

# MACHINISTS GO THROUGH CIO LINE

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### In The Day's News

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SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE, Germany first looted all of continental Europe and was then thoroughly looted herself. The looting started when we broke through the Siegfried line. It really got to going in a big way when we crossed the Rhine. But, except in a minor, casual, souvenir-hunting way, we didn't start it. As a matter of fact, the looting done by Americans never got much beyond the souvenir point.

Most eye-witness accounts agree that the looting was started by the DPs (displaced persons). That is understandable. They had been held in virtual slavery. With the normal number of exceptions that prove the rule, they had been pretty roughly treated. In their minds was the natural thought that Germany owed them a lot, and the crumbling of the Nazi society that followed the allied breakthrough offered the opportunity to collect a part of the debt. They seem to have taken everything they could lay hands on—starting with liquor. If they could commandeer a German vehicle, they took a lot. If they had to depend on backs, they took less.

First after liquor, they wanted food. Next after food, they wanted clothing. After that, it was anything they could take along.

It seems reasonably certain that after the DPs started the fashion the Germans began LOOTING EACH OTHER.

It wasn't really quite as bad as it sounds. The Nazis, as a part of their general plan to keep the German population under their thumbs, plus their war-time need to put labor wherever it was most urgently required at the moment, had shifted the German people around generally, sending some here and some there. As a result of this shifting process, every village, every town, every neighborhood, was full of strangers.

So, when Germans began to loot Germans it wasn't exactly like old neighbors stealing from each other. Like the DPs, they were getting while the getting was good—from strangers.

HERE is a DP story, told by an eye-witness, that strikes this writer as SIGNIFICANT as well as humorous. One of our advanced outfits was searching a German farmhouse. That was suspected of harboring Nazi SS troops. The sergeant in command came upon a locked door in a heavily built stone out-house.

"What's this?" he demanded. "Oh," the German farmer explained, "that is my slave labor. I couldn't afford to have them get hurt."

They were PROPERTY, you see. Already. It makes one wonder if the Germans would have continued the slave system if they had won.

FIRST the DPs looted their former German masters. Then the Germans looted each other. By the time our front echelons came along, what could be more natural, with staff of all sorts strewn all around and everybody else taking whatever he (Continued on Page Two)

### Slugged By Japs, Woman Is Sorry For 'Poor People'

FAIRFIELD, Calif., Sept. 12 (AP)—A glib, gray-haired school teacher, the only American woman captured by the Japanese in the Aleutian campaign, stepped from an army transport plane today after a flight from Japan.

She was 65-year-old Mrs. Etta E. Jones, whose husband, Charles, was killed by the Japanese at Attu where both were captured, early in 1942.

Slugged By Japs  
Very frail, she told with calmness and dignity of having been kicked and slapped by the Japanese, of spending three years hidden from the world in a Nippon prison. She could still speak with kindness of the children of Japan and of "the poor people."

Her husband, 62, had gone to work at Attu as a weather observer and radioman, and she was attached to the Indian service there to teach the native children. They were the only white people on the island.

The Japanese came, 2000 strong, on June 7, 1942, Mrs. Jones recalled today.

"I was beaten with the butt end of a rifle, and struck across the back by a Jap soldier who had been acting as interpreter," she said. "He knocked me down,

## Yankee's Blood Saves Life Of Tojo

### FRENCH-ITALIAN BORDER CHANGE ASKED OF BIG 5

Americans And British Oppose Italian Reparations

LONDON, Sept. 12 (AP)—France presented to the conference of foreign ministers of the world's five big powers today her views on a proposed peace treaty for Italy, insisting at least on the principle of reparations.

Outlines of American and British views indicate both governments have opposed collection of reparations from Italy because they were eager to get the Italian economy back on a sound basis.

The French views, it was learned, were these: 1. France wants a small rectification of her border with Italy, mainly on the Alpine frontier around the towns of Labriague and Tante and would like complete control over the Roya valley, on the frontier just north of the Mediterranean.

2. France disclaims any desire to annex the valley of Aosta in northern Italy, but wants guarantees either in the treaty or by joint international pledge that the French population in the area will be given home rule by Rome.

3. The French are inclined to side with the British and Americans on Trieste—to leave the city in Italian hands, but establish an international authority to assure Austria, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia free use of the port.

4. The French are prepared to accept the British and American (Continued on Page Two)

### Sgt. Davis Freed From Nip Prison

Mrs. O. L. Boorman, 5144 Miller, has received a telegram that her son, Field Music Sgt. Paul E. Davis, USMC, has been liberated from a Japanese prison camp at Osaka and is now on board an American vessel.

The telegram, from Gen. A. A. Vandegrift, commander of the Marine Corps, stated that further details will be sent later and that Mrs. Boorman may send a 25-word message to her son through the Marine Corps.

Davis was reported missing at the time Corregidor fell and a year later was reported as a prisoner of the Japanese. He was heard in a propaganda broadcast to the United States in March and the only other word of him has been two cards sent from the prison camp about a year apart.

The telegram was the first message from Sgt. Davis since the Japanese surrender.

### Husband Killed

The two were thrown into separate buildings. The next day natives told her that her husband had been killed by the Japanese; that the natives had buried him. She never learned other details.

She heard the broadcast of Emperor Hirohito ending the war but did not grasp its significance. Then a Japanese cook told her "American bombs have killed lots of people and the emperor has decided to end the war." On August 31, U. S. troops liberated the group.

Children Teachable  
"The children of Japan are teachable," she said today, "and I sympathize with the poor people who hardly knew what it was all about. They were tired of war. They had a saying which translated means 'before Japan had plenty. Now Japan no have got.'"

Mrs. Jones will leave soon for Seattle to check on her Attu property, then will go to St. Louis, Mo., to visit a brother-in-law, Cecil V. Jones, and to Atlantic City to visit her brother, Russell Schureman.

### Machinist Cars At Picket Line



This picture shows cars of AFL machinist unionists going through a CIO picket line at the Weyerhaeuser mill this morning.

### JAP CABINET HOLDS SPECIAL SESSION

TOKYO, Thursday, Sept. 13 (AP)—The Japanese cabinet was called into special session today to discuss General MacArthur's designation of members of former Premier Hideki Tojo's "Pearl Harbor" cabinet as among those to be taken into custody.

Premier Higashi-Kuni previously had reported to Emperor Hirohito on MacArthur's list of wanted men.

Well-informed sources said the session might presage a "purge" and that the premier was reviewing the present cabinet to determine if "all members are acceptable to the American forces."

These sources said the premier in today's discussion expected to drop a hint for the cabinet members to consider whether their past records were sufficiently clear for them to continue in the government under American occupation.

Other Japanese said a few days ago that many of their people consider that Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu and former premier Prince Fumimaro Kono, now state minister without portfolio, might be named as war criminals.

They said that they were (Continued on Page Two)

### Hearing Slated In Hixon Case

Lee Arlet Hixon will appear in justice court for preliminary hearing Thursday at 3 p. m., charged with receiving and concealing stolen property.

He was arraigned before Justice J. A. Mahoney Tuesday afternoon and was committed to the county jail in lieu of \$1500 bail. He was represented by A. C. Yaden who requested a preliminary hearing.

It is alleged that on August 17 Hixon received and concealed two saddle bags and one lariet rope valued at a total of \$25.50 which had been stolen by another person from W. Eberhart. The stolen property has been recovered, according to the district attorney's office.

Hixon is also charged with receiving and concealing one set of harness valued at \$102 belonging to Vera Crisler and furnished \$1500 bail on this charge. This alleged crime was also reportedly committed on August 17.

### Sgt. Palmer Is Freed From Camp

S/Sgt. Alonzo Palmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Ryan of Klamath Falls, has been released from a prison camp in Japan, his parents were informed yesterday by the war department.

Sgt. Palmer was taken on Bataan April 9, 1942. He participated in the notorious "death march" staged by the Japanese, but survived and was removed to Japan, where he was imprisoned at Nijigata camp.

Sgt. Palmer will be returned to the U. S. in the near future. The war department telegram said his physical condition is good. He is a 1938 graduate of Klamath Union high school.

### Congress Wrestles With Time, Discharges, Taxes

By MAX HILL  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 12 (AP)—The house voted today to turn the nation's clocks back one hour on September 30 while the senate was being told the army wants the draft to continue until next July.

The house acted on a resolution which would—by pushing back the clock one hour the last of this month—replace war time with standard time. The senate still has to vote the same way, and probably will.

Undersecretary of War Patterson told the legislators the army expects to get about 500,000 men through the draft by next July 1, which would be about 45,000 a month of men 18 through 25.

Asked if he thought the draft would have to continue that long, he said he did.

He also told congress, demanding to know why men can't be discharged faster, that:

Six Million Discharges  
1. Six million would be discharged by next July 1.

2. The discharge rate will be speeded up by reducing the point score even lower than it is now.

Patterson made these statements to the senate military committee, which called upon him and other top officials to explain about demobilization.

By discharging six million men within the next 11 months, Patterson said the army then would be down to a strength of 2,500,000 by July 1.

Congress called up the military authorities in the hope that the folks back home would listen to the answers and stop writing letters complaining about the present rate of releasing men from service.

But congress was in a real questioning mood. It wanted to know about the Pearl Harbor disaster, about un-American acts (Continued on Page Two)

### BASEBALL NATIONAL LEAGUE

|                                          |          |
|------------------------------------------|----------|
| Philadelphia                             | R. H. E. |
| Chicago                                  | 0 9 0    |
| Babett and Seminick; Wyse and Gillespie. |          |

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| New York                                                            | R. H. E. |
| Cincinnati                                                          | 3 7 0    |
| Feldman, R. Fischer (7) and Lombardi; Kennedy, Fox (1) and Lakeman. |          |

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

|                                                    |          |
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| St. Louis                                          | R. H. E. |
| Boston                                             | 2 4 3    |
| Muncie and Mancuso; Ryba, Hausmann (5) and Pytlak. |          |

### "Class Prejudice" Blamed For Juvenile Brawl Sunday

Class prejudice in Klamath Union high school was blamed today as the cause of a juvenile brawl Sunday evening outside a lunch counter at Esplanade and Wall.

Six high school boys became involved in the fracas and assault and battery charges have been filed in juvenile court by the fathers of three of the boys.

It is alleged that on Sunday evening about 10:30 o'clock, all six boys were eating in the lunch room. The three lads who were later reportedly assaulted left the place and walked to a car owned by the father of one of the boys.

At this time the other three youngsters emerged from the lunch counter and attacked the

other lads without any apparent provocation. One boy was knocked unconscious in the ensuing melee and another received a badly split lip. The three boys assaulted reportedly offered no resistance.

When interrogated by juvenile officers after the complaint had been received, the three boys admitted that they had no cause to attack the others, but said that "they didn't like '400' kids who think they are better than everybody else."

One of the boys charged has been in juvenile court for this same offense prior to this incident and another boy has come to the attention of juvenile authorities in the past.

Hearing in the case has been set for Saturday at 10 a. m.

### Weather News

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|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Sept. 12, 1945              |                 |
| Max. (Sept. 11) 88          | Min. 53         |
| Precipitation last 24 hours | .00             |
| Stream year to date         | 13.30           |
| Normal 12.62                | Last Year 10.62 |
| Forecast: Clear Thursday.   |                 |

## Gate Incident Peaceful; AFL Votes Strike

Approximately 30 machinists employed at the Weyerhaeuser mill returned to work at 7:30 a. m. today without any physical resistance from a 50-man picket line formed at the company gate by striking CIO unionists.

Cries of "scab" and "organized scabs" were flung at the AFL men as they passed through the picket line in automobiles, but there were no disorders of any kind.

### AFL Strike Vote

Meanwhile, there was another development in the lumber labor situation, this one indicating the possibility of an AFL strike. Hugh Haddock, business agent of the AFL Lumber and Mill Workers, said that a count at Seattle of an AFL strike vote showed Klamath basin unionists voting 1500 yes, 510 no, for a strike for higher wages. He said negotiations are scheduled with management and the pine industrial relations committee, and if they break down, a strike will probably result.

Sheriff Lloyd L. Low and his deputies, Dale Mattson and Jack Franey, were on hand when AFL machinists went through the CIO picket line at Weyerhaeuser this morning. As cars approached on the public highway entering the mill property, the sheriff called to pickets to keep the road open.

The CIO men drew back on either side of the pavement, and the cars passed through within inches of the pickets. No one attempted to lay hands on the automobiles, and the only evidence of feeling was the traditional call of "scab." The machinists came up to the line close together, slowed down as they approached, and then pulled through without stopping.

### Second Incident

A week ago this morning, the machinists came to the line in similar fashion, but the first car stopped, and others piled up behind it. There ensued a conference on that occasion between CIO and AFL leaders, and the latter agreed to withdraw with the understanding a conference would be arranged between the two unions and management. The conference with management was not held, although it is understood the unions met jointly afterwards and also met with U. S. conciliators who came here.

It is reported the AFL gave notice its men intended to go through if nothing had been accomplished toward agreement by Wednesday morning. A large body of CIO pickets were there to meet them.

State police cars were observed in the area west of town this morning, but there were no state police at the Weyerhaeuser gate. A military police car (Continued on Page Two)

### Work Progresses On Food Locker

Pumice brick walls of a frozen food locker building at 8th and Pine are getting higher daily. Foundations were laid last week and the building started Monday.

Frank Lowell, an owner of the Klamath Packing company on the old Midland road, said he is putting up the freezing locker unit in town where it will be convenient to residents.

The building has a floor space of 1684 feet, and there will be 860 lockers when it is finished. Later, Lowell plans to extend the building to cover the entire corner lot where Pat's cab station is located now.

Pumice bricks used in the construction are the large, three-section, 8x8x16 type, and are obtained from Tulake. Around 7000 of these bricks will be used in the building which should be completed in 30 days.

### Hiroshima Safe From Atom Bomb Rays, Report Reveals

ALAMOGORDO, N. M., Sept. 12 (AP)—Secret details of Japanese scientific investigations released here today refute enemy radio reports that the atomic bomb area of Hiroshima had become unfit for human habitation.

Disclosed by Maj. Gen. Leslie R. Groves, head of the atomic bomb project, these reports declared that 11 days after the bomb fell Hiroshima apparently was safe from dangerous rays. The reports said that at any point beneath the impact of the explosion there was less than a tolerance dose of X-rays coming from ground or air.

Area Safe  
This amount means, General Groves said, that it is safe for anyone to live in that area permanently without risk.

The general issued the Japanese reports in connection with a visit to the site of the first atomic bomb explosion, about 80 miles north of here. He led a party of 31 writers and photographers, five scientists and a dozen army officers into the bomb crater last Sunday afternoon.

This New Mexico bomb was nearly as big and, for ray-making, just as terrific as the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombs. It

was exploded only 100 feet from the ground, where it melted the top soil for a quarter mile all around and by transmutation filled this thin layer with X-rays and other less dangerous forms of atomic rays.

Both Japanese bombs deliberately were exploded at much greater heights. One purpose was to spare the Japanese from blasts which would poison the earth with radioactive rays and subject the sites for some weeks to dangers beyond the military destruction sought.

Lined With Glass  
The crater, a saucer nearly half a mile wide, was an almost unbroken expanse of jade and turquoise colored glass, formed by the intense heat that melted the earth. At the center of the crater was a bowl, 300 feet across, a little deeper than the rest of the depression. There most of the glass had been blown out by some sort of back-draft.

Equally amazing was the form of the crater. This depression had not been made by digging out the soil. Instead the solid earth had been forced down, as if pressed by a gigantic mold.

Before entering the crater, every member of the party was required to tie white canvas (Continued on Page Two)

## BIDDLE NAMED U.S. MEMBER OF WAR TRIBUNAL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12 (AP)—President Truman tossed out a series of new appointments today and then laughingly told reporters they would have to judge for themselves whether the administration was heading left or right.

He's a democrat, the president said, but he doesn't think his appointments are dictated by political considerations.

### Appointment List

Topping today's list was the appointment of former Attorney General Francis Biddle to be American member of the allied military tribunal which will try Axis war criminals. Named as alternate was Judge John J. Parker of North Carolina—a republican, and senior member of the fourth U. S. circuit court of appeals. Biddle is a democrat.

At the same news conference the president:

1. Announced Elmer Davis has resigned as director of the office of war information, which (Continued on Page Two)

## MEAT RATION ISSUE NEARS SHOWDOWN

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 12 (AP)—The question of how soon meat rationing will end moved nearer a showdown today.

As housewives began buying all varieties of cheese without stamps, government food officials predicted an early decision on whether meat can go off the ration list before month's end, by October 1, or at some later date.

The possibilities were that wide open as the matter became a first order of business for Secretary of Agriculture Anderson. Due back in the capital shortly from a vacation at his home in Albuquerque, N. M., Anderson will be asked for something definite on meat—quickly.

Decision Asked  
Among the most pressing requests for a speedy decision is one from OPA Administrator Chester Bowles. Bowles' agency soon must start printing October point value charts if rationing is to be continued next month.

If the decision is to terminate meat rationing by October 1 or sooner, there probably will be no announcement before the eve (Continued on Page Two)

### EAST COAST ARRIVALS

By The Associated Press  
Leslie R. Alexander, Sgt. 2405 Hope, Klamath Falls. Arrived on Madawaska Victory due in Boston September 11.