



T/Sgt. Donald Ray Watts, 23, Marion, Ohio, very much alive here, returns from Jap POW camp to find complications arising from his official "death," declared after he fell from cargo plane while dropping supplies to Chinese troops fighting Japs at Hengyang, China. Here he declares his identity to Capt. Hugh F. Kennedy, chaplain with 14th Air Force, at San Francisco, Calif., Presidio, as paymaster M/Sgt. William J. Mairs, San Bernardino, Calif., witnesses.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

IT is a troubled world that is reflected in the news today. Rather stiff fighting is reported from Java, where the British (with obvious reluctance) are sitting on the lid, hoping to restore some kind of order so that the problem of settling the Dutch East Indies future may be approached in an atmosphere of something like sanity and tolerance.

The news from China is bad. Civil war between the central (Chungking) government and the communists is growing in intensity, with the whole situation confused by uncertainty as to what Russia is going to do about it.

Our own struggle over wages and prices during the reversion period seesaws back and forth, with the situation this morning somewhat worse.

President Truman cancels all his out-of-Washington appointments for the immediate future.

IN Java, native "nationalists" are on the prod. Their story hasn't yet been intelligently and realistically told. The OTHER side of the story is that these Javanese rebels were stirred up by the Japs, who were (and may yet be) trying to stir up trouble. Regardless of where they got them, they seem to be using Jap tanks and armored cars.

Considerable blood has flowed.

WE Americans are inclined to be FOR anybody who is rebelling against a foreign government he doesn't like. In these troubled days, however, we must be careful to keep our feet on the ground and our heads out of the rosy clouds.

IT IS true, unfortunately, that in disturbed times ambitious CUTS will take advantage of the situation to try to get IN. In the resulting bloodshed the MASSES OF THE PEOPLE can lose more than they gain.

For a while yet, we'd better keep open minds as to what is happening in Java.

SPENCER MOOSA, AP correspondent in Chungking, cables today: "Reports of heavy fighting between Chinese communist and central government troops in north China picture a nation LOCKED IN CIVIL WAR, real though not officially declared."

He adds: "Insistent reports that the Russians are supplying the Chinese communists with captured Japanese war material continue to circulate in Chungking, but no one in authority will allow himself to be quoted."

SOURCES favoring the Chungking government say they think Chiang would start a smashing campaign against the communists, hoping to put them out of business in from three to six months, if he were not afraid of the reaction from other governments, particularly the UNITED STATES, and the possibility that Russia might support the Reds.

THESE foreign troubles may bore you. You may be tempted to say "Let 'em forget them. Let 'em have the rest of the world to stew in its own juice." (Continued on Page Two)

Attlee Plans Truman Confab

LONDON, Oct. 29 (AP) — The authoritative British Press association said tonight Prime Minister Attlee probably would announce in common tomorrow that he plans an early visit to Washington to confer with President Truman.

PROMPT ACTION CALLED FOR ON TRAINING PLAN

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29 (AP) — A demand for prompt action in establishing a universal military training program for peacetime faces a military committee as sharply divided as the senate over the issue.

Senator Grney (R-S. D.) said he will ask for hearings on a measure introduced last January. It parallels closely President Truman's proposal to tag every physically able young man for a year's war training.

No Hurry Acting Chairman Edwin C. Johnson (D-Colo.) forecast, however, that the committee will be in no hurry to plunge into a subject on which so many senators haven't made up their minds.

An Associated Press poll showed that of 84 senators queried, 25 favor some kind of compulsory military or war training. These included 18 democrats and seven republicans, most of them with varying ideas of what kind of training should be ordered.

Nineteen senators, including eight democrats, 10 republicans and a progressive, registered themselves against compulsion. (Continued on Page Two)

Victory Queen Contest Slated

Plans for a Klamath "victory queen" contest which will be part of a statewide competition were outlined at a meeting of Victory Loan officials today by Kenneth Martin of the state war finance committee.

Contestants will be chosen from various communities, and these will compete for the county queen honor. The county queen winners will meet in Portland for choice of the state queen, and the state queens will compete from 11 western states for the title of western bond queen, the competition to be held in Hollywood with screen tests scheduled.

The western bond queen will be offered a movie contract at Hollywood.

Newspapers and motion picture theatres of Oregon are sponsoring the contest. Full local details will be announced in a day or two.

Extensive Improvements Eyed For Klamath Project

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29 (AP) — About 60,000 acres will be available for irrigated homesteads in Oregon if proposed appropriations for the Klamath and Deschutes projects are approved by congress.

Rep. Stockman (R-Ore.) says the reclamation bureau's plans for the immediate future contemplate watering 9300 acres on the Modoc unit of the Tulelake division of the Klamath project and 50,000 acres on the north unit of the Deschutes project. An additional 50,000 acres will be provided with supplemental water on the Deschutes.

The reclamation proposal also carries \$190,000 for further construction on the Owyhee project and \$3000 for the Vale project. Oregon also will share in a general request for planning funds.

Seepage Correction On the Klamath project, \$295,000 is allocated to an examination of the canal which passes through Klamath Falls and correction of any seepage conditions. The remaining \$705,000 would be used for additional flood protection, improvement of Lost river channel, enlargement of the Lost river diversion channel and preliminary work on

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SALE OF FINE QUALITY BULLS GETS UNDERWAY

Grand Champion Sells For Sum Of \$1825

Sale of fine quality Hereford bulls got underway at the Caloregon Hereford show at the fairgrounds this afternoon, with the grand champion Hereford bull going for \$1825.

This animal was consigned by Frank A. Riches, Buena, Wash., and was sold to Charles R. Carpenter, Ashland.

The reserve champion, consigned to L. J. Horton, Klamath Falls, was sold to Emery and Sons, Silver Lake, for \$700. Opened Bidding That opened the afternoon bidding on bulls. This morning, the grand champion female, Dolly Domino II consigned by the Mount Crest ranch of Hill, was sold to Walter Hubbard and Sons, Junction City, for \$1325.

The reserve champion, consigned by Pollock Hereford ranch, Sacramento, was sold to the J Bar J ranch of Medina, Wash., for \$550.

At close of morning sale, 48 females had gone under hammer of Auctioneer Earl Walter of Filer, Idaho, for a total of \$18,155, or an average of \$378.23. The sale was the final feature of the big two-day cattle show here.

Champion Bull Frank A. Riches' Belmont 5th, a senior yearling of fine conformation, was grand champion bull of the show, the reserve champion going to L. J. Horton of Klamath Falls, who entered the beautiful little senior calf, Royal Domino Lad.

The grand champion was calved August 25, 1943, bred by (Continued on Page Two)

TRUMAN ATTEMPTS TO BREAK DEADLOCK

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29 (AP) — President Truman hammered away again with congressional leaders today in an effort to break the deadlock on two of his principal reversion measures — "full employment" and liberalization of jobless pay.

The Capitol Hill democratic leaders, leaving the White House, reported to newsmen: The president emphasized he is "very anxious" to get the "jobs-for-all" bill quickly.

He "still wants" the bill to expand unemployment benefits which has been gathering dust for weeks on a house committee shelf.

Speaker Rayburn, Rep. McCormack (D-Mass.) and Senators Barkley (D-Ky.) and McKellar (D-Tenn.) saw the president.

"Stable Prospects" Simultaneously at the capitol, Mr. Truman's reversion director, John W. Snyder, appeared before the house expenditures in an effort to pry out the jobs bill. He said it is (Continued on Page Two)

Ups To Be Repatriated Immediately

Repatriation to Japan of certain evacuees at Tulelake center will begin at an early date, it was stated today by Ivan Williams, officer in charge for the department of justice at the big center near here.

He indicated that the procedure for repatriation is starting with a survey. Williams issued the following statement to the press: "The commissioner, immigration and naturalization service, has authorized me to make the following statement to the press: "Repatriation to Japan will commence at an early date, possibly as soon as November 15, 1945, and there was begun today at the War Relocation Authority's Tulelake center at Newell, Calif., by a detail of the immigration and naturalization service department of justice, a survey of involuntary and voluntary re-patriates."

"This survey will include persons whose applications for renunciation of their U. S. citizenship have been approved by the attorney general, together with members of their families, whether citizens or aliens, who may desire to accompany them; alien residents who are segregated under enemy alien proceedings; and alien residents who are under orders of deportation under the immigration laws.

"The survey is expected to be completed within two weeks."

TAX-CUTTING BILL HEADS FOR PASSAGE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29 (AP) — The \$5,920,000,000 first-peace-time tax-cutting bill was headed toward final passage today, amid new demands for a slash in federal expenditures and for a balanced budget.

The size of the tax reduction — almost \$1,000,000,000 above the limit set by the administration — caused some members of the house budget-balancing bloc to balk, but they acknowledged the bill will pass despite their opposition.

Chairman Cannon (D-Mo.) of the appropriations committee led the opposition, urging that tax paring now would contribute to inflation and deficit government spending. He told reporters it is "absurd" to cut taxes while asking the nation to subscribe to \$11,000,000,000 in victory bonds. He called for economy in federal expenditures, to bring them in line with revenues — and a balanced budget.

Hailed Boom On the other hand, Rep. Knutson of Minnesota, senior republican on the tax-initiating house ways and means committee, hailed the tax reduction as a boon to business enterprise. Future reductions, he said, "will depend on full production and (Continued on Page Two)

Marines Alerted In Tientsin

TIENTSIN, Oct. 29 (AP) — United States marines were alerted briefly today after reports spread through this north China city that a clash between central government and communist troops was impending.

The usual liberty was denied and Americans were told to stay off the streets until mid-morning, when the alert was lifted. Nationalist troops, now here in strength, have disarmed about 1500 officers and men of the third advanced army, a Chinese irregular outfit. At least 200 irregular officers, including some generals, were arrested.

Sewer System Bids Rejected

SEATTLE, Oct. 29 (AP) — The Federal Public Housing authority today rejected two bids for construction of an offsite sewer system in Klamath Falls, Ore., as too high.

Bids were: Clifford A. Dunn, Klamath Falls, \$81,600, and C. F. Davidson, Tacoma, Wash., \$104,000.

It has not been determined whether new figures will be asked or plans revised and contracts negotiated.

The above item relates to the sewer facility proposed for service to the housing project at the southeast edge of the city, which also would become a part of the city sewer system. Klamath voters authorized their part of the cost at the last election.

TWO WALKOUTS END; 245,000 PERSONS IDLE

Settlements Somewhat Offset By New Strikes

By The Associated Press Settlement of two major strikes today offset somewhat new walkouts in Akron, O., and San Francisco.

These changes in the national strike picture placed the total number of persons not working because of labor trouble at 245,000, compared with 228,000 a week ago and about 235,000 over the weekend.

The number out would have been scaled closer to last week's levels had not leaders of the Hollywood motion picture strike delayed from today until Wednesday the return of about 7000 persons to studios.

A stoppage at the Westinghouse Air Brake company and its subsidiary, Union Switch and Signal company, Pittsburgh, ended and 11,500 persons affected resumed work. Directly involved in the walkout were 2500 CIO electrical workers whose leader said a meeting had been sought with the company to settle a grievance over wage scales. The stoppage began Wednesday.

Another 6500 workers in Camden, N. J., on strike for nearly two weeks returned to work.

In Akron, O., an unauthorized walkout of 400 maintenance and power employes of the Firestone Tire & Rubber company halted production and kept 15,000 other workers off the job.

Thirteen thousand AFL and CIO machinists struck in 179 San Francisco and East Bay plants (Continued on Page Two)

PORTLAND FACES LUMBER SHORTAGE

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 29 (AP) — A shrinking lumber supply which — by AFL estimate — will be exhausted in two weeks confronted Portland contractors today as 60,000 AFL lumber workers entered the sixth week of their five-state strike.

AFL officials reported their hot lumber ban has left stockpiles for new construction here extremely low. They quoted contractors as saying they would "go on vacation" when stocks run out and await settlement of the dispute.

The union expected about 500 here today for a session of 15 executive boards of the AFL Northwestern Council, Lumber and Sawmill Workers; members of local unions, and "interested groups" in organized labor — possibly leaders of allied unions.

Victory Arcade Opens Tonight

The victory arcade — a program of games, entertainment and fun — will open tonight at 5 o'clock at the army and Baisler salesroom as the kickoff event of the Victory Loan campaign. Thousands were expected by the committee in charge, with all major events indoors to prevent any weather problems.

The public was urged to attend by Paul Lee, special events chairman. The Victory Loan drive will officially start Tuesday morning with breakfast 7:30 to 8:30 o'clock at the Willard.

Kenneth G. Martin, executive director of Oregon war finance committee from Portland, will be the principal speaker. Other speakers are Elton H. Thompson, A. M. Collier, J. Vern Owens, Lt. Col. Raymond W. Hanson, Col. Charles Brooks. All service club representatives are urged to be present.

Arriving In United States

By The Associated Press Joseph J. Costanzo, T/5, Box 18, Mount Shasta arrived on J. Breakbridge due in Newport News October 28.

Mason Chief Here



Fred W. Hartman, grand master of Masons in Oregon, will visit Klamath Masonic lodge tonight, when special events have been arranged at the Masonic hall, according to Dr. George H. Adler, district deputy grand master. Harry Proudfoot, immediate past grand master, and Elbert Bede, editor of the Oregon Mason, are here with Hartman.

FOREIGN POLICY TO FACE EARLY TESTS

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER WASHINGTON, Oct. 29 (AP) — Myriad international problems held a promise today of early and critical tests for President Truman's newly-proclaimed 12-point foreign policy.

One touchy point may disappear. This concerns Russia's demand for an allied control council for Japan. The issue may be compromised in the near future.

The brightest spot diplomatic authorities see in the international situation is evidence of improving Russian-American relations. The optimism stems from the friendly reception accorded U. S. Ambassador Harriman when he delivered a personal message from Mr. Truman to Generalissimo Stalin last week.

The nature of the message and of Stalin's reply have not been disclosed. There was some belief in Washington that negotiations over policy details, particularly respecting European peace treaties and the Japanese control council, are still in progress.

However, the main purpose of the interchange was clearly to try to strengthen the basis for present and future cooperation among the great powers in trying to organize a secure world peace.

House Rejects Railroad Bill

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29 (AP) — The house rejected 167 to 114 today a compromise bill which would repeal the land-grant railroad rates under which the government moves freight at half price over many rail carriers.

The vote came after Rep. Cochran (D-Mo.) shouted to the house that if the bill became law "one of the greatest lobbies that ever stormed this capitol can say 'this is our victory day.'"

The legislation was shunted back to a house-senate conference committee, which will try to work out a measure the house will accept. On two prior occasions the house has approved similar legislation. But it would not accept a compromise version written by a senate-house committee.

Klamath Man Says Horrors Of "Death March" All True

"Everything you read about the 'death march' has been an understatement," said Technical Sergeant Alonzo Palmer, who was captured on Bataan and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Ryan of Klamath Falls.

He had a leg injury at the time, and it took him 16 days to make the march. He picked up a medical bag and treated himself.

Palmer was taken to Japan in September, 1943. He was imprisoned on the island of Honshu about 50 miles north of Tokyo. The first free men he saw were navy boys who had trained at Klamath Falls, his home town. They came in planes and landed at the field near the prison camp. This was in late August of this year. By that time, Palmer was certain the war was over.

Civil Warfare Grows Bitter; Losses Heavy

By SPENCER MOOSAP CHUNGKING, Oct. 29 (AP) — Reports of heavy fighting between Chinese communist and central government troops in north China pictured today a nation locked in civil war, real though not officially declared.

Warfare is growing in intensity in Shantung, Shansi and Suiyuan provinces, said dispatches received in Chungking. The Chinese press attributed to Gen. Yen Hsi-shan, governor of Shansi, now visiting Chungking, a statement that government forces suffered 15,000 casualties and communist losses "also were heavy" in fighting centering around Changchih, strategic town in southeastern Shansi which Yen conceded the Reds captured.

Independent reports said that wherever the communists were retreating along railways they were destroying tracks and blowing up bridges.

This explained the slow movement of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's troops which are proceeding along the Peiping-Hankow and Tientsin-Pukow railroads to replace United States marines in the Peiping-Tientsin areas.

Insistent reports that the Russians were supplying the communists with captured Japanese war material continued to circulate in Chungking, but no one in authority would allow himself to be quoted.

Bitter Fighting Other reports told of bitter fighting in 11 provinces, mostly in north China but including central parts of the nation and Kwangtung province, on the southeast coast.

The new China Daily News, communist publication, estimated 800,000 central government troops were battling the Reds. Neutral observers said they believed this figure was exaggerated, but all quarters conceded the fighting was serious.

"We cannot consider the situation represents a civil war until Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek openly proclaims it to be so and calls the communists rebels," said an official communist spokesman.

Sources favoring Chiang's government said they believed the only way to unify the nation was to eliminate the communists, which they said they thought Chiang could do with an all-out, well executed campaign in from three to six months.

Chiang Apprehensive These sources said they believed Chiang would start a smashing campaign against the communists were he not apprehensive over the reaction from other nations, particularly the United (Continued on Page Two)

NO JURY CHOSEN IN GATHWRIGHT TRIAL

Selection of a jury to try Dennis Samuel Gathwright, charged with possession of stolen property, occupied the entire morning session of circuit court today and the final jury had not been sworn in early this afternoon.

Of the first panel of 24 names, several of the prospective jurors stated that they knew the various principals of the case and would not be able to render an impartial verdict, so were excused. Judge David R. Vandenberg then ordered 10 special veniremen subpoenaed for appearance in court at 2 p. m.

Indicted Gathwright was indicted by the grand jury in June, along with another person listed as John Doe and as yet not in custody, for having possession of 9000 labelled grain sacks, allegedly stolen from the Malone warehouse near Merrill. He is being defended by Attorney U. S. Balentine.

The sacks are the property of E. R. and M. A. Long and are valued at \$1800. Gathwright has been free under \$2500 bond awaiting trial.

The criminal case against L. A. Travis, charged with obtaining money and property under false pretenses, which was due to come before the court Wednesday, was dismissed by Judge Vandenberg at the request of (Continued on Page Two)

112 Injured In Train Collision

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29 (AP) — Two Northern Pacific passenger trains collided near Prosser, Wash., Sept. 23, the ICC said today, after a trainman opened a switch in front of an approaching train. One person was killed and 112 were injured.

The interstate commerce commission report said the westbound train took a siding shortly after leaving Prosser. The eastbound train entered the siding and struck the westbound while moving at an estimated speed of 30 miles an hour, the report said.

The ICC said the brakeman of the westbound train believed his train was occupying the main track and that he was to open the siding-switch for the eastbound train.

WEATHER (October 29) Max. (Oct. 28) 52. Min. 48 Precipitation last 24 hours .02 Stream year to date .27 Normal .89 Last year .22 Forecast intermittent rain. Tuesday Shooting Hours Klamath-Tulelake Open 6:15 a. m. Close 5 p. m.