

YANKS MOVE TO TOKYO'S EDGE

Herald and News

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Weather News		
August 31, 1945		
Max. (Aug. 30)	82	Min. 51
Precipitation last 24 hours	.00	
Stream year to date	13.28	
Normal	12.41	Last year 10.62
Forecast: Clear and warm.		

ALLIES EXTEND CONTROL OVER SOUTHERN AREA

Chutists Complete Occupation Of Yokohama

YOKOHAMA, Aug. 31 (AP)—American troops moved up to the southern edge of Tokyo today in their second day of a bloodless occupation in which they were extending their control swiftly across the bay area.

Parachute troopers, snatching a Japanese in the arm when he failed to halt in a restricted area, completed the occupation of this sixth greatest city of Japan, where General MacArthur has set up headquarters.

Move North

They then sited on north through the Kawasaki area looking for more prisoners of war camps and moved up to positions on the south bank of the Arakawa river, which winds along Tokyo's southern outskirts.

The Japanese government asked Lt. Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger to make Tokyo out of bounds for his U. S. eighth army troops pending demobilization to avoid possible friction.

Hourly Increase

More troops were pouring in hourly by air to swell the initial landings of more than 6000 men and officers.

Marines took over the Tateyama-mahajo naval base and air station guarding the approaches of Tokyo bay.

Eichelberger's veterans of the Philippines campaign will occupy this point and the Tokyo plain after the historic signing of the surrender Sunday aboard the battleship Missouri in the bay.

Peaceful Japs

Airborne troops were due today to move across to the east shore of Tokyo bay for the first time and occupy the naval air base of Misarazu, north of where the marines now are operating.

"I haven't seen so many peaceful."

The War Today

AS General MacArthur says, "It has been a long, hard road but this looks like the pay-off."

That is, it's the military payoff, marking allied victory at arms in the closing phase of the World War. The supreme commander didn't say this is the end of the road.

"The Japs," MacArthur states, "seem to be offering us complete good faith and there is every hope for success in the capitulation and that it will continue without friction and without unnecessary bloodshed."

AND Admiral Nimitz, also observing the peacefulness of the landings in Tokyo bay, remarks: "I think it was because of the emperor."

The emperor of course acts on the advice of his government. Why are he and his ministers "offering us complete good faith" without meaning to be cynical or uncharitable, I think it's because Japan has been beaten to a pulp. I don't believe you can change the mental outlook of a nation overnight, and for that reason the war-minded Japs aren't being good because they want to be good but because, as the Englishman says, they jolly well have to.

THE Japanese remain the same primitive people who believe that might is right, and on that basis admit that the allies are right. When you read the stories of brutality and torture coming out of the prison camps where our men have been held, you realize that the leopard hasn't changed his spots. The Jap is still the creature who is equally ready to string his prisoners up by the neck and then beat them, or to stick a knife into his own bowels and commit hara-kiri.

However, that's the dark side of the picture, for while the Jap hasn't yet changed his nature, we know that human nature is susceptible to change. Hitler demonstrated that by turning a considerable portion of the German population into gangsters in a few years of intensive propaganda.

SO the nature of the Japanese can be changed, but the task will be tremendous because of the very fact that they are a primitive folk. If it could be done by force, it would be easy. But use of the big stick would turn the trick for the effect they still smarted from the hiding. The change must be achieved by education.

We have a favorable start. The Japanese respect the allies because the nation for the first time realizes our military superiority. What we have to do now is give them an exemplification of western civilization and democracy that will make them want to copy us.

THIS doesn't preclude punishment and housecleaning, but it does call for an attitude which was so well shown yesterday when the fourth U. S. marine regiment raised the flag over the Yokosuka base on Tokyo bay. As the Stars and Stripes went up, Brig. Gen. William T. Clement said:

"May the rising of this flag over Japan point the way to a just and everlasting peace."

The Tokyo government plans to reopen all schools and colleges.

Coal and Sugar Scarcity Shadows Peacetime Picture

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 (AP)—A nation plunging into its peacetime future passed these signposts today.

The coal and sugar outlook was dark.

There was brighter news on meat and gasoline.

Housewives will help the OPA fight high prices.

The WPB issued a cheerful report on reconversion of industry.

It looked bad for the unemployment compensation bill—a proposal to hand out more money to jobless people.

The federal budget was slashed by 10 billion dollars.

To be specific:

Coal—Secretary of the Interior Ickes said Japan's surrender has cut industry's needs very little. He said it will be hard, "if not impossible," for the mines to produce enough soft coal to satisfy the country's requirements this winter. He added that he wants to free consumers of "false optimism" caused by army statements about coal.

Sugar—Agriculture Secretary Anderson, vacationing in New Mexico, predicted sugar will be rationed throughout 1946.

Meat—The labor department said meat counters in 56 big cities are better stocked than any time since March. Also, the pork situation will be helped Monday when the military no longer will get automatically a certain percentage of pork loins and shoulders. It will have to buy in competition with civilians.

Gasoline—The OPA said ceiling prices won't change when the better-quality fuel comes in.

1494 ALLIED PWS RELEASED FROM 7 CAMPS

Rescued Men Suffer From Malnutrition, Stassen Says

ABOARD USS ANCON, OFF YOKOSUKA, Aug. 31 (AP)—Emaciated and starving, 1100 more allied prisoners of war reached this rescue ship today. Some said they had spent months in solitary confinement under constant threat of death.

Thus far, 1494 prisoners have been freed from seven camps. Many of the gallant survivors of Wake and Bataan were among them.

Everyone rescued was suffering from malnutrition, Navy Commander Harold Stassen, former Minnesota governor, reported, and 80 per cent of them showed "serious deficiencies."

Hellhole Hospital

The worst cases were at Shinigawa hospital—"no, don't call it a hospital, call it a hellhole. The filth was indescribable."

A Dr. Gotfried who had been a navy doctor at Guam had been put to work there with pick and shovel—and not allowed to give any professional aid to fellow prisoners, Stassen related.

A few of the prisoners had (Continued on Page Two)

Allied War Prisoners in Shanghai Camp



YMCA prisoners' aid, which released this photo, describes it as showing prisoners of war of Japan in a library in a Shanghai camp. Officials said they had no means of determining if conditions at other camps in China compared with this. (AP wirephoto).

SUBURBAN GARAGES DESTROYED BY FIRE

Fire destroyed four garages, two woodsheds, two chicken coops and several rabbit hutches in a blaze in Stewart-Lenox addition Thursday afternoon. No one was seriously injured fighting the fire, although a few minor burns were suffered.

The fire was presumably started by a firecracker thrown in the tall grass back of the C. J. Cunningham property, Rt. 3, Box 451, in Stewart's addition about 4 p. m. Thursday, neighbors assumed.

Quick action of neighbors in wetting down the Cunningham house, only a few feet from the burning buildings, prevented further destruction. Furniture and household goods, including the stove, were hauled from the house and piled along the road. Three loads of wood, the Cunningham's winter supply, went up in flames with the woodsheds.

Dave Brockerman, neighbor on the right, discovered the fire. Mrs. Forest Alfred was in her house next door asleep with her baby, when her garage caught fire. Someone pushed the car out, but the windshift was already shattered by the heat.

Dorothy Davidson of the Ore. (Continued on Page Two)

44,001 THAT'S COUNTY POPULATION BASED ON RATION BOOKS

Klamath county's present population is 44,001. That's the estimate based on issuance of OPA's ration book No. 4. That many books are out, the war price and ration board announced here today.

Klamath county's census population, 1940, was 40,497. Ration books are issued to members of the armed forces on duty here only if they live in town. Those residing on the posts are therefore not included in the overall figure, OPA officials pointed out.

The OPA records show in November, 1943, ration books issued totaled 37,935, indicating a decrease in population under the 1940 census. A steady rise has occurred since then. In June, 1944, the total was 39,025. By December, 1944, it had risen to 41,068. A sharp increase has occurred in the last six months to the present 44,001.

Klamathites Promised Ideal Weekend Weather

The weatherman has promised Labor Day weekend weather which will be just about all that the most enthusiastic picnicer could ask for, with forecasts of hot and sunny weather predicted for most of the county.

It is expected that many Klamathites will take full advantage of the first three-day holiday since the end of the war with a rodeo being offered in Klamath Falls, a roundup to be held in Lakeview, and resorts in this area ready to do a land office business.

HOUSE HEARS DRAFT CONTINUANCE URGED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 (AP)—Continuance of selective service was urged before the house military committee today by two navy officers.

Joining with the army and President Truman as draft advocates, Capt. H. G. Hopwood, personnel officer, said:

"We must have the draft as an anchor to the windward."

He said that in its program to reduce its strength from 3,600,417 now to 500,000 within a year, the navy requires 21,000 additions monthly. Volunteers numbered approximately 16,000 in August, he said, but would drop if the draft were abandoned.

"There's no question but that continuance of the draft stimulates enlistments," Capt. Dudley White, recruiting chief, commented.

Committee members considered (Continued on Page Two)

Machinists Will Gather Tonight, Discuss Strike

A meeting of all machinists employed at the sprawling Vercruces Timber company here will be held tonight at the Labor Temple to consider the present strike situation, according to M. A. Lovay, international representative of the International Association of Machinists, an affiliate of the AFL, from Portland.

Work stoppage in a major part of the lumber industry remained at a stalemate today with IWA-CIO union officials finally declining to make any comment to the press upon the present situation in which 2250 men are idle.

Company authorities were also reticent about making any statements. The companies involved in the strike have refused to grant a union shop clause in their contracts with CIO unionists and have stood pat on the union maintenance clause now in the contracts.

Police Nab Car Thief In Nevada

A man that allegedly stole a car belonging to Jimmy Hall, Willard hotel, from the Elks club parking lot Wednesday was arrested last night in Lovelock, Nev., by Sheriff W. C. Van Reed.

Hall has been notified that his car has been recovered and the thief is being held in custody at Lovelock. The name of the man was not known.

District Attorney Clarence Humble stated today that the case had been turned over to the federal bureau of investigation for prosecution for violation of the Dyer act.

This is a federal law concerning the transporting of stolen property over a state line.

EAST COAST ARRIVALS

By The Associated Press

Randolph A. Grain, Pvt., Chiloquin. Arrived on Claymont Victory due at Boston August 28.

SHAW'S MODOC HOLDING SOLD TO NEW FIRM

Finney Gets Timber; Pioneer Lumberman Retires Here

Shaw Lumber company, owned by J. R. Shaw of this city, has sold its remaining property in Modoc county, California, to the Finney Logging company, new Klamath concern, it was disclosed today.

J. R. Shaw said that the sale consisted of standing timber, machinery and equipment. The deal represents about a quarter of a million dollars for machinery and equipment, but the exact amount of timber involved was not stated.

Shaw said that after 25 years of lumbering in Klamath county, he is retiring from the business and his two sons, L. L. Shaw and J. A. Shaw, are developing an operation in Klamath Falls, having recently acquired the plant formerly owned by A. C. E. K. brothers on Ewauna lake.

New Firm

The Finney Logging company is a co-partnership entering the lumber business in this community. Members are H. J. O'Donnell, L. L. McLellan, Ted Finney and M. A. Wyman. O'Donnell, McLellan and Wyman with two other parties recently took over the box factory operation of the Kesterson Lumber corporation. Finney, who runs the logging operation for the group, is expected to log forest service timber on the west side of Upper Klamath lake, as well as in the former Shaw holdings.

Shaw company recently made a sale of other timber that he owned in Modoc county, consisting of about 100 million feet, to the Goose Lake Box company, for the new mill at Alturas.

Came In 1920

Shaw came to Klamath county in 1920 from the Willamette valley where he had a number (Continued on Page Two)

Ace Reported Alive



Major Gregory Boyington (above), marine flying ace missing since January 3, 1944, was reported alive in message from the American cruiser San Juan to third fleet units in Tokyo bay. Boyington is credited officially with downing 26 enemy planes and is holder of the Congressional Medal of Honor and the Navy Cross. (AP wirephoto).

MARINE ACE TELLS JAP MISTREATMENT

ABOARD USS ANCON, Off Yokosuka, Aug. 31 (AP)—Major Gregory Boyington, 26-plane marine ace missing since January 3, 1944, and unheard from until Americans occupied Japan, said today his captors ignored the fractured ankle he suffered in the crash that led to capture.

"They made me walk on the thing, blindfolded and handcuffed, and they prodded me along with the butt of a bayonet."

No Jap Report

He said the Japanese never announced his capture—and that fellow prisoners reported his safely 14 days after Japan surrendered by placing pieces of wood in the prison yard so that they spelled out:

"Pappy Boyington here"

A naval plane photographed the sign.

He was beaten repeatedly with a baseball bat, he related; and each morning the prisoners were lined up and forced to bow toward the emperor—although "each of us probably was muttering something that wasn't respectful."

Sent Message Home

To his home town of Okanogan, Wash., Boyington asked (Continued on Page Two)

Walker Will Set Heuvel Trial Date

An exact trial date for the cases of the State of Oregon vs. Earl Heuvel, former Klamath Falls police chief free on \$21,000 bail on four morals charges, will be set September 15 in circuit court here by Judge Arlie G. Walker, Yamhill county, who was appointed to hear the cases by the chief justice of the state supreme court.

It was also stipulated that District Attorney Clarence Humble would then notify Defense Attorney Herbert Welch and the defendant of the order in which the cases would be tried.

Four stipulations were filed by Humble in circuit court yesterday for the purpose of setting an exact trial date.

October was specified in the stipulation as the month in which the trials would take place. The stipulations were signed by Welch and Humble.

Runaways Sleep In KF Graveyard

Two intrepid 13-year-old Klamath Falls boys, who slept in a graveyard here after running away from home Saturday, are being held in Eugene awaiting return here by juvenile officers.

The two youngsters told Lane county authorities that they decided to run away Saturday night after attending a melodrama at a local theatre. They left the movie and robbed a gas station of five rolls of pennies totaling \$2.50 and then lifted some clothes from cars parked on Oregon avenue.

They spent the night slumbering in the graveyard here with a complete disregard for ghosts. The next day they hitch-hiked to Bend and from there caught a limping the transporting of stolen property over a state line.

OWI ABOLISHED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 (AP)—President Truman today ordered the office of war information to go out of business by September 15 and transferred the foreign information functions of OWI and the office of inter-American affairs to the state department.

By executive order, Mr. Truman:

1. Created an interim international information service in the state department to take over foreign activities of OWI and the inter-American office between now and the end of the year.

2. Gave OWI's duties of review of federal publications to the bureau of the budget, as of today.

3. Directed abolition of OWI's remaining functions on September 15.

James Orth Alive In Jap Prison

FORT KLAMATH—News that their son, Private James H. Orth, is alive was received here this week by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Orth.

Pvt. Orth has been a prisoner of the Japanese for three years, having been taken prisoner at the fall of Corregidor, where he was stationed with a coast artillery unit of the U. S. army. During this period, two postcards were the only direct communication received from their son by Mr. and Mrs. Orth, and word that he is alive was a great relief to them. He has been at Camp Hoten, Mukden, Manchuria.

Party Leaders Clamor For Pearl Harbor Investigation

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 (AP)—The people are entitled to the full story. If they don't get it from the armed forces they'll ask us to dig it out. Naturally, we do what the public wants."

At Detroit Senator Ferguson (R-Mich.) said a resolution calling for a full senate investigation of the attack is on his desk in Washington and will be presented to the chamber as soon as it reconvenes next week.

Hull's letter, addressed to Secretary of War Stimson, said the counter-proposals he handed the Japanese November 26, 1941, offered them "substantially the economic and other advantages they sought in Asia, provided they would give up their aggressive policies."

Declaring the plan "did not constitute in any sense an ultimatum," Hull added that it proposed rather "a broad but simple settlement covering the entire Pacific area."

Pearl Harbor Heads



Lt. Gen. Short, left, and Rear Adm. Kimmel, right, who were in command at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, are chief figures in military investigation.