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Truman Backs Mac's Powers Over Japanese

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (AP)—President Truman has directed Gen. Douglas MacArthur not to let the Japanese question the scope of his authority as supreme commander.

The directive was sent MacArthur today shortly after Senator Wherry (R-Nebr.) contended that a "smear campaign" is being waged against MacArthur with the aim of forcing his removal as supreme allied commander.

The newly-released directive was described as intended to clarify MacArthur's authority in his position as head of occupation forces in Japan and Korea.

Message Prepared
Prepared by the departments of state, war and navy, the message, which had President Truman's approval, made three points:

1. The authority of the emperor and the Japanese government is subordinate to MacArthur as supreme commander for the allied powers—"our relations with Japan do not rest on a contractual basis, but on unconditional surrender. Since your authority is supreme you will not entertain any question on the part of the Japanese as to its scope."

2. Control of Japan shall be exercised through the Japanese government as long as the arrangements produce satisfactory results without prejudice to MacArthur's rights to act directly and use force if necessary.

3. The Potsdam declaration regarding postwar treatment of Japan shall be given effect, not because of any contractual requirement, but because the declaration "forms a part of our policy stated in good faith with relation to Japan and with relation to peace and security in the Far East."

Wherry made his statement as he sought, with little visible effect, to force Truman to take action (Continued on Page Two)

THE great Krupp works at Essen, for example, seem to be the non-technical eye to be a man of hopelessness, unless wreckage whose very vastness defies salvage.

But one of our technical advisers told this writer the other day that even now, when the echoes of war have hardly died and as you walk through the streets bricks still rattle down from the ruined structures, they're building locomotives in the Krupp plant and have attained a pretty good rate of production.

In spite of its desert appearance, he doubts if the Krupp plant is even half destroyed.

THIS man had an interesting experience. Before he came over he was asked by an American family of German descent to look up some relatives in Essen and was given names and street addresses.

He found that the addresses were all within a few blocks of the Krupp plant—and all were in buildings that seemed utterly destroyed.

But he was persistent. Eventually he found a German who knew one of the persons sought. This German led him into a door in what looked like a heap of hopeless rubbish. The door opened into a passage and the passage led back to some unsmashed spaces in the first story, and then on down into the basement.

In these first floor and basement spaces a dozen or so German families were living—among them one of those he sought.

FROM them, he learned that the daughter of another of his prospects was "working in the big department store."

That stumped him. He had seen no department store. So (Continued on Page Two)

Loomis Liberated From Jap Prison

First Lt. Donald D. Loomis, former Klamath youth and brother of Clifford Loomis, 210 Pine, has been liberated from a Japanese prison camp on the island of Shokoku.

Word reached the army man's father, Charles Loomis of San Diego, former Klamath Falls merchant, Loomis was liberated by the American forces September 8, and is being returned to the United States in the near future, word from the adjutant general's office advised. The wire also stated that Loomis' physical condition was good.

Lt. Loomis, 40, attended Klamath county high school and was mining in the Philippines when war was declared. He enlisted in the army engineers and received a commission as first lieutenant. He was taken prisoner at the fall of Bataan.

Navy Plane Over Shanghai On V-J Day



Warplane from a U. S. carrier flies over Shanghai on September 2. V-J Day. Identified areas are 1. Garden Park; 2. British consulate compound (walled enclosure); 3. general post office; 4. Garden bridge; and 5. Astor House hotel. Across bottom of picture is the Whangpoo river and leading into city is the Soochow creek. (AP wirephoto).

KILLING FROSTS HIT KLAMATH BASIN

First killing frosts of the season were felt in the Klamath basin Saturday and Sunday nights. Below freezing temperatures were reported from various sections where harvests were underway.

Heavy frosts were experienced the last weeks of August the past two years and at this time potato harvest was at the peak. This year the peak is not expected until around October 10, according to C. A. Henderson, county agricultural agent.

Vines Blackened

All gardens in the basin were laid low, and potato vines blackened.

Seed harvest appeared past the point of damage as the mercury fell into the 20's.

Spuds Shipped

Some 50 cars of potatoes were shipped out last Friday and Saturday's total reached 60, Ross Aubrey, inspector of state-federal shipping, reported today. These included available cars and prospects for additional refrigerated cars were still slim.

From Chasler Lake national park came word that there was hope for resumption of travel in parts of the park as warm weather again hit that section.

Snow on Road

Snow on the road between the western entrance at Annie Springs and the rim and between the rim and Diamond lake was being plowed out Monday (Continued on Page Two)

Bulletin

CHICAGO, Sept. 24 (AP)—The league-leading Chicago Cubs' scheduled double-header against the Pittsburgh Pirates today was postponed because of rain, but the games will be played at Pittsburgh next Saturday.

325,000 Idle In Nation As New Yorkers Strike

By The Associated Press
A general strike of New York building service employees hampered business activities in more than 1500 Manhattan office buildings today as the total number of workers made idle across the country by work stoppages and layoffs reached the 325,000 mark.

Thousands of elevator operators, augmented by more thousands of other maintenance workers, walked off their jobs in Manhattan's skyscrapers during the morning rush hours, leaving great throngs of office workers stranded in building lobbies.

Across the continent, some 60,000 lumber workers were on strike in the Pacific northwest in a move to enforce demands for a minimum hourly wage rate of \$1.10.

Approximately 348 mills and logging camps were involved in the strike.

The Western Cartridge company plant of East Alton, Ill., was shut down by a strike of 5000 AFL International Association of Machinists members in a dispute over seniority rights.

Probe Ordered
In Detroit, Gov. Harry F. Kelly of Michigan ordered an investigation of the month-old strike at the Kelsey-Hayes Wheel company, one of the automobile center's major disputes. Gov. Kelly said the strike appeared to be "a strike against the government" in view of the fact a war labor board decision was involved.

New Disputes
Two new disputes entered the nation's labor picture today, boosting the number of idle to more than 323,000 and reemphasizing the wage issue as the crux of most of the difficulties.

After 10,000 New York painters returned to work, the total idle had stood at 240,000. Some 60,000 members of the AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers, however, later were called off their jobs in the Pacific northwest, while on the other side of the continent, New York City building service employees numbering 23,000 also began to leave their jobs.

The building service employees—1900 Manhattan (Continued on Page Two)

Bonanza Sailor Freed From Japs

Gratifying word that their son, MM3/c Lonnie Morse Satterfield, 24, has been liberated from a Japanese prison camp, reached Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Satterfield of Bonanza Saturday morning.

The navy man has been held a prisoner since the fall of Corregidor in May, 1942. He served on the Oahu which was lost in the bombing of the Philippines and joined forces on the island.

Satterfield sent word to his mother, "Dear Mother, I am well and on my way home. Will be there soon." The family was permitted to respond with a 25-word message.

Young Satterfield has not seen his family since October 8, 1940, when he enlisted in the United States navy. He was moved from the Philippines to Japan and in May the Satterfield family received a short-wave message advising them that Lonnie was a prisoner at Osaka. He was born in Madisonville, Ky., and came to Bonanza with his parents April 15, 1938. Lonnie is the youngest of nine children.

Beat Girl
Mrs. Litwanska testified that the Forster woman caught a teen-age girl stealing a potato, dragged her into the kitchen, beat her unmercifully and forced her to eat her own excrement.

"I could not watch and turned away. Later she dragged the girl outside and beat her until she died. She has beaten so many persons, there must be a thousand who have seen her."

Ise Forster, a short blonde of about 25, remained tight-lipped and defiant during the accusations.

The witness broke into tears and had to be taken from the courtroom by a nurse to regain her composure.

JAP EMPEROR TO PAY CALL ON MACARTHUR

Visit Would Shatter Precedent Of Japs

TOKYO, Sept. 24 (AP)—Well-informed Japanese sources said today that Emperor Hirohito has arranged to pay a precedent-shattering call on General MacArthur at the latter's residence, the American embassy building. No date was specified. The decision on a meeting place of conqueror and conquered was reached, these sources told Associated Press Correspondent Russell Brines, at a recent conference between MacArthur and Admiral Fujita, grand chamberlain.

Confirmation Lack

Official confirmation was lacking, although a meeting of MacArthur and Hirohito long has been expected. If the emperor goes to MacArthur's residence at the embassy, it would be the first time in modern history that any Japanese emperor has gone to another ruler for an audience.

The allied high command today blocked any atomic-bomb research in Japan, directed rigid control of Japanese economic life including wages, prices and all traffic in currencies and negotiable assets, and moved toward free Japanese press.

News Order

The news order directed the imperial government to remove itself from direct or indirect control of newspapers and news agencies heretofore the ruling Japanese clique has almost completely controlled and directed news policies.

Stripping the present Domei agency of its special privileges, the order paves the way for establishment of new and truly free competing agencies.

Two other far-reaching directives aimed at freezing traffic in currencies and other negotiable assets, to facilitate the task of "fingerprinting" Japan's assets at home and abroad.

Prohibited are export or import of gold or silver coin; gold, silver, and platinum bullion or currency; and securities, checks, (Continued on Page Two)

World War Two Vets Not Required To Join Union

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (AP)—No veteran of World War II is required to join a labor union to obtain his former job, according to selective service.

This policy, followed by the agency for months, is laid down specifically in a new selective service handbook prepared for the guidance of draft boards in aiding veterans.

The handbook states: "Union membership or other conditions not enumerated in the (draft) law may not be required of a veteran as a prerequisite to his reinstatement."

The handbook also reiterates selective services' position that all veterans have an absolute right to reinstatement in the jobs they left to enter service.

May Oust Non-Vets
This position has created what has come to be known as the super seniority issue. It means that selective service holds that it was the intent of congress that veterans should have their former positions even if it becomes necessary to oust a non-veteran with greater seniority.

Labor unions have fought both the super seniority stand and the contention that veterans need not join a union in plants, for example, where a closed shop agreement exists.

On the super seniority issue, selective service has been upheld by a federal district court. The CIO said it plans to appeal the decision to the U. S. supreme court.

Union Argues Point
Union leaders have agreed that a veteran's seniority should be cumulative while he is in service. But they have argued that congress did not intend that a veteran should be given preference over a non-veteran hired before the veteran entered service.

The new handbook states also that in all borderline cases, a question as to where a veteran's job was temporary should be resolved in favor of the veteran. A service man does not have to be employed when the job he left was a temporary one.

The agency also ruled that veterans yield their reemployment rights only if reinstatement would be "impossible or unreasonable" for employers. That phrase in the law, the selective service said, does not apply to employees.

Arriving In United States

By The Associated Press
Bernard Motschenbacher, T/Sgt. Midland. Arrives on Europa due at New York September 24.

Ted W. Walden, Cpl., Dunsuir. Arrives on Europa due at New York September 24.

Robert W. Faulkner, PFC, Malin. Arrives on Cranston Victory due at Boston September 21.

Douglas A. Gibson, T/5, Yreka. Arrives on General Anderson due at New York September 21.

Donald G. Landrum, T/4, Yreka. Arrives on Coalde Victory due at Newport News September 19.

Walter S. Stastny, 1st Lt., Malin. Arrives on Coalde Victory due at Newport News September 19.

450 Unionists In KF Sector Walk Off Job

Approximately 450 AFL lumber and sawmill workers in the Klamath Falls area failed to go to work today in a strike for higher wages which became effective simultaneously in Oregon, Washington, Montana and Idaho at 12:01 a. m. Monday.

Action to make the AFL strike effective throughout the Klamath basin district council jurisdiction—including Lake county, the Rogue River valley, Dorris, Alturas, and other northern California points—was taken at a meeting of the district council here yesterday. It followed an industry-wide decision announced Saturday in Portland.

As the AFL strike started here, there occurred a partial return to work by CIO unionists who have been on strike here for seven weeks. Together, the developments presented a complicated picture here unprecedented in the history of the big local industry.

39 Operations Hit
The Big Lakes Box company mill, which has operated throughout the CIO strike, was struck today, but the Big Lakes loggers, who had been out in the CIO strike, went back to work. The other local plants struck by the AFL were the Kalpine Plywood corporation and the Ralph L. Smith remanufacturing plant, both on Klamath river. Altogether 39 operations in the AFL basin council jurisdiction were shut down, with pickets at their gates.

On the other side of the picture, a back-to-work movement restored operations at the big Pelican Bay Lumber company mill here, the Chiloquin Lumber company woods, and Big Lakes woods.

About 600 men resumed work in the immediate Klamath Falls area, and 450 went out in the new strike. That made a net gain in working people of about 150 in Klamath Falls.

There were no disorders here or elsewhere, it was reported, in connection with the AFL strike. This stoppage followed a strike vote under the Smith-Connally act, and a vain attempt to reach an agreement at Portland last week on the union's demand for \$1.10 minimum wage instead of \$7 1/2 cents.

Many workers went to the local plants today, but turned back when they were certain the strike was in effect. About 100 cars were lined up at the Klamath river bridge, where the Kalpine and Smith operations are located.

Operators said they could offer no guess as to how long the stoppage will last. One management official said that it would be economically impossible to grant higher pay without price increases in the product made by his plant.

A bright spot in the picture was the CIO partial work resumption and the slating of meetings of employees of other CIO-struck plants—Weyerhaeuser, Kesterson, Ewana and Bly (Continued on Page Two)

Weak Measure
The senate last week passed a measure considerably weaker than the president asked. And even this version is due to be trimmed still more by the house group.

Chairman Doughton (D-N. C.) has referred to the administration-requested bill as one which would "promote idleness." Other democrats, as well as republicans, also have been critical.

One key house leader, who asked not to be named, said in (Continued on Page Two)

U. S.-British Oil Treaty Planned

LONDON, Sept. 24 (AP)—Conclusion of a tentative British-American oil agreement covering the world wide export of petroleum by British and American oil companies was announced today.

The agreement provides for a proposed treaty which must be accepted by both governments to be effective. It would not be concerned with domestic oil production in the United States, but sets forth the principle of equality of opportunity for nationals of both countries in exploration and development of oil concessions throughout the world.

A result of discussions begun by Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes and British fuel Administrator, Emmanuel Shinwell, last week, the proposed pact would create a committee to recommend the practices to be employed in development of British and American oil holdings in such important producing areas as the Middle East and South America.

Replacement
Members of Ickes' and Shinwell's staffs and representatives of the American oil industry participated in the conferences.

The agreement, replacing one that was withdrawn from the United States senate last year after meeting opposition from a portion of the American oil industry, follows the broad outline of the original proposal but, said one of the experts of Ickes' staff, does not contain some of its "ambiguities."

Lumber Strike Halts Building

SEATTLE, Sept. 24 (AP)—The Pacific northwest's lumbering industry strike has halted homebuilding and construction of many kinds because lumber has been declared "hot" and cannot be moved, W. C. Bell, western retail lumbermen's association managing director, told the Home Planners' institute, a chamber of commerce subcommittee, here today. All Seattle mills were closed by the AFL workers strike.

scrawled: "He drinks cow's milk."

Police took Joe to King county hospital in Seattle pending disposition of the case.

Sweasy, storekeeper 3/c with the United States navy, lived here for 12 years prior to his induction June 28, 1944. He was employed as accountant for Baker Brothers, concrete materials, Sweasy took boot training at Farragut and was then sent to Seattle in November, 1944. He and his wife and 3-year-old daughter Diane, have lived in Seattle since that time.

The child, cradled in a cardboard box, was found on the porch of the home and pinned to the baby's clothing was this note:

"My wife passed away last week and I hate to do this. I can't get anyone to take care of it. His name is Joe."

On the back of the note, apparently an after thought, was

Bundle From Heaven Lands On Sweasy Family Doorstep

The Clayton J. Sweasy family, formerly of Klamath Falls and now living in Seattle, was presented with a bundle from heaven Sunday when a seven-month-old baby boy was left on their door step.

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