

# WARDS THREATENED WITH STRIKE

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
THE big news today is a hopeful dispatch from Washington to the effect that U. S.-Russian relations seem ON THE MEND.

IN the let-down that has followed the ending of the war a lot of us have flirted with the idea that the wages we're going to get, the profits we're going to make, the new automobiles we're going to buy, the vacation we're going to take are the BIG things of life.

That ISN'T true. In the new world we're entering, as when one passes through a door from one room to another, PREVENTING WAR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE is the big thing in EVERYBODY'S life.

Preventing war with Russia is ESPECIALLY big. THE hopeful note from Washington is that in the ticklish business of running Japan the Russians SEEM to be conceding our viewpoint.

The dispatch says they still want a four-power council in Tokyo (as in Berlin) but indications are they will agree that when differences arise in the council the U. S. POSITION WILL GOVERN.

That means, if true, that they are willing to listen to reason. It is an extremely hopeful sign.

WE'RE hampered a little by the fact that in Berlin, which the Russians TOOK in battle, we seem to have DEMANDED a share in the government of the city. The Russians agreed.

Now, in Tokyo, which we took, they're demanding a share. Because of what happened in Berlin, we're more or less obligated to let the Russians in on Tokyo.

The fact that they seem to be reasonable about it is encouraging.

OVER and over it has appeared plain that the Russians are perfectly willing to take EVERYTHING that is offered. But men who ought to know say that when we STAND FIRM on a matter that concerns us strongly the Russians are inclined not only to be reasonable but seem to GAIN RESPECT for us.

That also, if true, is extremely important. GENERAL JULIAN SMITH of the marines, who is quite well known here, says in Portland today that he is OPPOSED to giving the atomic bomb secret to other countries.

He adds: "In regard to the contention that other nations will be able to make the bomb in time, my answer is that other nations can build navies, too, but is that any reason for GIVING THEM A NAVY?"

IT may be narrow and nationalistic and hard-bolled, but this small writer agrees fully with General Smith. Let's keep the secret of the atomic bomb as long as we can, and in the meantime concentrate our best brains on the problem of finding a defense against it FIRST.

We can trust ourselves not to use the atomic bomb to conquer the world. We feel moderately safe as to the British. But we can't yet trust much of ANYBODY else.

LET'S not give ANYBODY a new and better gun to shoot us with. We got enough of that. (Continued on Page Two)

## Democrats Given Control Over Pearl Harbor Probe

By JACK BELL  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 (AP)—President Truman has signed an order which gives democratic members of the Pearl Harbor committee a stranglehold on the investigation's course.

The order provides that witnesses and records may be summoned only by majority action of the ten-member senate-house group. Six members are democrats.

At the same time the president rejected a proposal that individual committee members be permitted to interview prospective army and navy witnesses and to look over official records.

Republican protests may explode in the senate and house unless some compromise is reached.

They are keeping silent now in the hope they may force approval of procedure similar to that of the senate war investigating committee.

When Mr. Truman headed that committee as a senator, each member was free to poke into any government records he wanted to see.

He could talk to anybody who might have information on the war program. Then he could report to other members and if they decided an investigation was warranted, it was so ordered.

Senators said this system produced many worthwhile leads. It has continued under the chairmanship of Senator Mead (D-N. Y.).

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## STORM LASHES NORTHWEST; 2 PERSONS DEAD

Gales Cause 7 Rivers To Break Over Banks

SEATTLE, Oct. 26 (AP)—Northwest Washington counted two dead today as falling temperatures and subsiding gales promised relief from the two-day storm which sent at least seven major streams out of their banks, marooning valley communities and washing out roads and bridges.

Louis Betchard, 37, of Utopia, in the Sedro Woolley country, succumbed after a heart attack in a rowboat while attempting to retrieve a drifting skiff.

Lyle McNeil, of Auburn, died of a heart attack in a rowboat while attempting to assist three unidentified Seattle men in a boat in the Sedro Woolley area. McNeil, accompanied by B. H. Wenter, of Rt. 1, Sedro Woolley, had just leaped from his craft to grab an oar held out from the other boat, when he was stricken, the Skagit county sheriff was informed.

Trains Delayed  
Trains from the north were delayed 12 hours yesterday as floods struck the long, narrow valley between the Cascade mountains and Puget Sound, washing out bridges and roads. (Continued on Page Two)

## VICTORY ARCADE TO HIGHLIGHT PROGRAM

A Victory Arcade, established at Main and Esplanade, will highlight a series of programs planned by the special events committee of the Victory Loan. The arcade will be open from 5 to 8 p. m. Monday night, October 29, and the public is invited to gather 'round.

Professional talent, combined with local talent, will present the entertainment. Fun and games, with major awards presented to bond buyers every half hour, will be a feature of the evening.

Merchants are being contacted and requested to aid in the gala event by voluntarily closing their business houses at 5 o'clock and remaining closed until 8 p. m. Theatre box offices will be closed during this time, the committee stated.

The show is being planned to put over the Klamath county quota in the Victory Loan. The overall quota is \$1,940,000, and the E bond quota is \$74,000. Details on the arcade will be announced Saturday.

## "He Are, Boys—A Two-Man Army"



Bronze Stars will be presented these two marines at Navy Day ceremonies Saturday, 10:30 a. m., at the Marine Barracks, by Col. Charles T. Brooks, commanding officer of the post. The citations read like thriller-dillers in the movies. Left is Pvt. William A. Shimp of Harrisburg, Pa., and Cpl. Robert J. Gjerness, Los Angeles. The ceremony on the post parade grounds is a part of the all-day Navy Day program at the Marine Barracks to which the public is cordially invited. —Official U. S. Marine Corps photo.

## Jap Foreign Office Shows Reluctance To Obey Mac's Orders For Isolation

By The Associated Press  
TOKYO, Oct. 26 (AP)—The Japanese foreign office today showed reluctance to obey General MacArthur's unprecedented orders for the diplomatic isolation of Japan.

Domei agency quoted unnamed informed sources as reporting that the government would "exercise great care" in following the order, but that foreign office officials "would sound out" allied authorities on whether the directive "conforms to the Potsdam declaration."

MacArthur yesterday ordered Japan to transfer all of her diplomatic and consular properties and archives everywhere in the world to the allied powers, to cease relations with foreign governments, and to recall her diplomatic and consular representatives from abroad. The directive was prepared by the joint chiefs of staff in Washington.

The allies, immediately after

the cessation of hostilities, had requested Japan to cease relations with neutral powers. At that time some quarters of the government expressed the opinion that the request was inconsistent with the Potsdam pact.

Since the surrender, Japan has maintained relations with Switzerland, Sweden, Portugal, Eire, Afghanistan and the Holy See.

On the occupation front, MacArthur's headquarters said that plans for fitting other allied troops into the setup await the conclusion of policy discussions among the big powers, then the receipt of orders from Washington. To date, no one official word has come through.

Mac impatience, meanwhile, indicated impatience at silence from the Japanese government concerning his pointed suggestion two weeks ago that Nipponese big family monopolies be "democratized."

A brusque headquarters statement said the allied commander had received "no official communication from the imperial Japanese government on any phase of the zaibatsu (big families) question."

American occupation officials probing into hidden resources within the conquered nation reported confiscation of \$2,500,000 worth of radium from vaults of the German consulate at Osaka. The radium, from Czechoslovakia, had been intended for sale to Japanese hospitals, the report said.

The estimated value of all gold, silver and other valuables seized by occupation forces rose far above a quarter billion dollars with the taking-over of about \$3,000,000 worth of silver bullion, mercury, tool steel, storage batteries and zinc by 97th infantry division troops in a warehouse raid near Iida on central Honshu.

Eighth army headquarters said the warehouse was owned by the Matsuo Agriculture association but that the silver bullion was reported to be the property of the Mitsubishi industrial trust.

Occupation Plans  
Authorities questioned concerning joint allied occupation plans said they had no idea

of the plan. Earned Respect  
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Two Marine Vets To Be Decorated  
Bronze Stars for heroic achievement against the enemy, will be awarded two marine veterans at the Navy Day celebration Saturday morning at the Marine Barracks. The presentations will be made by Col. Charles T. Brooks, commanding officer at the post, at a 10:30 a. m. ceremony on the post parade grounds.

To be decorated are Pvt. William A. Shimp, USMCR, and Cpl. Robert J. Gjerness, USMCR.

The award of the Purple Heart for wounds received in action, will also be presented PFC John J. Stropko Sr., USMGR.

Navy Day  
The ceremony is a part of the all-day observance of Navy Day at the Marine Barracks. The public is cordially invited to visit the post, the gates open at 9 a. m. They will remain open until 9 p. m.

The citations, which will be read tomorrow, are as follows: "Pvt. William A. Shimp. For heroic achievement in connection with operations against the Japanese enemy on Okinawa, Shima, Ryukyu Islands on April 6, 1945. While serving as a member of the marine reconnaissance company on a combat patrol on Ishikawa Island."

Pvt. Shimp was attacked at close quarters by five armed enemy soldiers. He shot and killed two of the enemy when

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Legion Urges Flag Display  
There will be no downtown parade for Navy Day tomorrow, but the American Legion has asked that flags be displayed in the business district to commemorate the navy's huge part in winning the war.

Flags should be flown from masts and window staffs between the hours of 8 a. m. and sunset.

## Nationwide Walkout Authorized By Union

By The Associated Press

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INDIAN JAILED ON FEDERAL CHARGE  
Lee Arlet Hixon, 26, Klamath Indian, is lodged in the Multnomah county jail in Portland charged with grand larceny in connection with the theft of a saddle from the Klamath Indian reservation on August 18. The stolen property, a Keystone double-rigged stock saddle with rifle scabbard attached, was the property of Mark Brown, resident of the reservation.

Hixon was picked up at Beatty by Indian Officer Willis Pankey and brought to Klamath Falls where he was turned over to Paul Hamlin, deputy U. S. marshal, and arraigned before Indian Commissioner Bert C. Thomas last Monday.

Ball Set  
His bail was set at \$3500 and he was taken to Portland.

The Indian is already free on \$1500 bail from the local county jail awaiting trial on a charge of stealing a set of work harness from the Vera Crisler ranch northwest of Bly. He had pleaded not guilty on that count and was released on bail September 8.

Hixon is also sought by army officials as a deserter and was reported at the county clerk's office to have applied for marriage licenses with three different girls in the past few months.

CUPID OVERTAKES SOLDIER  
SEATTLE, Oct. 26 (AP)—Cupid overtook Pvt. Raymond A. Prentiss of Los Angeles yesterday at the gangplank 15 minutes before he sailed for Nagasaki, Japan, with his army company.

Today he is a married man at sea, literally, and his bride, Tennis Star Mary Arnold, is heading back to their home city of Los Angeles to await his return.

Private Prentiss got the license here and Miss Arnold left Los Angeles with her mother Monday, racing the sailing date of the soldier's transport.

"We got to the pier just as Raymond was starting up the gang plank," said the bride, one of the nation's ranking tennis players. "He said, 'you just made it, honey.'"

The two, who met last January while both were employed in scientific research at California Institute of Technology, were married by the port chaplain in a dockside cargo receiving office. They used the wedding band of the bride's grandmother and the girl employees in the office pooled their flowers for a bridal bouquet.

## HOUSE LEADERS TO DISPOSE OF TRAINING PLAN

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 (AP)—House leaders have decided to take the membership off a political hot spot by disposing of the universal military training issue before Christmas—and before the 1946 congressional elections.

Present plans, it was learned today, call for a showdown late in November or early in December. The outcome is presently regarded as a toss-up.

The house military committee opens public hearings, expected to last two weeks, on Nov