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OFF for London—so there will be a break in these chronicles until the air mail catches up.

IN going to a foreign country (other than that, in the countries of the Western Hemisphere, which have a more or less chummy agreement that if you'll take ours we'll take yours) one doesn't just toss a toothbrush and an extra shirt into his grip and take off. It's a little more complicated than that. Especially in war time.

First one secures a passport. A passport is primarily the permission of his government to travel in other lands, but it is a little more than that. In it the secretary of state, over his signature, requests "all whom it may concern to permit (the bearer) safely and freely to pass and in case of need to give all lawful aid and protection (to the bearer) as a citizen of the United States."

It is a little green book about the size and thickness of a pocket notebook. It carries your picture, duly sealed by the department of state, for comparison and check-up. (After taking one look at his passport photograph, if it is normal and average, one knows how a rogue feels after being mugged for the gallery.) A passport sets you back on your heels to the extent of \$9.

HAVING secured your government's permission to go visiting, you next secure the permission of the first prospective visatee. This is known as a "visa," which is diplomatic language for look-see, and the British, being sticklers for exact language, state that the passport was "seen" on such and such a date.

It is "seen" at the consulate, and in Washington the British consulate is located at the British embassy.

THIS writer, like most country Americans, had always rather vaguely assumed that when one calls at the British embassy, for whatever purpose, he is apt to be met at the door by a bevy of liveried footmen, while outside, perhaps, is a platoon of Guardsmen in tall shakos.

As a matter of fact, you stroll in much as if you were coming in to pay your subscription to this newspaper, tell a mild little man the name of the person you want to see (without even explaining why) and if you happen to know him you are told as like as not to toddle along and see if you can find him.

When you do find him, he is attired not in a morning coat and striped trousers but in a sport jacket and slacks.

It is a great shock.

WITH your passport duly "seen," you trot down to the offices of the airline, whose agent tells you that no matter what you have been told you DO need an Irish visa, for the vicissitudes of the weather or other factors might compel you to land in Eire, and if you were caught there without the necessary permission where would you be. So you flag a taxi and dash out to the Irish legation—which, aside from having a scroll of the Harp of Erin in the back of each chair, looks like any other half office and half residence—and get your visa.

It costs you 20 cents—which is an obvious bargain, since the pleasant young woman who does the "seeing" takes a half hour for the job, and you don't have to be in Washington long to (Continued on Page Three)

Servicemen Make Honor Structures

A gala reminder to the fighting spirit of each unit of the marine corps, two totem poles recently assembled in front of the Marine Barracks hostess house will meet the eyes of all future visitors and incoming Leathernecks to the post.

Consisting of unit shoulder patches painted on masonry, each of the six marine divisions are represented on the side facing the main gate. On two other sides of the 18-foot poles are patches which represent defense groups, aviation engineers, dog battalions, air wing groups, amphibious corps, raiders, paratroopers, ships' detachments, and amphibious tractors.

At the top of each structure is a gold eagle standing three foot high with a seven foot wing-spread.

The poles were designed and painted by Cpl. Anthony Glordano and the eagles were designed by PFC Norbert Heldt. The carpenter's shop did the construction.

Truman Raises Historic Flag in Symbolic Rite

POTSDAM, July 20 (AP)—President Truman, speaking at a symbolic flag-raising over conquered Berlin, said today the United States wanted not one piece of territory, but "peace and prosperity for the world as a whole."

The speech had great significance against its background of the Big Three conference, where the president is joining Britain and Russia in helping to settle European boundary and other problems.

"We are raising this flag in the name of the people of the United States, who are looking forward to a better world, a peaceful world, in which all the people will have an opportunity of enjoying peace and opportunity," Mr. Truman said.

CHINESE HOLD SOUTH COAST FOR INVASION

By SPENCER MOOSA
CHUNGKING, July 20 (AP)—A 50-mile stretch of the South China coast is firmly in Chinese hands and open for a sea-borne invasion of the continent, the Chinese high command announced today.

Chinese forces, striking eastward along the Kwangtung province coastal highway from the town of Tinpak, which they recently took and thereby severed Japanese communications between Canton and Hainan Island, reached the vicinity of the road junction city of Yeungkong, 50 miles from Tinpak and 125 miles southwest of Canton.

A Chinese army spokesman, Maj.-Gen. Kuo Chi-chih, said the Japanese had moved 100,000 troops from Hunan province to the coast of Shantung in the last four weeks, anticipating an American landing.

He estimated that 1,000,000 Japanese combat troops were in (Continued on Page Four)

NEWS BLACKOUT HIDES ACTION OF THIRD FLEET

GUAM, July 20 (AP)—A radio blackout such as preceded the first American naval bombardment of Japan screened operations of Adm. William F. Halsey's powerful U. S. third fleet today.

Even verbose Tokyo radio momentarily broke off warning its listeners that the task force would be back to strike at some unexpected place.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz' Friday communique gave no hint of movements of American or associated British Pacific naval units in the eleventh day since Halsey began roaming up and down the coast of Japan unchallenged.

Nor did he disclose results of the joint air and naval bombardment of the approaches to Tokyo bay.

Latest Blast
Latest announced attack was the Wednesday-Thursday midnight bombardment of Nojima Point, 50 miles from Tokyo, by cruisers and destroyers. The fourth naval bombardment of Japan, it came on the heels of a fierce sweep by hundreds of carrier planes over fighting Japanese naval units trapped in Tokyo bay's Yokosuka naval base.

Bad weather reported yesterday may still be hampering observations of results of these heavy assaults. Or results may be withheld purely because of radio silence while the fleet shifts to new targets.

Jap Navy 'Wails'
Wherever the allied fleet is, Japanese broadcasts reiterated (Continued on Page Four)

U. S. ASKS BRITAIN TO LIFT SUEZ TOLL

WASHINGTON, July 20 (AP)—The United States is pressing Britain anew to absorb under the reverse lend-lease Suez canal tolls on American ships re-deploying fighting men and equipment to the Pacific.

This was learned today along with the fact that while this country lend-leases all Panama canal charges on British ships, the United States paid \$1,345,490 on Suez tolls from the start of the war to last January 1.

As troops pour eastward from now-silent European battlefields to speed victory against Japan, shipping going through the vital Suez gateway will mount.

U. S.-British negotiations on the Suez charges were revealed in an exchange of letters between Representative Robertson (R-N. D.) and the foreign economic administration.

FEA told Robertson this government first asked Britain to lend-lease the canal charges in (Continued on Page Four)

Freight Truck Burns On Highway

A truck belonging to the West Coast Fast Freight company burned completely Thursday at 5:30 p. m. 14 miles north of Chemult on highway 58. The driver, Claire Johnson, received minor burns on his arms.

The truck was flagged down by a passing motorist who informed Johnson that the truck was on fire. He was unable to control the blaze, which started in the rear end of the vehicle around the differential, and the truck and cargo are a total loss.

Equipment for the naval air base at Oakland and some for Mare Island were being hauled in the truck. The trailer was detached from the truck and saved.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE		R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	10	13	2	
Chicago	4	5	1	
Seals, Buker (5), and Sandlock; Passeau, Erickson (5), Chipman (6), Starr (8), and Livingston.				
Game called 8th inning by previous agreement.				
AMERICAN LEAGUE		R.	H.	E.
Chicago	6	11	1	
Boston	3	10	3	
Lopat and Tresh; Hausmann, Barrett (3), Terry (6), and Garbark.				
R. H. E.				
St. Louis	4	5	1	
New York	3	8	0	
Jakucki and Mancuso; Gettel, Holcombe (7) and Rescher.				

Weather News

(July 20)
Max. (July 19) 85 Min. 54
Precipitation last 24 hours 00
Stream year to date 13.28
Normal 12.06 Last year 10.42
Forecast: Clear and warmer.

Oregon Coast Blaze



Flames lick into green timber as fire destroys thousands of acres of forest land.

U. S. To Send Six Million Tons Of Coal To Europe

WASHINGTON, July 20 (AP)—Secretary of the Interior Ickes today announced that if possible, about 6,000,000 tons of American coal will be shipped to Europe for civilian use, between now and January 1.

He said he wanted the American people "to know that this decision involves the risk that we may have to suffer a shortage of coal in this country next winter more acute than heretofore predicted," and that coal allotments for home consumption may have to be reduced.

Worst Fuel Shortage
Earlier, he had predicted "the worst fuel shortage of the war" for this country.

Noting that the decision to ship coal to Europe was reached as a result of reports received within the last few days on the "desperate" coal situation there, Ickes said "the race in Europe today is one between coal and anarchy."

Needs Coal
Europe must have coal without loss of time if serious political and social upheavals are to be prevented, he said in a statement, adding:

"I do not think that it is going too far to say that a coal famine of such severity as to destroy nearly all semblance of law and order is certain to occur in certain countries in north-west Europe next winter unless immediate and drastic action is taken now."

"I have reached this decision only after the most careful consideration. I have been largely influenced by the urgent and unanimous recommendations of other agencies in the government which have political, policing and supply responsibilities in Europe."

"I know of only one sure way to avoid disaster in Europe and further distress at home," Ickes said. "That is to increase production and to increase production we must have more coal miners and that is the army."

He noted that he has appealed (Continued on Page Four)

AUSSIES RETAKE JAP OIL FIELDS

By DEAN SCHEDLER
MANILA, July 20 (AP)—Australian troops on Borneo thrust five miles to overrun the rich Sambodja oil fields and refinery without a fight.

They found only two Japanese defending the great field, Gen. Douglas MacArthur said today. The field formerly produced 7,000,000 barrels of ready-to-use crude oil a year.

The Sambodja field is one of the three major pools in eastern Borneo feeding the ruined refinery district around Balikpapan. The attacking Australian 7th division found great fires roaring through the field, indicating that the Japanese had followed the Dutch example of 1942 and scorched the oil-soaked earth as they left.

Japanese resistance apparently collapsed or withdrew after a bitter defense had been put up at the field's approaches.

Sambodja village, normally inhabited by about 1500 people, is 28 miles northeast of Balikpapan and is situated on one of the pipelines that used to feed Balikpapan.

Japs Rebuilt
Despite Dutch destruction in 1942, the Japanese quickly put this great eastern oil district (Continued on Page Four)

Former Marine To Teach, Coach At Local School

Maj. Clyde Roberts, former executive officer at the Marine Barracks here, has accepted a teaching position at Klamath Union high school next year and is being retired from the marine corps.

Roberts will teach algebra and will also coach minor sports at KUHS. He graduated from the U. S. Naval academy at Annapolis in 1929 and is on inactive duty at present at Minneapolis, Minn.

While stationed at the Marine Barracks, Roberts acted as head coach of the Leatherneck football team and produced a good, aggressive eleven. He participated in civic enterprises in connection with the Barracks and is well-known in Klamath Falls.

Casey Nominated For Betty Post

Veston H. Casey of the post office in Beatty has been nominated for an Oregon postmaster-ship. His name with that of Daniel E. O'Connor, Paisley, has been sent to the senate by President Truman, according to a wire message from Washington.

Marine To Teach



Clyde Roberts, above, who will teach and coach at KUHS.

100 Evacuated From Town In Flames' Path

PORTLAND, Ore., July 20 (AP)—A few stoic housewives in a lumber town 50 miles northwest of here calmly wiped the morning dishes today with a 55-square mile forest fire only 500 to 1000 feet away.

The giant Wilson river blaze, which roared so close to Glenwood last night that about 100 persons were evacuated, slowed as it hit green timber near the town.

The women who refused to leave continued their usual morning chores today amid a blue smoke fog. The men, employees of Consolidated Timber company on whose property the tiny village lies, were all on fire lines.

THICK SMOKE
The blaze, barely visible through smoke so thick that lights must be turned on in late afternoon, was only smouldering near the town this morning. Foresters hoped—unless high winds arise during the day—they could keep the flames from the lumber mill and nearby homes. The mill was closed today.

Meanwhile, on the opposite end of the giant blaze, flames were moving westward in what foresters described as a "fluid state." One edge was roaring toward a Portland mills camp south of Jordan creek.

Much of the fire-fighting equipment was concentrated on the eastern end, where army trucks rolled all night to evacuate some of the Glenwood families.

Orange Fog
Women and children rode with household belongings in most of the drab-colored vehicles, as an orange fog swirled down from surrounding hills. Men and older boys in the families, which lived on Consolidated Timber company property, stayed behind to battle with weary, smoke-begrimed fire crews.

The blaze had eaten within 500 feet of the Glenwood community, where smoke has obscured the sun for a week. A (Continued on Page Four)

STRIKES CONTINUE; 50,000 STILL IDLE

By The Associated Press
Labor disputes in five industries were moving today, enabling more than 15,000 employees to go back to their jobs, but work stoppages across the nation kept an additional 50,000 idle.

As old controversies were settled, at least temporarily, new ones broke out to show only little gains in the total number of workers affected by the stoppages during the last 24 hours.

A three-day walkout over a contract dispute at the Pennsylvania shipyards in Beaumont, Tex., enabled 8000 employees to return to work, while in Oakland, Calif., a jurisdictional dispute which tied up repair of 21 government ships ended as 3000 AFL craftsmen obeyed a national war labor board back to work directive.

The five-day work stoppage at the Joseph S. Finch and company distillery in Schenley, Pa., ended last night and 2200 workers were to return to their jobs. In South Bend, Ind., CIO United Automobile Workers voted to go back to their jobs Monday at the Torrington company, to end a walkout that had tied up production of bearings since June 11. The fifth stoppage ended was at the Stokes Rubber company in Trenton, N. J., where about 700 strikers voted to go back to work today.

\$4000 Damage When Fire Razes Barn

A fire which destroyed the hay barn, milking machine and killed four calves caused about \$4000 damage on the Ed Poppie place on Thursday, according to the Klamath county fire department.

The trucks from the county shops battled the blaze for an hour before it was put out about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Other small grass fires have been plaguing fire units and the county trucks were called to the Baker gravel pit north of town on Thursday afternoon to extinguish a blaze which covered about 30 acres on hills there.

The city fire department was also called on Thursday afternoon to the fire near the Baker gravel pits.

On Friday morning, the trucks were called to Elm and Market to put out a small grass fire.

Army Hunts 10,000 Jap Troops In Okinawa Hills

By ROBERT GEIGER
OKINAWA, July 20 (AP)—An estimated 10,000 Japanese troops are hiding in northern Okinawa's rugged mountains, the army estimated today, a month after the island was captured.

The Nipponese are being hunted down and killed at an average of 50 daily, it was announced at headquarters of Lt. Gen. John R. Hodge, commander of the 24th army corps.

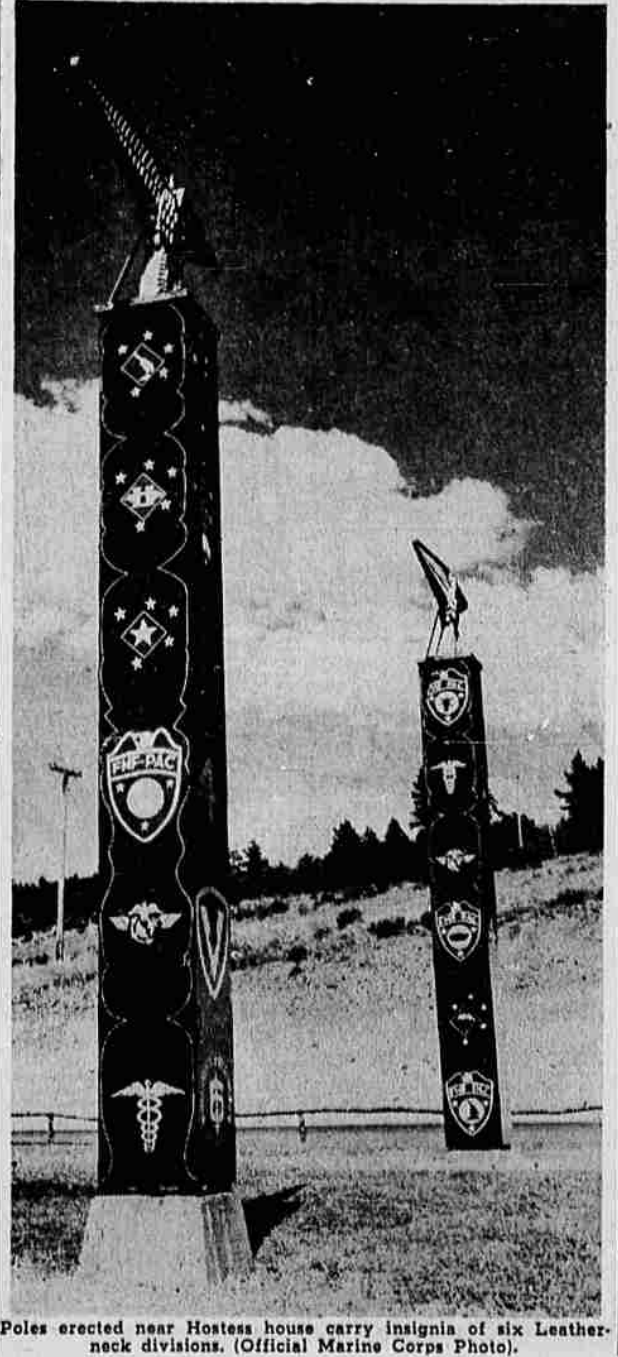
After a lapse of almost a month, Japanese planes have given Okinawa four air alerts in two nights. Marine night fighters shot down three of the enemy. Another raid was tried under cover of a storm. Three of the Japanese crashed, only one in an occupied area. Three Americans were injured.

Radio Tokyo claimed, without confirmation, that Nipponese raiders "cornered and attack a group of enemy warships" in Okinawan waters yesterday and sank a cruiser and a large transport.

No American List
There has been no announcement of the number of Americans believed taken prisoner. It has been estimated as high as several hundred. U. S. casualty lists for the Okinawa campaign show 236 men missing. Fighting men who fell prisoner to the Nipponese would be in that group.

Army patrols still are searching for Japanese troops, hiding in caves and other retreats. If a call fails to bring out any enemy troops, the caves are sealed with dynamite.

Marine Corps Builds Totems



Poles erected near Hostess house carry insignia of six Leatherneck divisions. (Official Marine Corps Photo).