

# JAP DEMOBILIZATION COMPLETED

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### In The Day's News

**By FRANK JENKINS**  
PIERRE LAVAL is finally condemned, shot and buried in an unmarked grave. He tried to cheat the firing squad by taking poison, but the doctors succeeded in stopping the effect of the secret capsule he swallowed long enough to get him before the wall.

The riflemen's volley failed to kill him, and he was finished off by an officer with a pistol.

It seems a trifle foolish at first thought to save a man from poison so that he may die by a bullet, but we must remember that the social purpose back of execution after conviction by trial isn't merely getting rid of the criminal.

If we are to accomplish our whole purpose, we must so conduct the infliction of the death penalty as to DETER OTHERS from committing major crimes.

That is the theory back of the effort of organized society to see to it that the penalty is inflicted in the manner prescribed by LAW.

YOU will note, if you will recall the circumstances, that both Laval and Laval were more or less turned loose by the nazis so that they could easily be laid hands on by the French. It is probable that the purpose was to FURTHER DISORGANIZE France by the resulting trials for treason, with the accompanying smoke screens that are always put up by the defense in such cases.

At any rate, the French had the stamina to go through with it, convicting Laval and then committing his sentence to life imprisonment, and shooting Laval.

In a way (although it sounds bloody) that is encouraging, for what the French need now above everything else is stamina.

(NOT only the stamina to punish convicted traitors, but the stamina to work their way out of their present economic troubles, which track back to LESSENERED PRODUCTION.)

ON the other side of the world, we are witnessing perhaps the most significant social experiment since the world began.

We whipped the Japs—completely. We are now approaching the immense and hitherto uncharted task of MAKING THEM OVER morally, socially and possibly even spiritually. As a part of that job, we must find, convict and punish the INDIVIDUAL Jap war criminals. Thereafter we must teach the Japs a better way of life.

Only Americans have the courage and the idealism to tackle such a job. If we succeed, we shall have accomplished something new and highly important in the world.

If we fail—well, we can only hope and perhaps pray a little that we DON'T fail.

If we do succeed in making the Japs over into something better, it will be a beginning (Continued on Page Two)

### Gunmen Try To Bump Off Multnomah County DA

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 15 (AP) A detective was slightly wounded early yesterday in a gun fight with two armed gunmen believed attempting to "bump off" Multnomah County District Attorney Thomas H. Handley.

The shooting occurred the morning after the district attorney received a telephone call threatening to take his life before the "first of November."

Detective William Taylor suffered a slight flesh wound as a bullet pierced his hat brim in an exchange of shots with one of two men who walked out of the fog toward the Handley residence about 4 a. m. Sunday.

While Handley slept soundly, the whole neighborhood was aroused by the gunfire, which Taylor reported started after he and Detective Collie Sloops challenged the two gunmen.

Asked what they wanted, the two men turned and fled toward the entrance to the dead-end street on which the district attorney resides. Taylor fired three times and one of the gunmen, twice, before they disappeared in a large black sedan parked around a corner.

The district attorney said the detectives were posted at his home Saturday night after a phone call threatened his life.

### Laval Executed As Traitor To France After Suicide Fails

By MEL MOST  
PARIS, Oct. 15 (AP) — Pierre Laval was executed as a traitor to France today after failing to cheat the firing squad by swallowing poison.

The man who collaborated with the Germans as chief of government in old Marshal Petain's Vichy regime died from a coup de grace, fired through his ear, when a volley from the firing squad did not kill him.

Doctors restored the swarthy traitor from effects of poison taken four hours earlier. He was led to the courtyard of the bleak old Fresnes prison and died with a cry of "Vive La France" on his lips.

He was refused a final request to give the order for his own death to the execution squad.

Laval refused a proffered blindfold and faced his executioners.

These were his last words: "It is not the soldiers' fault. They know not what they do. Viva La France!"

The twelve riflemen fired. Laval fell only on his knees. Coup De Grace

An officer rushed up immediately, aimed his revolver into Laval's ear and fired. The coup de grace dispatched Laval at 12:32 p. m. and he fell dead into the dirt of the courtyard.

The man who before the war had thrice been Premier of France and a dozen times a member of her cabinets was condemned by the High Court of Justice last week to the same court which condemned former Marshal Petain and Joseph Darnand, the head of the Vichy militia.

Petaim's sentence was commuted to life imprisonment and disgrace; Darnand stood before a firing squad only a few days before Laval.

It was not the first time Laval had felt the steel of a bullet. While he was wounded and almost killed by a youthful assassin, Laval testified during the trial of Marshal Petain that the wounds from that attempt still bothered him.

"Judicial Crime"  
The trial of Laval was cut short by Laval's own sidown strike against the proceedings, (Continued on Page Two)

### NO DEFENSE SEEN FOR ATOMIC BOMB

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15 (AP)—Dr. Vannevar Bush testified today "I see no defense to the atomic bomb in sight."

The director of the office of scientific research and development testified in testimony before a Senate committee from a report by the house naval committee of "indications that an effective counter measure to atomic bombs has been developed to such an extent that they can be exploded far short of their objectives."

On this point, the top scientist of the group which developed America's war inventions declared:

"No Trick Way"  
"There is in my opinion no trick way to getting rid of the atomic bomb because it is an atomic bomb."

In a statement, Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.) said there "is nothing new" in the house naval committee report and added:

"The reference in the report of (Continued on Page Two)

### What Will They Think Of Next?

Would you like a little pigeon on your roof?

The office of surplus property, department of commerce, is offering a nice collection of our feathered friends, to be sold in groups of five pairs. The price, just \$25.

The birds, complete with certificates of service, are veterans of World War 2 and were trained as message carriers.

It's just an idea, in case your telephone goes on the blink. Anyone interested may obtain further information from the chamber of commerce.

### LAVAL WRITES LAST NOTE

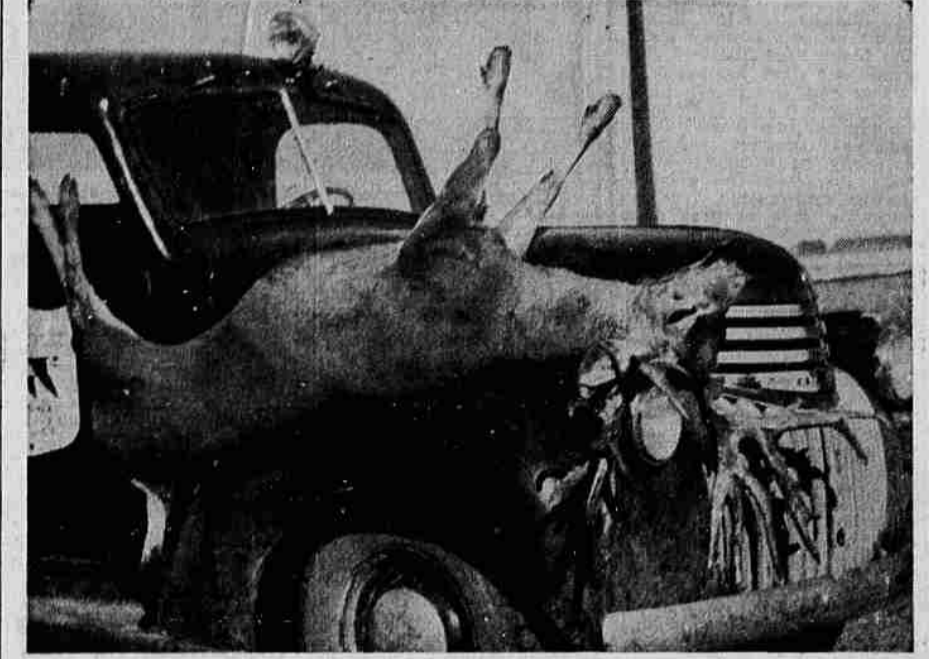
PARIS, Oct. 15 (AP) — Shortly before his abortive suicide attempt and his execution, Pierre Laval wrote a note, his attorneys said, in which he declared:

"To save French soldiers from the dishonor of carrying this (the execution) out, I prefer to die as a Roman—by taking poison."

Laval wrote that he was the victim of "a veritable murder" and said that he had kept the poison for "a very long time." The message was addressed "to my counsel to inform them, and to my executioners to answer them."

Laval's first words when doctors revived him from the poisoning were: "I didn't want to die under French bullets."

### Maybe It Was Mistaken For A Duck



It's a buck, not a duck, but duckhunters shot this big deer on the Tulelake wild life refuge Sunday. It has 13 points on one side and 12 on the other.

### JAPAN SLIPS INTO MILITARY OBLIVION

By RUSSELL BRINES

TOKYO, Oct. 15 (AP) — Japan slipped quietly and with mingled feelings into military oblivion today as its demobilization was completed on schedule, and for the first time in history these islands held no combat military force, either in fact or in name.

As the fighting force of 7,000,000 soldiers and sailors at home and abroad was reduced to nothing, the translation and interrogation section of allied headquarters produced evidence that Japanese troops had used live allied prisoners in bayonet practice on Guadalcanal and in China.

With the exit of the defeated, discredited warlords, Japanese political leaders stepped onto the national stage to put into effect a list of democratic principles prescribed by allied headquarters.

Prince Fumimaro Konoye, one of Emperor Hirohito's close advisors, said in an interview that "his majesty is anxious that revisions be made" in the constitution to bring about the reforms decreed by headquarters.

Konoye, who was boomed as the head of a new political party, added that constitutional revisions under consideration would curb Hirohito's almost unlimited power over his 77,000,000 subjects and give the diet some supervision over expenditures of the imperial household.

Another being mentioned prominently as a prospective party head was Gen. Kuzushige Ugaki, 77-year-old militarist politician.

### Search Launched For Missing Jap

LA GRANDE, Ore., Oct. 15 (AP) Union County Sheriff Jesse Breshars said today a search was being made in the desert country of eastern Oregon for evidence of possible murder of a 61-year-old Japanese-American who has two sons in the army.

Breshars reported personal effects of N. Kurisu, missing since October 5, have been found with Floyd Pousson, arrested at Dalhart, Tex., on a car theft charge.

The officer said Pousson, 18, admitted leaving La Grande October 5 with the elderly Nisei, but claimed the war bonds, wallet and watch were given him by a sailor at Salt Lake City.

A .32 caliber revolver was found on the youth, but relatives of the Nisei report the naturalized Japanese had turned in his firearms to the government at the beginning of the war. Pousson said he left Kurisu at Ontario, Ore.

### War Labor Board To Close Doors

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15 (AP)—The war labor board will continue its plans to go out of business by January 1, Acting Chairman Lloyd K. Garrison said today.

While it's preparing to close up shop, he added, it will study ways of handling reconversion disputes and a method of establishing a peacetime wage policy.

Garrison and Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach talked with the president today.

### "Hot" Buck Shot By Duck Hunters

A big deer ran into a crossfire of shotgun blasts on the Tulelake refuge Sunday—and took the count.

Fish and wildlife officials, investigating the illegal shooting, said today that at least 15 bird hunters fired at the buck, which ran out into a stubblefield in the southwest corner of the refuge.

Several hunters at first argued over the ownership of the fallen buck, but quickly disclaimed any interest when they realized that it was "hot." Hugh Worcester, fish and wildlife agent, commented the deer, and the carcass is in cold storage at Tulelake.

The deer had 13 points on one side and 12 points on the other, and tipped the scales over 200 pounds dressed.

It was killed in protected area, and with shotguns that are not legal weapons against deer.

### ALVAREZ APPOINTED TO LEAD ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 15 (AP) Civilian General Prosecutor Juan Alvarez, was entrusted by President Farrell today with the task of organizing a "cabinet of notables" to lead Argentina through a governmental crisis climaxed by the recent resignation of Vice President Juan Peron.

The 67-year-old prosecutor moved into a key position after his appointment by the president as minister of the interior.

Alvarez is reported to have (Continued on Page Two)

### Arriving In United States

By The Associated Press  
Arthur E. Wilson, PFC., Klamath Falls, arrived on the Exchange, due in New York, October 14.

Robert L. Erlanson, Cpl., Klamath Falls, arrived on Frederick Lykes, due in New York, October 14.

Wilbur C. Courtney, Cpl., 536 Pine, Klamath Falls, arrived on Frederick Lykes, due in New York October 14.

Fred H. Bishop, PFC., Klamath Falls, arrived on Twos Victory, due in New York October 15.

Thomas V. La Moureaux, PFC., 721 Mt. Whitney, Klamath Falls, arrived on Torrens, due in Newport News October 12.

Bradford L. Frisell, PFC., Dunsuir, arrived on Torrens, due in Newport News October 12.

Guido A. Zanni, Tec. 5, 28 Railroad ave., McCloud, arrived on General M. L. Hershey, due in San Francisco from Japan, October 9.

Fred W. Goette, PFC., Dunsuir, arrived on SS Marine Angel, due in New York October 12.

Rex W. Carson, WOJG., 1316 Lookout, Klamath Falls, arrived on M.I.T. Victory, due in Boston October 12.

Manley S. Hannan, 1st Lt., Paisley, arrived on General M. L. Hershey, due in San Francisco from Japan October 9.

Charles E. Smith, Capt., 804 Lane street, Yreka, arrived on Rushville Victory, due at New York October 11.

### SEVEN FIRMS MEET AFL WAGE DEMANDS

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 15 (AP) A crack in the northwest lumber strike picture widened today with an announcement that one Montana and three Washington operators have agreed to meet the AFL's demand for a \$4.10 hourly minimum wage.

This brings the total of employers granting the increase to seven. Two other Montana plants and a Seattle Box company earlier met the demand.

The plants will resume operations tomorrow, after agreeing to the \$1.10 scale.

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 15 (AP) AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers started checking delivery of all lumber from "unfair" mills today—even that shipped east—and announced projects using such lumber would be halted by pickets.

John Christenson, president of the workers' northwest council, declared "other allies in the AFL"—carpenters, building trades workers, and Sailors union of the Pacific—would refuse to work on "hot" lumber. Construction projects in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana will be checked, he said, and picketed if produced behind the AFL's imaginary picket line.

(This "imaginary line" exists around CIO operations from which AFL pickets were banned by temporary injunctions.)

Picket Building Jobs  
AFL officials said local allied unions back east would be notified if "hot" lumber was en route and would not handle such lumber.

Backing up today's order, pickets appeared this morning at several Portland construction jobs. It was a new AFL move in the strike, aimed at an industry-wide \$1.10 hourly minimum, which went into its fourth week today.

The CIO International Woodworkers of America also will meet tomorrow with lumber operators and U. S. Conciliator George Brewer resuming negotiations to settle a demand for a flat 25-cent hourly wage boost. A strike authorized by nearly 40,000 CIO workers awaits the outcome.

STRIKES AT A GLANCE  
By The Associated Press  
Total strike idle slightly below 400,000.

Coal and Steel—Some 200,000 miners out in dispute over recognition of a foremen's union; settlement conferences continue at steel plants, hampered by lack of fuel, lay off employees.

Transportation—Commonwealth of Massachusetts seizes Massachusetts Eastern Street Railways where strike of 1800 tied up transportation for 1,000,000; 71 New England communities without service.

Shipping—Cargoes begin moving tomorrow (Continued on Page Two)

### MALIN BOY HIT BY GUNFIRE

MALIN — James Herron, 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Herron, suffered critical injuries at 6 o'clock Friday night when a gun accidentally discharged wounding the child in the right shoulder.

James was riding in the cab of a pickup with his father, employed as ditcher for the U. S. bureau of reclamation. The gun had been used by Herron to shoot coyotes and was by the child's side in the cab.

When Herron stopped the vibration of the car apparently caused the gun to discharge. The bullet penetrated the shoulder and emerged through the top of the cab. James was rushed to Hillside hospital in Klamath Falls.

The child's condition was reported improved today. The Herrons have a younger child, Gordon, age 2. They are in Klamath Falls.

## M'Arthur Asks Unified U. S. Military Rule

By MURLIN SPENCER  
TOKYO, Monday, Oct. 15 (AP) — General MacArthur triumphantly announced today the demobilization of Japan's once great army and navy had been completed, praised "the magnificent conduct" of American troops and spoke strongly for a unified American military command.

The supreme allied commander, in a speech prepared for worldwide broadcast, added that defeated and devastated Japan would need much time and great patience from the entire world to "restore the dignity and freedom of the common man" in the island empire.

MacArthur said that for the first time American soldiers of the occupation forces had given the Japanese people an insight into "a free man's way of life in actual action and it stunned them into new thoughts and new ideas."

"Revolution, or more properly speaking the evolution, which will restore the dignity and freedom of the common man has begun," he said. "It will take much time and require great patience, but if world public opinion will permit of these two essential factors, mankind will be repaid."

"Herein lies the way to true and final peace."

Answer To Critics  
MacArthur's broadcast was described at headquarters as a discussion of the military phases of the occupation. It also was interpreted here as an answer to critics who have charged the supreme commander has been too soft in handling the Japanese.

"Today, Japanese armed forces throughout Japan completed their demobilization and ceased to exist as such," MacArthur said. "These forces now are completely abolished."

"I know of no demobilization in history, either in war or peace, by our own or by any other country, that has been accomplished so rapidly or so frictionlessly."

More than 7,000,000 Japanese in the home islands and outlying areas have laid down their arms, MacArthur said.

"Nothing could exceed the abjectness, humiliation and finality of this surrender," he added. "It is not only physically thorough but it has been equally destructive of Japanese spirit. From swagger and arrogance the former Japanese military have passed to servility and fear. They are thoroughly beaten and cowed, and tremble before the tribulation of their (Continued on Page Two)

Resigns  
(In a dispatch from The Hague, Aneta said that A.W.L. Tjarda van Starckenborgh Stachouwer had resigned as governor general because he was "unable to be the bearer of the government policy" in the Indies. He arrived in The Hague early last month, after being liberated from a Japanese prison camp.

(Previously, the government had refused to negotiate with Soekarno who was accused of being an "opportunistic Japanese puppet.")

(It was not clear immediately whether Van Starckenborgh Stachouwer was in disagreement with the old government policy or a new government policy of negotiation with the insurgents.)

(Premier Schermerhorn was expected to make a statement tomorrow.

### PRIORITIES LIFTED ON PLANE TRAVEL

Inspired By Japs  
(A Reuters dispatch quoting Batavia reports said 50,000 Dutch women and children had been "surrounded by wildly excited Indonesians in the area of Batavia and were completely cut off from allied forces." The dispatch added that the women and children "are being held virtually as hostages" and that the natives "are said to be inspired by the Japanese.")

(An authoritative source in London said the British government had agreed to "make ships available" to rush Dutch troops from Europe to Java.)

New outbreaks were reported from the interior of Java, as armed rebel bands closed upon this city. Acting to maintain order, British Maj. Gen. D. C. Hawthorn, allied commander, invoked death penalties in Batavia for looting, sabotage, the bearing of arms, or refusal to surrender arms.

ERECT FIRE STATION  
SPRINGFIELD, Oct. 15 (AP)—The Eastern Lane Fire Patrol association will erect a \$30,000 fire station and dormitory building east of here, Warden James Walker said today.

### Live Allied PW's Used For Bayonet Practice By Japs

cluded many Japanese-Americans and worked often while shells were still blasting across contested positions.

One of the worst of the bayonet practice atrocities occurred on Guadalcanal where two Europeans and one Eurasian were used as practice targets while allied officers were forced to stand in line and watch for six and a half hours while the three were horribly mutilated and tortured by the stabbing, jabbing Nipponese, the announcement said. Enlisted prisoners periodically were paraded past the scene so they could see the death agonies of the three.

Records of the ATIS disclose that one of the bayoneted prisoners had been recently married, another left a wife and two children while the third had a wife and one child.

The translated diary of a Japanese officer gave full details of the horrible scene.

Similar instances, in which Chinese prisoners were used as targets, were disclosed by the questioning of Superior Privy Tokuhashi Nakino, who is to ATIS agents after his capt that during basic training, China his company was provoked to live Chinese prisoners which to practice.