



The one millionth service man to return home from the Pacific theater since V-J Day gets a boost from Betty Jean Caldwell and Patricia Higgins (right) naval aid auxiliary canteen workers, as he arrived today from Okinawa aboard the navy transport Braxton. The veteran is Seabee James C. Vassallo, 20, carpenter's mate 2/c. from Hartford, Conn., who spent 21 months in the Pacific. (AP wirephoto).

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THERE are signs today of a DEFINITE AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY.

We propose to our friends, Britain and Russia, that all British, Russian and American military forces be got out of Iran by January 1. We make it plain that regardless of what the others do WE will be out by that date.

That is talking turkey.

THIS is our position: The Tehran declaration of 1943 pledged Britain, Russia and the U. S. to respect the "independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Iran." This pledge we contend, should permit the Iran government to move its armed forces wherever necessary to preserve its authority and maintain security "without interference from Soviet, British or American military or civil authorities."

So, since we regard the Tehran pledge as a CONTRACT among responsible parties, we're going to live up to our part of it by GETTING OUT.

THAT sounds like good common sense—which is rather unusual in diplomatic dealings. It amounts to serving notice on our associates that we regard a contract as a contract, and therefore something to be lived up to.

That puts them on notice that WE, AT LEAST, propose to be plain business men in international affairs. It is a sound position for the United States to take.

CHIANG KAI-SHEK today proposes a new deal (not necessarily a New Deal) for China, creates a supreme economic council to tackle it and promises to "spare no effort to bring internal order and security."

He says: "We must not allow internal disturbances to make us lose sight of the basic need of the Chinese people for a far higher standard of living."

It adds: "It is my intention to assume PERSONALLY the direction of China's economic reconstruction and development."

PUTTING two and two together, we can guess that his first step will be to crush communist opposition in the north, thus UNITING China. That looks like a showdown that will bring out what Russia is going to do.

If it develops that RUSSIA CO-OPERATES in this program, a lot of dangerous suspicions will be cleared away.

If we could clear the world of (Continued on Page 2, Column 3)

## President Truman Gives Newsmen Old Runaround

By ERNEST B. VACCARO

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26 (AP)—President Truman and his family have staked out a claim to a little privacy sometimes when they go a-visiting.

Mr. Truman himself was back in the White House today after what began as a secret flight to Grandview, Mo., and ended with a night landing at National airport here. He made the unheralded trip to visit his mother, Mrs. Martha Truman, on her 93rd birthday anniversary.

Mrs. Truman and their daughter, Margaret, meanwhile, are visiting friends in New York, the identities of their hosts a closely-guarded secret. They plan to attend tonight's opening of the Metropolitan opera season.

The president, up early yesterday and noting, he said, that it was a pretty day decided suddenly on the Grandview jaunt. Returning at 8:14 p. m. (EST), he

told four reporters awaiting him at the airport: "I just took a notion to visit Grandview and see my mother on her birthday, and I did, just as I used to do."

A reporter suggested that newspapers might be upset "that the president flies half way across the country and back again without any coverage," and asked if the president had "any explanation."

"I don't need to give an explanation," Mr. Truman replied. "I don't intend to."

"Does this mean that the papers won't be represented on your future trips?" he was asked.

"No," he said, "I didn't mean that. It meant, he said, 'I wanted to go out to Grandview and see my mother. I just took a notion I'd go out and see her, and I did.'"

The president said he had "a good time" and that his mother "enjoyed herself immensely."

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## Hull Says Japs Were 'Hell-Bent' For War

### 10-Point U. S. Note Rejected

Board Reported Offer May Have Started Pacific War

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26 (AP)—Cordell Hull declared today that the Japanese were "hell-bent" for war in November, 1941, and rejected a 10-point American note he said any peace-loving nation would have been "delighted to accept."

The 74-year-old former secretary of state, testifying before a senate-house committee investigating the Pearl Harbor disaster, said the November 26 note he handed the Japanese had been "ignorantly misinterpreted."

Japanese propagandists later called it an American "ultimatum." The army Pearl Harbor board said in its report Hull's delivery of the note may have started the war.

"There has been more misinformation and more ignorant misrepresentation—unintentional, no doubt—about the significance of this last proposal of ours than of any move we made," Hull testified.

"There was nothing in there that any peaceful nation would not have been delighted to accept."

**Offered Benefits**  
Hull said the 10-point note merely brought together the general principles on which the United States had been insisting since diplomatic talks began with the Japanese six months earlier. He added that five of the 10 points offered direct benefits to Japan.

"The only trouble with this note was that the Japanese were bent—if I hadn't noticed the presence of ladies here I'd say hell bent—on carrying ahead their military policy," the former cabinet member said grimly.

The November 26 note, Hull continued, was drafted and delivered after it was decided not to offer the Japanese a "modus vivendi" or temporary agreement.

Hull said that the state department didn't want to say "no" and stop right there when the Japanese presented on November 20, 1941, what he described as "the most extreme" demands they had made in six months of diplomatic discussions.

"Our policy was not to say 'no'—it was not to remain silent," he said. "It was to grab at every straw to give time for preparation to our army and navy and to our prospective allies."

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### Pearl Harbor Committee Hears Hull



Former Secretary of State Cordell Hull (standing right) begins appearance before joint senate-house Pearl Harbor committee in Washington with swearing-in ceremony. Chairman Alben W. Barkley (third from left, at table left, hand upraised) gives oath. Other committee members are seated at table (lower left). (AP wirephoto).

## Pupils Drowned When School Bus Plunges Over Embankment Into 50 Feet Of Water

WENATCHEE, Wash., Nov. 26 (AP)—Sheriff Bruce Parkinson said today 15 or 16 pupils were drowned when a school bus left the Chelan highway, and plunged over a 50 foot embankment into 50 feet of water in Lake Chelan.

First reports said 40 students were thought to have been trapped in the bus. Later information from the scene, 10 miles from the town of Chelan, indicated most of the children had escaped.

Sheriff Parkinson said "five or six" swam ashore and were rushed to hospitals.

Officers were still attempting to piece together the fragmentary reports of the tragedy while divers were being rushed from Coulee City and Seattle.

**Snowstorm**  
The accident occurred in a blinding snowstorm when the 25-mile creek school bus was en route to the Chelan school, about 8 a. m.

State Patrol Sgt. Joseph McCauley, telephoning his Olympia, Wash., headquarters from the scene, reported the bus struck a rock in the road, throwing it over the embankment into the lake.

McCauley said Mrs. Ted Brown, a passenger in the bus, showed several children from windows, then rescued herself. The state patrolman reported he personally counted seven children who escaped.

The bus carried children from first grade to high school age. Some families, McCauley said, lost up to three children.

Men in small boats started dragging to locate the bus, but had not found it shortly before noon.

The school superintendent's office at Chelan heard reports that several children escaped before the bus plunged into the water. School officials and the state patrol were compiling a list of missing.

School authorities said no list of today's bus passengers was immediately available as some of the children who normally ride it were brought to school by private cars today or may have stayed home because of the stormy weather.

At Chelan, Funeral Director Pearne Smith said reports indicated that bus driver Jack Randle 38, and nine children lost their lives.

Officials were attempting to learn whether his report or those to the sheriff and state patrol on the death toll were correct.

**Delacy Blasts Marine General**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26 (AP)—Rep. Delacy (D-Wash.) said today that Lt. Gen. Elbert C. Wedemeyer "authorized air attacks on a tiny Chinese village" and threatened "another Lidtze" because some rifle shots were fired at a train carrying a U. S. marine officer.

Delacy in a speech inserted in the Congressional Record, said he had asked the state department to inquire under what authority or policy the general was acting.

"In China, U. S. marines, U. S. transports, U. S. military supplies are being used to suppress the aspirations of millions for a new democracy," Delacy said.

**WEATHER**  
(November 26)  
Max. (Nov. 25) 41. Min. 31  
Precipitation last 24 hours .00  
Stream year to date 3.51  
Normal 2.46. Last year 3.02  
Forecast: Showers.  
Tuesday Shooting Hours  
Klamath-Tulelake  
Open 8:58 a. m. Close 4:30 p. m.

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## Union OK's Wage Boost Of 15 Cents

PORTLAND, Nov. 26 (AP)—A break in the eight-week-old log-jammed strike of northwest AFL lumber workers appeared today as the union policy committee recommended acceptance of a 15 cent an hour increase offered by operators in the Tacoma, Wash., area.

Membership ratification of the agreement will be asked tomorrow at a meeting of Tacoma locals which Strike Committee Chairman John Christenson predicted would be the "pattern for negotiations elsewhere."

Christenson said other worker-operator negotiations are under way in the fir belt where about 250 of the 492 AFL-manned strikebound mills are located.

The union originally demanded a 20-cent boost or \$1.10 hourly minimum and previously had rejected offers of 12 1/2 cents granted the rival non-striking CIO International Woodworkers of America.

Some 4000 workers are affected by the Tacoma terms which Christenson reported included a no-strike or lockout agreement for one year after effective date of the agreement beginning with reopening of the mills.

He said, however, the terms allowed reopening of the wage question upon 30 days' notice prior to April 1, 1946.

The 60,000 AFL sawmill and lumber workers have been on strike since September 25 in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and parts of northern California.

**Driver Held After Crash Death Here**

Klamath Falls' first city traffic fatality of the year occurred early Saturday evening as a result of an automobile crash near the East Main-S. 6th intersection. Johnny Spicer, 37, Oregon rooms, an employee of Pelican Bay lumber company, died as he arrived at the Klamath Valley hospital from the scene of the accident.

His legs were severely mangled when he was crushed between two cars and he was bleeding profusely when rushed to the hospital in a Yellow cab which had stopped at the scene of the wreck.

Michael Foley, 40, of 900 Old Fort road, is in the county jail today facing charges of negligent homicide filed in the district attorney's office. He was arrested Saturday night as the driver of an Oldsmobile sedan which crashed into the rear of a stalled pickup truck belonging to Paul M. Henderson of Chillicothe, pinning Spicer between the two cars.

Police said that Spicer and his brother, Dick Spicer, 1503 Austin, had crossed S. 6th to help Henderson start his truck which was stalled at the intersection.

**Crushed**  
Johnny Spicer was at the rear of the truck when the Foley car, coming up S. 6th, crashed into the truck, crushing Spicer, police said. Henderson, in front of the truck attempting to crank, was knocked down by the impact and also taken to the hospital for treatment of lacerations.

While Spicer was being rushed to the hospital, Foley allegedly walked away from the scene of the accident, leaving the car he was driving, and he was arrested at his home later in the evening. The wreck occurred about 9:15 p. m.

Foley was brought to the police station and questioned by the district attorney, then placed in the county jail. The negligent homicide charges were filed this morning.

According to the police report, Foley was driving with a revoked operator's license and is also liable to prosecution for failing to render aid at the scene of the accident and for leaving the accident.

**BULLETIN**  
JERUSALEM, Nov. 26 (AP)—British troops armed with tanks, mortars and machineguns penetrated six Jewish villages today in search for persons responsible for attacks on coast guard stations and unofficial reports said four Jews were killed and about 50 wounded.

**Marie Dorlaque Sets Pace In Victory Queen Contest**

The first release of the standing of Victory Queen candidates was announced today by bond headquarters, 1011 Main. In the lead at the present time with 551 votes is Marie Dorlaque, sponsored by Southern Pacific.

Agness Winters, sponsored by Northwestern Theatres, has 330 votes cast for her. Betty Steinman, with the Scorpionist and Ventura clubs as her sponsor, has 308 votes to her credit, and Virginia Lee Benoit, the last contestant to enter, with the backing of the Junior chamber of commerce, has 280.

All the entries in the contest have passed the \$5000 bond sale representation which makes them official candidates. The deadline for official entry in the contest is midnight, November 30. By that date, all nominees must have a minimum of \$5000 in bonds to make them legal entries.

The contest committee urges that bond buyers turn in the ballots they receive with their bond purchases after voting for their favorite candidate. The closing date of the contest in Klamath county is December 8.

The Victory Bond Fun Frolic, scheduled for 8 o'clock Tuesday night at the Pelican, promises to be one of the outstanding bond shows presented in Klamath Falls. It is being arranged by the special events committee of the Victory Loan campaign.

Admission is by Victory bond purchase only, with a \$25 bond entitling the buyer to a general admission seat and a \$200 Roosevelt Memorial bond giving him a large seat.

A \$25 bond purchase also entitles the purchaser to a chance on a 1946 Dodge, to be given away after the first of the year.

Master of ceremonies for the show is Sgt. P. G. Smith of the Marine Barracks.

**Arriving In United States**

By Associated Press

Robert W. Waldron, S. Sgt., Klamath Falls, arrived on the Agwi Prince due in Seattle November 22.

James M. Gavin, PFC., Klamath Falls, arrived on Hagerstown Victory due in Boston November 24.

Howard L. Biehn, S. Sgt., 2708 Kane street, Klamath Falls, arrived on Exceller due at Newport News November 26.

**Ford Plant Will Halt Production**

DETROIT, Nov. 26 (AP)—The Ford Motor company announced today that most of its production operations at the River Rouge plant near here and in several of its hydro plants will be halted tomorrow and Wednesday, because of a shortage of parts for automobile and truck production.

The curtailment of production, a statement said, will affect approximately 40,000 employees in the Detroit area. All the departments, the company said, will reopen next Monday.