

# NIPS HEDGE ON PEACE PLANS

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### In The Day's News

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In preceding installments of this series, we have been dealing with fairish to big English farmers. Owners of their own land and/or renters of large tracts. Let's go now to the other extreme. There's quite a gap in between.

THE "small holder" stands at the other end of the picture. As the term implies, he RENTS land in small parcels—as little as an acre or two and a half up to maybe as much as 10 acres, maybe even 12.

His holding may possibly be in one tract. More likely it will be in one or two or even three or four tracts, perhaps as much as a mile and a half apart—that is to say, it may be a mile to a mile and a half from one extreme of his holdings to the other. Obviously walking distance is considered; these small holders don't jump into their own cars and speed from one to the other. Somewhere around 10 acres is considered in the Evesham area, which this writer had the opportunity to study, an average ECONOMIC unit (by which is meant that an average family can make a living on it) although it often works with as little as five acres or even less. It all depends on the family.

The small holder may have an individual house on one or another of his plots, but this is improbable. He will be more likely to live in a multi-family house in an adjacent village, walking back and forth.

HE may rent from anybody—a decayed Lord Somebody—or other, or a farmer who would rather rent his land out than to work it. In the Evesham area the corporation of Worcester, under a law passed back in 1914, has bought several thousand acres of land and rents it to these small holders. Cash rent is the rule.

They can BUY, but in this area less than 5 per cent own their land. Lack of the money with which to pay for it is normally given as the reason for non-ownership. They can buy on long terms, 20 years or more, but there just doesn't seem to be enough left over to meet the payments.

LET'S consider an individual (to know people you have to be able to think of them as persons; you can't KNOW people in the mass).

His name is Hall, certainly a good old English name. He is a SKILLED farmer. In his way as highly skilled as Mr. Bennett, the owner of Lower Wick, or Captain Bomford. He grows vegetables, as most of them in the Evesham small holder area do, and he knows every variety and every strain; he comes near to having personal knowledge of every plant. He will say, "Look at this marrow plant; I've taken a dozen marrows off it already, and look what it has left. It's a good one."

He has three holdings, totaling 11 acres. He is lucky. He has an individual house on one of them. He and his family, including his wife's two sisters, do ALL the work. He makes a comfortable living, according to his standards. He is happy and contented.

He is AMBITIOUS, as proved by the fact that he has THREE holdings. The beauty of the Evesham system is that it leaves room for ambition.

WE come now to something that touches an American oddly. Mr. Hall, around 50, or maybe a little less, relates that he started as a farm worker, but is now a "MASTER man." AS (Continued on Page Two)

### Naval Hospitals Send 284 Marines To Barracks Here

Arriving at the Marine Barracks this morning were 284 marines, all on convalescent status from naval hospitals. This is the second large group of men to come in under the new program at the barracks, 80 having arrived on Thursday.

### WLB CAUTIONS AGAINST CUTS IN PAY RATES

Private Industry May Make Wage Raises When Desired

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (AP)—The war labor board invited private industry today to apply its own brakes on wage increases during reconversion, but advised holding the line against pay cuts.

The board will disband as soon as current and anticipated dispute cases are disposed of and it can get its affairs in order. Wage stabilization then will be taken over by some other agency. Presumably some provision for this will be made by Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwelb.

New Policy President Truman's new wage policy authorizes employers to make wage increases at will, without regard for the Little Steel formula, if no price boosts are involved.

WLB Chairman George W. Taylor said the wage increases can be given by employers immediately without even consulting the WLB. The board will continue to enforce the provision against wage cuts below the highest rates paid (Continued on Page Two)

### KLAMATH CHAMBER PLANS CAMPAIGN

A back-to-school campaign is being sponsored by the Klamath county chamber of commerce in an effort to secure the maximum enrollment possible at Klamath Union high school this fall. One of the main objectives of the campaign is to convince young people that their chances of obtaining good jobs in the future depend upon their education.

The chamber of commerce is also stressing that heads of families and returning veterans that are heads of families will be given preference over single people in the filling of jobs, if, during the period of readjustment following the war, it should be difficult for them to secure jobs.

Methods to be employed by the chamber of commerce in getting young people to return to school include the use of the newspaper and radio, bulletins to employers, word of mouth contact among the boys and girls of high school age, and talks to organizations.

A special committee will be set up by the chamber to handle this program. Andy Collier has been named as the director to see that the program is satisfactorily carried out.

### Entire Nation Suffers As Jobless Toll Increases

By The Associated Press  
Transition to peace meant sudden loss of jobs today for mounting hundreds of thousands of war workers.

Drastic slashes in army and navy contracts left no section of the country immune. Many workers were laid off only temporarily, but other jobless thousands jammed into U. S. employment service offices everywhere. Applications for unemployment insurance soared.

Unemployment Tolls No accurate estimate of the total number of laid-off war workers was available, but John W. Snyder, director of reconversion, predicted there would be 5,000,000 unemployed by November and possibly 8,000,000 by spring.

Aircraft workers were hardest hit. Wright Aeronautical, corporation, praising their employees' part in America's giant war production, handed final paychecks to 17,000 in Woodridge, N. J., and 26,000 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

### No Rationing: Motorists Happy



With lifting of gas rationing, Aviation Machinist's Mate K. O. Burt, looking forward to some real shore leave, gets more than a tankful from happy attendant, George Brandt, in Los Angeles. (AP wirephoto)

### Heavy Weekend Travel Seen As OPA Lifts Gasoline Ban

With the arrival of the first weekend since gasoline has been taken off the ration list, filling station attendants are expecting an influx of Klamathites who will drive in and say "Fill 'er up" before heading for the wide open spaces to enjoy some of Oregon's wonderful scenery. Travel to nearby lakes and resorts is expected to be heavy this weekend with fishermen and pleasure drivers able to use gas for these purposes without fear of OPA action.

For the first time in many months fishermen will be able to carry fishing equipment out to the car without waiting until dark and they will be able to display their catches without worrying what the neighbors or the OPA will say. Reporters from the Herald and News expect an easier time collecting city briefs on trips taken further than walking distance away from town. And vacationers taking trips to points not on a railroad line are not expected to be so hesitant about giving out the information.

### San Francisco Again Invaded

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 18 (AP)—Soldiers, sailors and Marines again "invaded" San Francisco last night, but there was no repetition of "peace riots" which broke out three consecutive nights earlier in the week.

All army restrictions were lifted at noon yesterday, but the navy would permit only 50 per cent of its petty officers and 25 per cent of its non-rated men to be given liberty. Passes and furloughs had been canceled Thursday afternoon for all military personnel within 100 miles of the city.

### Snell Announces Speed Limit Lift

SALEM, Aug. 18 (AP)—Governor Earl Snell today announced that effective Sunday, August 19, the 35-mile wartime speed limit is a thing of the past in Oregon.

The announcement, which followed a receipt of a telegram from the office of defense transportation revoking the national limit, was accompanied by a warning from the governor: "Motorists should not forget that tires are worn and old and new ones are not immediately available," the governor said as he urged continued caution and careful driving. Oregon's standard highway legal limit is 55 miles an hour.

### 44 Points Needed For Navy Release

The navy's demobilization plan will require 44 points for enlisted men to be released from the navy, according to word from Washington. Immediately eligible for release under the program will be 327,000 men in the next 18 months. The navy point system gives one-half point for each year of age, figured to the nearest birthday, one-half point for each full month of active duty since September 1, 1939, and 10 points for a dependent. No additional credit is allowed if there is more than one dependent. Enlisted men will require 44 points for discharge, 29 for enlisted Waves, 49 for male officers and 35 for Wave officers.

### JAPS PROMISE PEACE ENVOYS TO M'ARTHUR

Group To Leave Japan Sunday Morning For Manila

By RUSSELL BRINES  
MANILA, Aug. 18 (AP)—Japan officially informed General MacArthur tonight that surrender emissaries would leave Japan Sunday morning—weather permitting—and a headquarters spokesman said they would be flown straight from the island, off Okinawa, to Manila.

The official Japanese message said the emissaries would arrive at about 1:20 p. m., Sunday (9:20 p. m. Saturday, Pacific war time). An American plane will pick up the emissaries from two green-crossed white Japanese transports at Ie and is expected to reach Manila at 7 or 8 o'clock that night. (4 or 5 a. m., Sunday, PWT).

A spokesman said the Japanese's credentials would be examined that night, but that the conference with MacArthur would not start until Monday. Flight Time The flight to Manila will require 5 1/2 to 6 hours after whatever delay is involved in the Ie transfer and takeoff.

MacArthur later acknowledged receipt of the Japanese message and sent technical details for radio communications between the envoys' planes and American forces. Schedule Told Japan's long delayed flight schedule—MacArthur originally instructed the envoy to reach Ie yesterday en route to Manila—was radioed at 6:33 p. m. today, on the designated frequency. That was 87 minutes earlier than Japan had promised the information in a message which also said another frequency would be used.

Tokyo said the envoys would depart in two planes from Kisarazu airbase, southeast of Tokyo, at 7 a. m. (3 p. m. Saturday, Pacific war time). MacArthur had specified that one plane be used, and that it should depart from Sata Misaki on the southern tip of Kyushu island.

The new Japanese message said the two planes—unarmed, twin engine, single winged land attack aircraft—would fly (Continued on Page Two)

### Navy Announces Sangamon Deaths

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (AP)—Official navy reports today said 48 of the total casualties suffered by the escort carrier Sangamon when hit by a Japanese suicide plane near Okinawa on May 4.

The ship, the former tanker Esso Trenton which was converted into a carrier at the Newport News, Va., Shipbuilding and Drydock company and was commissioned August 25, 1942. Her arrival at the Norfolk, Va., navy yard for repairs was reported Wednesday night. The navy's announcement listed her casualties at 12 dead, 13 missing and 18 wounded.

### Japs Still Fight On Burma Front

RANGOON, Aug. 18 (AP)—Japanese forces facing the British Imperial 12th army on the Burma front were reported today by an authoritative source as showing no disposition to surrender.

It was believed probable that forceful demands would be stayed until Gen. MacArthur obtained the highest Japanese signatures to the surrender of Japan.

### Oregon Churches Hold Prayer Services

PORTLAND, Aug. 18 (AP)—Churches throughout the state will hold President Truman's proclamation naming Sunday as a day of prayer and thanksgiving. Protestant services will emphasize thanksgiving, said the Portland council of churches, and churches will be open during the day for informal prayer. Archbishop Edward D. Howard ordered Catholic churches to arrange a special evening service. They also will celebrate votive mass if special mass was not celebrated earlier this week.

### New Jap Premier



General Prince Naruhiko Higashi-Kuni (above), uncle of Emperor Nagako, has been named by Emperor Hirohito to follow a new cabinet, the Japanese news agency said in a broadcast recorded by the FCC. (AP wirephoto)

### SEARCH BEGUN FOR MISSING KF MAN

An extensive search was launched Thursday for Gus Melhase, 82, long-time resident of Klamath Falls, who has been reported missing since Wednesday, August 15.

Melhase had reportedly gone alone on a fishing trip to Odell lake, 120 miles northwest of here. On Tuesday he told Ross Finley, proprietor of a service station near Cres-Dei, that he was going to Paulina lake, but had no fishing or camping equipment with him at the time and was on foot.

On Wednesday he was seen at Paulina lake but nothing has been heard or seen of him since. The sheriff's office, state police, and four nephews, including Dan and Bill Melhase and Henry and Ed Kedestever, have been (Continued on Page Two)

### Steel, Copper, Aluminum Freed For Civilian Use In Peacetime Swing-Over

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (AP)—Americans will build 10 to 15 million homes in the next decade.

This was predicted today by the nation's new construction boss, Hugh Potter. These were other high spots as the swing-over to peacetime living moved ahead:

1. Food officials forecast more food of all kinds for civilians as scheduled army cutbacks go into effect over the next few months. Meat rationing may end next month.
2. There were signs labor and management leaders may have given the administration informal assurances that wartime no-strike, no-lockout pledges will be continued.
3. The war production board freed tremendous quantities of steel, copper and aluminum for consumer goods.
4. Plans for tax cuts took shape, Secretary of the Treasury Vinson said at a news conference he hopes for speedy action on a program in preparation.
5. Price controls came off imported wines and distilled spirits such as brandy, rum and cordials. But not whiskies. OPA said items freed had been selling below ceilings.
6. Surplus property officials said hundreds of government-

### Jap Fighters Attack B-32s

By ROBBIN COONS  
OKINAWA, Aug. 18 (AP)—Fourteen Japanese Zeke fighter planes attacked two unescorted American B-32s on a reconnaissance mission over Tokyo today, killing an aerial photographer in one plane, wounding two of the crew and damaging both craft badly.

The Americans shot down two of the attacking planes and probably two more. It was the second attack on American reconnaissance planes in two days. Today's attack came only a few hours after Japan's official acceptance of General MacArthur's instructions to fly a peace delegation to Manila tomorrow.

The B-32s were cruising at 20,000 feet over the surrendered capital when the plane piloted by Lt. J. R. Anderson, Charlotte, N. C., was jumped by the Japanese, who shot out one of the engines. Anderson and his co-pilot, Lt. R. E. Thomas, Comanche, Tex., dropped behind and radioed the second plane, piloted by Capt. J. Klein, Wassau, Wis., to "slow down."

Jap Reply They reported hearing one Jap pilot reply in English via radio, "Yes, slow down so I can shoot you." "Our reply was unprintable," Anderson said.

Sgt. J. S. Smart of Dallas, Tex., turret gunner, and Sgt. John Houston, Fort Worth, Tex., were credited with downing two of the attackers. Sgt. Ben Clayworth of Wilkes Barre, Pa., was credited with a probable.

During Time Limit (The time of the incident was not given in this dispatch but apparently it fell within the 48-hour time limit which the Japanese said it would require to make Thursday's cease fire order effective in the home islands.)

Four unescorted B-32s yesterday encountered heavy anti-aircraft fire and about 10 Japanese fighters near Yokohama as they approached the Tokyo bay area on a photo reconnaissance mission. One of the big four-engine planes was badly shot up but none of its crew was injured. Two Japanese interceptors were listed as probably destroyed as the B-32s were forced into a 20-minute running fight with the enemy.

Nevertheless, headquarters said their photo mission was successful. Three days ago, General MacArthur announced that offensive actions in all sectors had been halted. However, he said reconnaissance "will be necessarily continued."

Several Incidents There have been several post-truce incidents in which Japanese planes attacked American targets. Nearly 12 hours after President Truman announced the truce, two Kamikaze planes crashed into Iha island, 30 miles north of Okinawa, injuring two American soldiers.

The following day, the Japanese later informed MacArthur, their planes attacked "about 12 American transports" off Shikoku. They said the attack preceded the emperor's cease fire order by four hours.

They also requested that allied forces not approach Japan too closely until it was certain all Nipponese forces had received the cease fire order.

### Roosevelt Loans To Be Revealed

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (AP)—The treasury is almost ready to tell what it has learned about loans obtained by Brig. Gen. Elliott Roosevelt.

Secretary Vinson said yesterday that a report on loans to the son of the late president would be made to the house ways and means committee August 27.

### MODOC FOREST FIRE BURNS 3600 ACRES

A fire which started near Long Bell logging operations below the Happy Camp lookout in Modoc county had burned over 3600 acres of brush and forest lands Saturday afternoon and was still not under control at latest reports.

About 60 marines from the Klamath Marine Barracks were sent to the scene of the blaze Friday and 40 were sent Saturday morning. These men were joined by about 100 army men from Medford and a group of paratroopers from the Chico army air field. In addition, crews from the Modoc National forest and Long Bell Lumber company were fighting the blaze which by Saturday had eaten through over 800 acres of valuable timber.

The fire started from an unknown cause Thursday noon west of Crank mountain and from there it has burned northeast toward Cubby Butte. Modoc forest officials at Alturas Saturday said that they expected the blaze to be brought under control at any time because of increasingly favorable weather conditions. Backfiring is being carried out today in an attempt to stop the fire before it gets into more of the good timber.

### Refugees To Get UNRRA Help

LONDON, Aug. 18 (AP)—Delegates of the third UNRRA conference gave the international relief agency the right today, by a final vote of 28 to 4, to care for refugees who refuse to return to their homelands. The decision in the plenary session of the UNRRA council came after Director General Herbert H. Lehman was reported to have told members in a secret session that restrictions which would result from amendments proposed by Yugoslavia would make his job impossible.