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By FRANK JENKINS
SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE, THE American is by nature cocky. He has more normally than the rest of the world. For a century he has been regarded throughout the earth as one of God's little children, with his pockets full of money and therefore a customer to be catered to. In France, in particular, and throughout the whole of money-peddled continental Europe in general, the American GI is now an UNDERPRIVILEGED person. He sees himself passed up like a dirty shirt for some local black market operator whose pockets are bulging with it.

It works this way:

The American soldier is paid not in dollars but in the money of the country in which he is stationed. In France, he is paid in francs that are pegged at two cents, or 50 to the dollar. It's a fair guess that the average GI, after all his numerous deductions are taken out, will have left on payday not much more than \$25 to jingle in his pocket and call his.

Reduced to pegged French money, \$25 amounts to 500 francs. In Paris, with a weekend pass in his pocket and looking for entertainment, 500 francs won't get him far.

For example: If he feels that a little drink would do him no harm a swifter of cognac will set him back 100 francs unless he picks the place with extreme care or is just naturally short with luck. There is a fifth of his roll gone already, and he hasn't got started.

The rest of it will go with equal speed.

IN pegging the GI's dollar at 50 francs, our government, operating through the war department, is motivated by the most laudable objectives. It wants to hold down European inflation to the minimum. It tells the GI that it's better for him to save up his money than to blow it on Parisian frivolities.

But to the GI the future is something vague and distant and his weekend pass in Paris is RIGHT NOW. He knows that if he turned loose with a dollar he could buy beaucoup francs with it on the open market—maybe as many as 300.

The upshot of it is that he goes back to his outfit with the feeling that he has been gypped—and that it is his own government that has gypped him.

IN that frame of mind, ideas are apt to blossom in his brain. There is the wool shirt he is wearing. He has another to put on, and with good fortune he might still along until time for another issue. There are wild tales of what the French, with a hard winter coming on and no fuel in sight, will pay for a woolen shirt.

And his shoes. What a black market operator, heavy with francs and with the mud and slop of a Paris winter facing him, wouldn't pay for a pair of good, leather foot protectors? As minor chicken feed possibilities, there are his PX ration of cigarettes and candy and other things he can buy cheaply at Uncle Sam's store. He knows there's a ready and eager market for all of them just around any corner.

THERE are other possibilities not involving direct sale of government property. At the distillery, for instance, cognac may be purchased for as little as 100 francs per bottle, whereas in (Continued on Page Two)

Diplomat Warns Against Jap Rush Into Democracy

By DUANE HENNESSY
KARUIZAWA, Japan, Sept. 11 (AP)—Kichisaburo Kurosu, the Japanese diplomat who was talking peace in Washington as the Japanese fleet staged the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, said here today that the government of Japan needs many changes to give the people a greater voice but that to rush into democracy would be disastrous.

The dapper diplomat, who denies flatly that he knew Nippon was moving on Hawaii, said:

"If General MacArthur offered to remove the army of occupation, if Japan would get rid of the emperor and form a republic government, I would refuse to be the choice mine. It would do Japan more harm than occupation."

Urges Gradual Change
"I cannot see Japan exactly like the United States overnight. The people are not ready, they have been so long under

ITALY FIRST PROBLEM EYED BY BIG FIVE

Germany's Fate Not On Conference Docket

LONDON, Sept. 11 (AP)—Secretary of State James F. Byrnes told a press conference today that Italy would be the first topic for the conference of foreign ministers of five allied nations meeting this afternoon and that the atom bomb was not on the agenda.

The foreign secretaries of Russia, Great Britain, France and China are here with Byrnes, starting peace machinery provided by the Potsdam conference.

Byrnes himself did not say so, but it was understood that the United States would ask that the bulk of Italy's colonies be left under Italian control as trusteeships, with United States supervision.

It is expected that the Dodecanese islands, off Turkey's west coast, will go to Greece. At the narrow of the Mediterranean—Pantelleria—the first island conquered by air power alone—probably will become either a British or International base. A strip of Italian Eritrea will be claimed by Ethiopia.

The British are expected to ask that a strip of eastern Cyrenaica, Libya, be taken from Italy and placed either under International or Egyptian rule. The territory is inhabited by the Senussi tribe of Arabs, whom the British have promised freedom from Italian rule.

Byrnes said he expected to remain in London two weeks and then commute between here and Washington. He talked with the British foreign secretary, Ernest Bevin, early today.

Byrnes said the future of Germany was not on the agenda for the meeting of foreign ministers, as drawn up at Potsdam.

The American said the main task of the foreign ministers is (Continued on Page Two)

3 Persons Die In Truck Blaze

McMINNVILLE, Sept. 11 (AP)—Three persons were burned to death in a crushed truck cab last night when their loaded fruit truck careened off the Dayton-Salem highway, and was enveloped in flames from an exploding gasoline tank.

The dead are Mrs. Jake Seiford, near McMinnville; Eldon Klinger, 13, Lafayette; William Monroe Williams, 17, Lafayette. Bodies of the woman and younger boy were removed from the crushed cab after flames were extinguished.

The driver, William Williams, was pulled from the wreckage a few minutes after the crash by passing trucks, but flames prevented the two men from freeing the others.

Police said the truck was loaded with prunes and was headed south toward a Salem cannery when it left the highway and crashed against a tree about 100 feet from the road. The accident occurred about 7 p. m. near the farm of U. S. Alderman, one-half mile south of Unionvale.

Wainwright Returns

General Jonathan Wainwright, hero of Corregidor, salutes as he steps from a transport plane at Hamilton Field, Calif., returning to the United States after almost four years as a prisoner of the Japs. Behind him is Brig. Gen. L. C. Beebe, a staff officer. (AP wirephoto).



An allied war correspondent looks over a wasteland of twisted steel and masonry in what was the industrial city of Hiroshima before it was struck by an atomic bomb in the last days of the Pacific war. (AP wirephoto).

2 YANK GROUPS TIED UP JAP AIR FORCE

ELEVENTH AIR FORCE, Aleutians, Sept. 11 (AP)—Its strength highly secret through-out the war, the Aleutian-based aerial task force—first to strike regularly at the Japanese homeland—today was revealed to have been composed of but two army bombing squadrons and a small force of navy wing planes.

But, because of the security maintained, the two groups tied up approximately one-tenth of the Japanese air force, badly needed elsewhere by the enemy.

The army said that the units which crossed the North Pacific (Continued on Page Two)

Woman Scorched As Car Burns

Fire destroyed an automobile belonging to Mr. and Mrs. William Newman, 410 N. 9th, late this afternoon when a blaze of unknown origin started in their garage in back of their home.

Mrs. Newman was asleep at the time and was aroused by neighbors. She rushed to the garage and scorched her arms in a vain attempt to save the automobile. An outer building on the grounds of the Sacred Heart academy also burned and it was not known in which building the fire started.

The fire department was called and got the blaze under control.

Season Football Tickets On Sale

Season reserved seat tickets for the 1945 Klamath Union high school football season will go on sale Friday, September 14, at 8:30 a. m. at the chamber of commerce. The price of a season reserved seat ticket is \$5 with 20 per cent tax included.

General season tickets are now being sold by the Pop-Peppers or may be purchased at the high school. A general season pasteborder is priced at \$4.

There are five games on the home plate this year which will be played in this order: Grant, Salem, Ashland, Medford and Eugene.



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In Again, Out Again Plans Keep Congress In Hot Water

By MAX HALL
WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 (AP)—Members of congress roared louder today about getting people out of uniform. They also waded into their biggest day's work since the war ended.

Pearl Harbor... airports... government corporations... equal rights for women... today's jobless... tomorrow's jobs. Those were subjects for actions as well as words. Congress was settling down to serious business.

This was the news on the congress-military front:

1. Senator Edwin C. Johnson (D-Colo.) contended that army brass hats want voluntary recruiting to fail "because they love the draft."

2. The senate military committee met to consider a bill to speed recruiting by making army life more appealing. A similar bill has been approved by the house military committee. Neither the house nor the senate has had a crack at it yet.

3. Several senators and representatives call for faster discharge of servicemen. Maybe this had something to do with it. About nine-tenths of congressional letters trying to get someone out of uniform. Many thousands of these letters pour in every day. Congress members are groggy, trying to answer them all.

And here is a fast look at some other developments:

"Full Employment"—Backers of the so-called full employment bill offered a revised version stressing the role of private enterprise in creating jobs for all, but stating the government has a "responsibility" for bringing about full employment instead of just a policy. This measure is still being considered by the senate banking committee.

Airports—The senate is debating a bill to hand out \$500,000,000 in federal cash for airport building over a five-year period. The money would have to be matched by local governments. The house has an airport bill, too, a different version—but hasn't debated it yet.

Government Corporations—The house took up a bill to make them call congress "papa." If the bill becomes law, all government corporations except TVA and the farm credit agencies will have to submit an annual business-type budget to congress. The bill is expected to pass the house, late today or tomorrow. If it does, it will go to the senate.

Equal Rights for Women—A subcommittee of the senate judiciary committee seemed on the verge of approving an amendment to the constitution, saying that women have the same rights as men—for example, in such things as jury duty, and equal pay for equal work.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Philadelphia R. H. E.
Pittsburgh 5 6 1
Schanz and Seminick; Gables, Rescigno (10) and Salkeld.
First game: R. H. E.
Brooklyn 4 10 2
Cincinnati 5 10 2
Herring, Buer (8) and Sandlock; Bowman and Lakeman.
Boston 4 10 1
Chicago 5 13 0
Lee, Hutchings (5) Hendrickson (7) Logan (9) and Masi; Borowy and Gillespie.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Detroit 5 9 1
Boston 0 2 0
Trout and Richards; Woods, Hausmann (7) Barrett (9) and Holm, Steiner (8).
Chicago 2 4 1
Washington 1 6 2
Lee, Johnson (8) and Tresh, Castino (8); Niggling and Ferrell.

'Skeletons' Freed From Jap Camp

By FRED HAMPSON
MANILA, Sept. 9 (Delayed) (AP)—More than 1000 allied prisoners of war and civilian internees—many of them no more than living skeletons—arrived in Manila today from Formosa aboard the escort carriers Block Island and Sanpee and four destroyers.

Even after two weeks of good food following liberation from Formosan prison camps, many of these feeble skeletons were glazed of eye and in a stupor, too weak to stand. The hangar decks of the two carriers were literally fields of stretcher cases.

It was the first arrival here of British Singapore captives. The Britishers were among the worst prison cases I have seen yet, although they said they were treated no worse than the others. It was useless for interviewers to question some of the dazed, starved men.

Gunner W. W. Burnhill, of Yorkshire, England, captured with the 88th tank regiment, estimated that at least half of his outfit died in captivity at the Asaki camp where the prisoners worked in the mines.

Men Starved
Pvt. Albert Lawson, of Leeds, England, a medical corpsman from Singapore, lost 50 pounds. His liberation weight was 110. He said the Japanese "starved us while they were losing the war and overfed us until we were sick after they lost the war."

Lawson, who was a textile clerk before the war, mumbled "I never want to see the Orient again. Once back in Blighty I'm going to stay there." Others echoed his sentiments.

Most of the Americans appeared in somewhat better shape than the Britishers although the Yanks were miserably thin and only beginning to regain their strength.

650 In Hold
The Americans said 650 Yank prisoners were loaded in the hold of a prison ship for 39 days, during which 38 died and many went crazy. Almost all became ill. "It got so bad," said Jobe, "that I prayed a submarine would sink us and get it over with."

Johnson said the Americans once were made to stand at attention while Britishers were forced to beat them. An epidemic of meningitis killed 11 in one small camp. Beatings became

Weather News
September 11, 1945
Max. (Sept. 10) 89 Min. 47
Precipitation last 24 hours .00
Stream year to date 13.30
Normal 12.60 Last year 10.62
Forecast: Clear Wednesday.

CONGRESS AIMS TO FIND TRUTH ABOUT ATTACK

Pearl Harbor Disaster Probe Approved By House

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 (AP)—A congressional investigation of the Pearl Harbor disaster was assured today when the house passed an inquiry resolution previously approved unanimously by the senate.

Republicans lost a fight for equal representation on the committee. Their amendment to put three democrats and three republicans from each branch on the committee was defeated 188 to 136 by a party vote.

The house proceeded at once toward final approval of legislation calling for the investigation by a ten-member committee of five senators and five representatives, three democrats and two republicans from each branch. Republicans wanted three from each party from each branch.

The legislation was approved unanimously last week by the senate. It does not require presidential action.

Charges of "politics" were exchanged today as the house began debate on a congressional investigation of the Pearl Harbor attack.

Opening discussion of the resolution passed unanimously last week by the senate, Chairman Sabath (D-Ill.) of the rules committee contended political maneuvering has "come from the republican side."

The democrats, Sabath said, have no desire "to make this a political issue."

Republican Leader Martin of Massachusetts promptly accused Sabath of trying to draw "the red herring of politics across this proposed investigation."

"The man who cries 'stop thief,'" he added, "usually is the man who has the watch."

Sabath said he was confident a thorough inquiry would show that Franklin D. Roosevelt, Cordell Hull and General George C. Marshall were not in any way to blame for the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor.

Martin urged that the investigation "not be partisan," declaring "it is too serious a subject to permit this."

"We must not use it as a basis either to shield or unjustly attack any individual," Martin added.

Cheese Scratched Off Ration List

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 (AP)—The OPA today removed all varieties of cheese from rationing effective at 12:01 a. m. Wednesday.

The agency took this action as the agriculture department removed all cheese controls following notice from the army that some military stocks of cheddar cheese can be used to meet requirements of foreign claimants.

OPA and the agriculture department said it was expected that future cheese buying for foreign claimants will be done on the open market.

Technically, cheese stays on the ration list but now has a zero. This means it could be restored to rationing on short notice if conditions should warrant.

Yank Doctors Save Life Of Nip Ex-Chief

By The Associated Press
TOKYO, Sept. 11—Hideki Tojo, who incited the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, today shot and gravely wounded himself as he was about to be taken into custody for questioning.

Tonight American army doctors were endeavoring to save the life of the 61-year-old former premier, and said he had an even chance to survive.

Tojo was still alive at 10:20 (Tokyo time), some six hours after the suicide attempt.

Brought to the 98th evacuation hospital at 9:40 p. m., Tojo was given another injection of blood plasma.

"I tried to shoot myself in the heart because I didn't want to mess up my head," Tojo was quoted by an interpreter at the hospital.

Three transfusions had been given the Japanese. Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger, commander of the eighth army, was in the operating room while doctors worked over the one-time dictator.

The ambulance trip from the first cavalry aid station over rough roads required an hour and 20 minutes.

Wants To Die
"I want to die," Tojo exclaimed shortly after firing a shot into his chest from a .32 caliber automatic pistol at 4:15 p. m.

"I am sorry for the peoples of Greater East Asia," the Japanese Domei news agency later quoted him. "I will shoulder the whole responsibility. I hope they will not go amiss in dealing with the situation."

"The war of Greater East Asia was just a war. With all our strength gone, we finally fell."

First Trial
"I did not want to stand before the victor to be tried as the vanquished. This is my own case. I wanted to kill myself at one stroke."

"I first thought of using my sword to kill myself, but instead I used the revolver for fear I might fail and survive."

An officer attempted to show his credentials through the window.

"I am Tojo!" the little Japanese cried. Then he slammed the window down so hard he almost broke it.

The officers and correspondents started for the front door. (Continued on Page Two)

HOUSING EXPANDED AT STATE SCHOOLS

PORTLAND, Sept. 11 (AP)—More student housing, curricular adjustments and land acquisition for building expansion occupied the state board of higher education at a lengthy session here today.

Near approach of the fall term opening also brought scores of faculty changes and additions.

The board approved bringing in 50 pre-fabricated federal housing units for the university and 50 for the college. It authorized purchase of seven additional new units by the university, and three by the college to be occupied by skilled farm help.

Co-Ed Overlooked
The board also authorized the state college to purchase dormitory equipment to fit out emergency space in the Memorial Union and Women's building to care for an overflow of girls.

Formal curricula for the naval ROTC unit at the State college were approved for the present, allowing the navy men to take required liberalizing courses, a major in such technical fields as science, engineering and business and industry, and to get the subscribed work in naval science and tactics.

Teacher Training
The board accepted the report of R. C. Grosbeck of Klamath Falls for the curriculum committee leaving all training of nurses (Continued on Page Two)

Ration Control Release Asked

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 11 (AP)—The Oregon Food Merchants' association recommended today that all ration controls on food, except sugar, fats and oils, be removed.

The association informed Secretary of Agriculture Anderson, to whom the recommendation was made, that there is a plentiful supply of meat, lamb and beef in Oregon; indeed, that it is backing up in the hands of some suppliers.

The major said that of 9000 Yanks at Camp O'Donnell, in the Philippines, 1500 died in the first six weeks and 3000 died after transfer to the prison held at Cabanatuan, also on Luzon island. He estimated that 50 per cent of the men who laid down their arms on Bataan died in the first year of captivity.

26-WEEK JOBLESS PAY PERIOD URGED

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 (AP)—Senator Kilgore (D-W. Va.) said today that if the senate finance committee refuses to approve maximum unemployment compensation payments of \$25 a week he will still insist on a 26-week payment period.

Kilgore said he had not as previously indicated, abandoned his fight for benefits of up to \$25 a week to be made up by federal supplements to state rates.

The senator said there is a possibility of the committee vote. (Continued on Page Two)

26 Injured In Texas Oil Blaze

HOUSTON, Tex., Sept. 11 (AP)—An oil fire which raged here throughout the night, sending 26 firemen and refinery workers to hospitals with injuries, was brought under control early today.

The blaze caused some 200 persons in the east section of the city near the Eastern States refinery to evacuate their homes.

R. B. Kahle, president of refinery company, said damage "will not exceed \$100,000 to \$150,000."

No Date Slated For Heuvel Trial

Judge Arlie G. Walker, Yamhill county, who was assigned to hear the cases of the State of Oregon vs. Earl Heuvel, is now holding a court term in Dallas, Ore.

No indication has been forthcoming from Judge Walker as to when the first of the Heuvel cases will be tried, according to the district attorney's office here.

The former Klamath Falls police chief was indicted by the grand jury of Klamath county on four moral charges and is now free on \$21,000 bail.

EAST COAST ARRIVALS

By The Associated Press
Lewis D. Sheldon, PFC, Weed, Calif., Arrived on USS Marine Robin due at Boston September 9.
Melvin W. Johnston, Pvt., Weed, Calif., Arrived on USS Victory due at New York September 7.