean member of a Japanese army labor battalion was captured a few weeks ago by natives of the neighboring island of Peleliu. He was amazed to learn of Japan's surrender 10 years ago.

District Commander Donald Heron said seven Japanese stragglers were known to be on the adjoining island of Babelthap two years ago.

"We have every reason to believe they are still there," Heron said. "A Palauan woman claimed she saw a Japanese recently and there have been no reports of any of them dying or leaving the island."

Stragglers On Guam
Police officials on Guam said three Japanese stragglers were reported in the rugged southeastern section of the island several months ago and were believed to be living in the dense jungle and remote valleys of Guam.

Heron said there was no way of knowing whether the Babelthap stragglers were from the Japanese army or one of the labor battalions recruited in Korea and Okinawa.

Only two islands in the Palau group were occupied during the war—Peleliu and adjoining Anguar, the phosphate island. Army troops captured the 3.5 square mile island of Anguar and the Marines took Peleliu after a bitter fight and heavy casualties.

The rest of the Palaus, including the islands of Koror and Babelthap, were by-passed and the Japanese occupation forces were supposedly all removed by American naval forces at the end of World War II.

Heron said the stragglers probably deserted from the Japanese army and have now fused themselves so completely with the natives that it would be extremely difficult to track them down.

Travel Freely
A police official on Guam said any of the three Japanese still believed to be on the island could easily travel about without being detected.

"They not only can move about freely," he said, "but they undoubtedly do."
Heron explained that no attempts were being made to capture the stragglers on Babelthap.

"They never give anyone any trouble," he said, "and it would be impossible to smoke them out of the hills and jungles on Babelthap unless we had hundreds of men to do the job."
"From what we have been able to find out," he continued, "the men seem content to live in the jungle. They should know after 10 years—that the war is over, but then maybe they never got the word."

Vancouver Man Shot On Portland Street
Portland — (U.P.) — A Vancouver, Wash., man was in critical condition from a gunshot wound in a hospital here today after being shot on a Portland street Saturday night.

J. D. Hammick, 33, of Vancouver was the victim of a bullet today apparently fired by Willie Smith, 33, whose address was unknown to police.
Emma Elliott, 33, of Portland, told police the two men became involved in an argument over her in front of a tavern. She said she ran away and heard several shots as she fled. She looked back to see Hammick was down. He was shot in the stomach.

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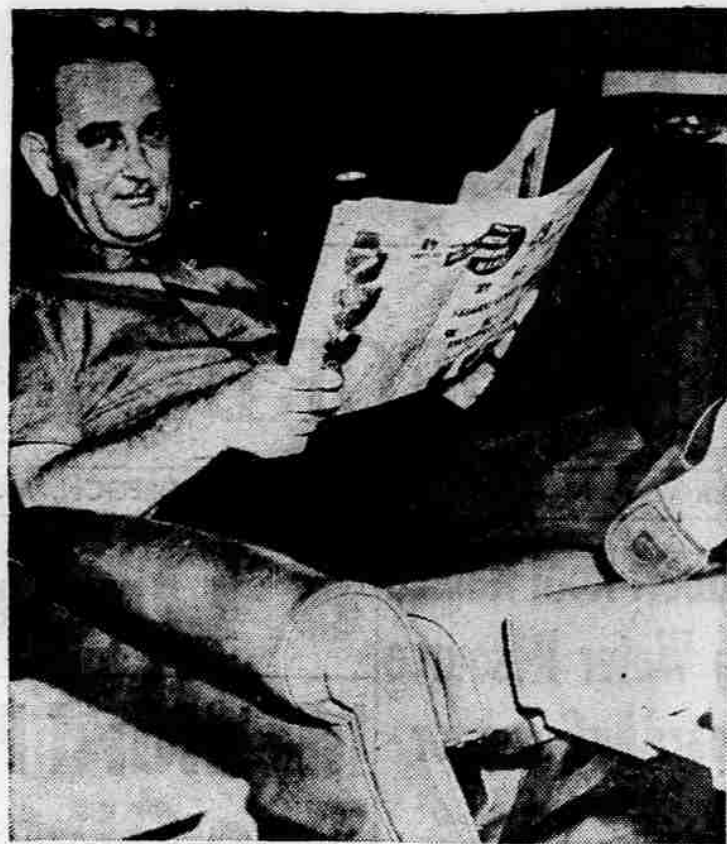
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Hollywood — (U.P.) — Robert Gordon, 27, listed by Downbeat Magazine, as the top saxophonist of the year, was killed Sunday when his car collided with another vehicle at a blind intersection. Trumpeter Earl McCrea, 24, riding with Gordon, escaped injury.



ROCKING CHAIR VACATION—Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson relaxes at his ranch near Johnson City, Texas after flight from Washington, D. C. Recovering from a recent heart ailment, Senator Johnson said, "I'm just going to sit here and rest." The next few months will determine whether he will continue as majority leader or just plain senator.

Strike-Hating Wife To Check Husband's Return To His Job

Chicago — (U.P.) — Strike-hating Mrs. Esther Quigley, suspicious to the last, said she would go to her husband's plant today and see if he really deserves to be taken back off the street.

The strike at the Harrison Sheet Steel Co., which prompted Mrs. Quigley to lock her husband, Andrew, out of their apartment, was over.

But Mrs. Quigley, much as she loves Andrew, wanted to make sure that he's back on the job. "I don't trust those union leaders," the 35-year-old housewife said. "The union leaders ought to be women."

If union leader Quigley is back at work, his wife said he can return to her arms and his apartment.

If not, she implied Andrew can get lost.

Even his return won't mean Andrew's favorite dishes on the dinner table tonight, she said.

"He can make himself a sandwich," Mrs. Quigley said. "The icebox is empty."
That empty icebox and the lack of a weekly paycheck combined to break up the Quigley love nest.

When Quigley, a CIO United Auto Workers shop steward, and

425 other employees walked out at the steel plant last Aug. 16, his spouse told him he could walk out of her apartment also.

The place wasn't big enough for him so long as he stayed on the picket line and away from the pay window, she told him last Tuesday.

Ripped off Shirt
Mrs. Quigley even took her one-woman war to the picket line, tangling with the UAW local's president and ripping off his shirt. She still faces a date with a judge on a disorderly conduct charge for that episode.

But clouds appeared to part for the Quigleys Saturday when federal mediators announced that they had reached a settlement. The union members were scheduled to vote on the agreement today.

Quigley telephoned his wife the good news. She said she told him to get back to work before coming back home.

But as the battle smoke cleared, Mrs. Quigley admitted she still has a warm place in her heart for Andrew.

"It's been lonely in this apartment all week," she said sadly.

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Background Music, Soft Feminine Voice Sure Way To Bring About Night's Sleep

New York — (U.P.) — If you can sleep at night maybe what you need is some background music and a soft feminine voice coaxing you off to the land of dreams.

This formula, for better or for worse, is being packaged by an off-beat record company on a new LP, and Miss Verta O'Dell, a sleep therapist, came all the way from Royal Oak, Mich., to lend her soft feminine voice to its success.

"Get as comfortable as possible now," she cooed into a microphone. "Very slowly stretch and yawn... take a deep breath and release it slowly... slowly."

Director Slumbers
Elsewhere in the studio an organist rambled through Brahms' Lullaby, and on a cot in front of Miss O'Dell the artists and repertoire director of Jubilee Records, Herb Dexter, yielded himself to Morpheus.

Miss O'Dell had said she couldn't make a sleep record unless there was someone there to go to sleep.

"Relax your feet... relax your ankles," Miss O'Dell whispered. She went on relaxing Dexter right up to his chin, and finally his eyelids.

"And now you are releasing all your cares and worries and they seem to be floating away in the distance... you are thinking of a soft white cloud

that is floating along in a listless dreamy fashion...
"And you picture yourself drifting gently and lazily on this soft fluffy cloud over the country-side to a peaceful valley where the trees are old and tall..."

Woman Jailed After Mate Fatally Stabbed

Portland — (U.P.) — Mazie L. English, 42, Portland, was in jail today after admitting to police Saturday night she inflicted a fatal stab wound on her 52-year-old husband, Ernest, when he came home drunk and threatened her.

Mrs. English said her husband pulled her from bed and threatened to throw her 2½-year-old daughter across the room.

"I reached for something to hit him with and found a knife on the sink," she said. "I just hit him with it, and it turned out to be a butcher knife."

She said when she realized what had happened she helped her husband lay down, tried to stop the blood with a pillow and ran for aid.

English died shortly after being admitted to Good Samaritan hospital.

The legislatures of 34 states meet every other year.

After 16 minutes that included interludes of music and at one point the sound effect of crickets, Miss O'Dell laid down her script and breathed a sigh.
Dexter snored.

Hit Record
After he was knocked rudely off his cloud, Dexter straightened his tie and allowed that he thinks Jubilee has a hit record on its hands, what with 50,000-000 Americans according to a Gallup Poll having trouble getting to sleep.

He said the record is the first thing of its kind and will hit the market in about three weeks with the title "And So To Sleep." On one side is the sleep routine, while on the other Miss O'Dell gets the listener to relax but leaves him conscious.

"This isn't hypnotism," Miss O'Dell pointed out. "You might call it positive suggestion."

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Fuse Containing Two Elements on Market

Chicago — (U.P.) — Guts Berthel, chairman of the fuse section of the National Electrical Manufacturers Association, said many fuses blow not just because there is a short circuit, but because motors of appliances draw a very heavy load when they start up.

Berthel said a new fuse has been designed to help solve this problem. The fuse has two elements, one to cut the circuit in case of a "short" and the other to give the circuit a longer time to allow electric motors to start.

The starting load for motors is heavy, but this drops off once they begin to run, he explained.

For modern appliances that demand a large amount of electricity to start, such as washers, driers, and heating units, he recommended the new time-lag type of fuse. He also suggested that wiring be checked to be sure it is adequate.

Woolworth To Build Largest Oregon Store

Portland — (U.P.) — The largest Woolworth store in Oregon will be constructed as part of the \$24,000,000 Lloyd shopping center here, according to H. G. Draves, Woolworth store manager in Portland.

Draves said this week end the new store would cost more than \$1,000,000 and would have the second largest display area among their Pacific Northwest stores.

The development has been scheduled for 1957 completion. Draves said, including parking space for 2500 cars.

VA Members Attend Watermelon Picnic

Camp White—The annual picnic and watermelon feast sponsored by the Veterans Administration volunteers was held Sunday afternoon at Touville Park.

More than 150 veteran members of the domiciliary here went to the picnic in shuttle buses of the VA. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Birch discussed plans for the Field Day event on the Labor Day holiday and urged a large participation to compete for the prizes offered by VFW posts and auxiliaries in Oregon.

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Lady Bullfighter Has Narrow Escape

Mexico City — (U.P.) — Lady bullfighter Bette Ford was tossed by a bull and narrowly escaped being gored in the Plaza ring here Sunday.

Miss Ford, 24-year-old former New York model, was caught and tossed high into the air when wind blew her cape around her as the bull charged. But she scrambled to her feet and continued fighting and drew cheers from the crowd.

She killed two bulls in her second big-time appearance here. Critics said her cape work on the second bull was "extraordinary" and praised her sword work as "excellent."

Control Tower Bid Revived at Salem

Salem — (U.P.) — Salem flying circles renewed efforts today to get the control tower at McNary field here re-opened, after an air collision that killed Gordon King, 39, of Salem Saturday.

Comment was that the crash that killed King probably would not have occurred if a control tower had been in operation.

The Civil Aeronautics authority suspended operation of the field's tower about two years ago reportedly as an economy measure.

King's light plane collided at the south edge of the airport with a plane piloted by Shelby F. Sullivan, 25, of Bellevue, Wash. Sullivan and his passenger, Nancy M. Nordstrom, 21, of Seattle, escaped with minor injuries.

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