

ICKES URGES HAWAII STATEHOOD

In The Day's News

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GENERAL MACARTHUR announces today that the framework for a new, demilitarized Japan is finished, adding that "education and guidance must be the main part of the program from here on because the people who have lived their lives by the sword need help and guidance to adjust themselves to freedom."

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IN this new Japan, the emperor will be taxed the same as anybody else—including the President of the United States. The press will be free, within the limits of decency and due regard for the rights of others. Opinion will be free, and the people, including released political prisoners, will have the right to criticize all leaders, including the emperor. OFFICIAL state religion is abolished.

IT is a terrific responsibility that we have taken upon ourselves in Japan. Still, there is probably no other way to shift a backward people QUICKLY from a feudal military despotism to self government. Your child has to have GUIDANCE and RESTRAINT while growing up. The Japs are children so far as the ways of freedom are concerned.

As the growing child is restrained by parental authority from harmful excesses, so will the Japs be restrained, while POLITICALLY growing up, by the firm authority of the American army of occupation.

AT least, we HOPE so—meanwhile adding a fervent prayer that during this period of international tutelage we are embarking on our leaders may be filled with wisdom, tolerance and sound judgment of human motives and that they may be BACKED BY PUBLIC OPINION equally wise, tolerant and sound.

In Japan, we are breaking new ground. What the crop will be depends on us.

IF wisely carried through, this new enterprise we have undertaken can bring us a harvest that will be rich and satisfying. If we LACK WISDOM, it can be a harvest of dragon's teeth.

THERE is an interesting, timely story in a way comforting story in the news today.

Interior Secretary Ickes recommends that Hawaii be admitted to the American union as a STATE in the immediate future. The people of Hawaii, he says, are now living and functioning as an American community with little evidence of bloc along racial lines.

The origins of Hawaii are essentially Asiatic. (Comfort in this critical moment in our history is to be found in the thought that if we have been able to Americanize Hawaii we may be able to democratize Japan according to American ideals.)

ANOTHER grain of comfort can be gleaned from recent experience. One thing this war has destroyed is the PROPAGANDA-FOSTERED illusion that despotism is more efficient than democracy. In this grimness of all wars, the democracies whipped the despots. It takes efficiency to win wars.

(Russia, of course, is a despotism NOW. No good can come of blinking that totalitarian Russia would have had trouble without the help of the democracies.) The war has gone a long way toward establishing the fact that democracy is not only a better way of life but a more EFFICIENT way.

GENERAL MARSHALL arrives in Chungking. (The dispatches note today that he was assigned by President Truman to END CHINA'S CIVIL STRIFE.)

There is a warning note. It is stated that in Peiping news of Marshall's arrival has reportedly speeded the TOUCHY Chinese-Russian negotiations over occupation of Manchuria (that is to say, WHO is to do the occupying.) It is added suggestively that these negotiations have already extended a month longer than was originally anticipated.

It is a reasonable guess that the correspondents' way of getting through the censors still has her eyes on Chinese territory—maybe through collaboration with the Chinese communists.

GREEK living costs are soaring, having doubled in the past couple of weeks. The drachma is up to 142,000 to one gold sovereign, whereas the legal rate is 4000 to one. A general strike is threatened as a protest. Greece's troubles track back to LACK OF PRODUCTION, so a strike will merely aggravate the situation—but hungry people seldom think along economic lines.

Secretary Says Delay Unnecessary

Stand Surprise Former Remark At Press Meet

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP)—Secretary of the Interior Ickes recommended today that Hawaii be admitted to statehood "in the immediate future."

"The record of the people of Hawaii during the war clearly indicates that further postponement will be unnecessary," he declared in a statement.

The secretary's stand came as a surprise in view of his remark at his last press conference three weeks ago that he doubted "very much" he would make a recommendation before 1946. He asserted then he was disturbed by the "economic control that five families exert over there" and would be better pleased "if it really were a democratic institution instead of an oligarchy."

In his statement today Ickes said the interior department believes that "the concentration of economic control of which some people have complained can better be handled by the people themselves under statehood with the assistance that they will have from the federal government."

Hawaii was annexed to the United States in 1898 and has been a territory since 1900. The division of territories and island possessions is in the interior department.

Territorial Delegate Farrington (R) hailed Ickes' statement as the "most significant contribution to the movement for statehood for Hawaii since the people of the islands, in a plebiscite in 1940 requested by a congressional committee to determine their wishes, voted 2 to 1 in favor of statehood."

Hawaii's population is approximately 500,000, with many racial groups represented. Despite this, Ickes said, the people of Hawaii "live and function as a unified American community," with "little evidence of bloc voting along racial lines."

Snow Swept From Basin

A warm south wind hit the Klamath basin at 11:13 last night, blowing a gale at 24 miles an hour. It swept with it the blanket of snow which lay over the mountains and cracked icicles from the eaves.

The warm wind also brought higher temperatures with the mercury rising to 45, and only falling to 35 at the coldest.

Southerly winds and rain are predicted for the weekend, indicating the weather man's Christmas gift to Klamath Falls may be a touch of false spring.

Storm warnings however were posted at San Francisco today, with weather disturbances reported forming west-southwest, and other intense disturbances reported centering west of Astoria, Ore. Gales are indicated all along the Pacific coast for tonight and Sunday.

Seven Hurt In Three-Car Crash

GRANTS PASS, Dec. 22 (AP)—Seven people were injured in a three-car collision on the Redwood highway near the Allen creek road Friday evening.

Most seriously injured was Donna Gray, 6, who was treated for multiple bruises of the face.

State Police Sergeant C. R. Borgman said he had been informed by Mrs. Ina Yandell of Richmond, Calif., driver of one car which was headed south, that her car had hit a chuck-hole and gone out of control, causing it to strike a car coming toward Grants Pass. A third car, driven by Frank Carter of Gold Hill, was sideswiped.

Actor Joe E. Brown Given Credit For Killing 2 Japs

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 22 (AP)—Joe E. Brown, the actor, took time out from entertaining the troops on northern Luzon last summer to kill two Japs, Major Gen. Robert S. Beightler reported last night.

"Joe was in there firing with a carbine," said the Ohioan, who commanded the 37th division. "Two Japs went down, and Joe got the credit."

The comedian, here with the show "Harvey," was reluctant to discuss the incident. "It was the only time I ever fired close range with a carbine," he said in response to questions. "One Jap went down at 75 yards and another at 100 yards. The boys said I got them,

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"G-MAN" GETS 5 YEARS

Framework For Japan Completed

Tojo-Cabinet Due For Trial Sometime In February

TOKYO, Dec. 22 (AP)—Less than four months after the first American occupation troops landed, General MacArthur announced today that the framework for a new, demilitarized Japan is finished—a reconstituted country presently planning to tax its emperor "just as any ordinary taxpayer."

The occupation forces, first arriving August 26, have dispersed the home islands and arrested many war leaders for trial as criminals. Today it was learned authoritatively that ex-Premier Hideki Tojo and the men of his "Pearl Harbor cabinet" will be tried jointly, probably in February.

The statement on the completed framework said there is a present lack of sufficient qualified leaders "among the Japanese but that the changes as directed are expected to be assimilated rapidly." No more major allied directives are contemplated. The last one ordered an end to state-sponsored Shintoism.

The statement, noting that the directives had removed the yoke of militarism, emphasized that education and guidance must be the main part of the program from here on, because people who have lived their lives by the sword need help and leadership to adjust themselves to freedom.

MacArthur's directives have, among other things, broken government shackles on the press and opened the way for the people, including released political prisoners, to freely criticize all leaders, even the emperor.

Travel Tie-Up Hits Klamath

The Pacific coast's transportation tie-up, which has stranded 125,000 returning veterans in port cities, was hitting the Klamath basin today, railroad and bus line officials reported.

Local residents who want to leave town for holiday visits will have to take their chances on getting standing room, let alone seats, as facilities were running to full capacity.

The Greyhound bus lines said the traffic was terrific due to the combination of homecoming veterans and the normal holiday upsurge in travel. Passengers are being backed up locally, and a number have been waiting 12 to 24 hours for space.

The Southern Pacific, already running fullblast with troop trains, reported its regular trains loaded to capacity and could promise nothing better than standing room in day coaches to local travelers.

Local transportation officials could not recall a time when facilities were so taxed as at present. The combination of normal heavy holiday travel, a record surplus of returning servicemen on the west coast, and servicemen's families trying to reach their husbands and sons for Christmas was given as the cause for jammed conditions.

Shoppers Crowd KF Store Aisles

Aisles were jam-packed today as late Christmas shoppers grabbed up merchandise in an effort to wind up the holiday spurge of buying which may set an all-time record in Klamath Falls.

Customers found stocks well down but took what they could get as the first postwar Christmas found shelves much like that of last year and the year before. Jewelry was selling well with pockets apparently steaming with folding money and cost didn't seem to be the object with most shoppers who willingly forked over the cash.

It was foul shopping weather with a strong south wind blowing through the day but the fact apparently kept few of Klamath's thousands at home. The restaurants were doing a land-office business and customers were standing in line in eating houses, their arms laden with packages.

Crippled Boy's Bike Recovered

The final chapter in the story of the crippled Western Union boy whose bicycle was stolen December 12 was added today, when C. E. Robinson and his son, Melvin, found the bike on the banks of the government canal near Alameda street.

Mrs. Carlan, Son Reunited



Mrs. Rose Carlan, 23, embraces her three-year-old son, James Jr. in her home at Chelsea, Mass., after being freed on bail following hearing on murder charge in death of her six-months-old son, Ronald. Police engaged in a 16-day hunt for the "kidnapped" child until it was found dead at home. (AP Wirephoto).

Auto Takes Out Front Of Altamont Grocery Store

A motorist whose brakes failed to hold took out the front of the Altamont camp-ground grocery on S. 6th at 5 o'clock last evening and state police said cans and merchandise were strewn throughout the building as the car plowed through the light structure.

Driver of the 1937 Chevrolet sedan was William Avery Compton, employed by his brother, Les Compton, at his garage, 4443 S. 6th. Police said Compton was not held. The man attempted to stop behind three cars which had slowed down and when he stepped on the brakes they failed to hold. In an effort to avoid hitting the machine ahead, Compton swung to the left to miss the car and took off the front of the grocery store. There were no injuries. Operator of the store, Cherie Clisler, had the building boarded up, police said.

State police also reported the arrest of Sigurd Halvor Dahler, 3738 Bisbee, charged with driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. Dahler is said to have run into a California Oregon Power company truck operated by Bob Faus on S. 6th across from Fraser's market last evening. There were no injuries but both machines were damaged.

Six Slain In Panama Revolt

PANAMA CITY, Dec. 22 (AP)—around the Colon police station, which the government charged a brief but violent skirmish was precipitated by a revolutionary attempt by followers of former President Arnulfo Arias, resulted today in the killing of six persons and the wounding of eight others.

Authorities ordered a country-wide roundup of the followers of Arias who has been waging an aggressive political campaign since his return from exile from Argentina two months ago. Arias himself had not yet been arrested, although his house was under surveillance.

PH Head Seeks New Legal Staff

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP)—The Pearl Harbor investigating committee took a holiday today but Chairman Barkley (D-Ky.) had some unfinished business—the search for a new chief counsel and staff.

Gerhard Gesell, assistant counsel, said the staff still intends to quit after questioning of witnesses on the day the committee meets again, December 31.

William D. Mitchell, chief counsel, and his aides announced several days ago they would withdraw because the scope of the investigation had been so broadened that it could not be completed by the January 3 deadline. Congress subsequently extended the deadline to February 15.

WEATHER

(December 22)
Max. (Dec. 21).....45 Min.35.
Precipitation last 24 hours.....01.
Forecast: Showers and south winds.
Sunday Shooting Hours—
Klamath-Tulelake
Open 7:21 a. m. Close 4:29 p. m.
Monday:
Open 7:22 a. m. Close 4:30 p. m.

Rex Aped FBI Man To Pass Checks

Man Says He Enlisted In Three Branches Of Service

Lance Paul Rex, 24-year-old Texan who admits posing as a "G-man" to leave a trail of bad checks through at least eight western states, was sentenced to serve not more than five years in the Oregon state prison by Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg. Rex pleaded guilty to passing two checks here this week.

The system he generally used was to represent himself as an FBI agent in cashing the checks, showing a letter of credentials, but he did not pose as a government agent here.

However, the FBI wants him for impersonating a G-man. Rex, under questioning by Judge Vandenberg, admitted that he once was in a federal reformatory for impersonating an army officer, and also said that during 1941 and 1942 he had enlisted in the army, navy and marine corps.

While he was in the reformatory he was given a mental examination and hospitalized, Rex said, and told the court that his memory was bad. He remembered the various occasions he had been in trouble but gave wrong answers to the judge's questions concerning the checks he had written in the past two months, in Oregon, California, Arizona, Utah, and Colorado.

"The nearer you get to the jailhouse the worse your memory becomes," Judge Vandenberg told him.

Armed Civilians Gather In Iran

TEHRAN, Dec. 22 (AP)—An Iranian general staff officer said today that army intelligence reported the "presence of armed civilians and an unusual concentration of Russian tanks and troops at Garmar," about 75 miles southeast of Tehran.

Garmar is a railroad junction from which a line runs north to Shahi and the Caspian seacoast in Mazandaran province. Seyid Zia, a member of parliament, declared yesterday he expected an "outbreak of insurgency" in Mazandaran within two weeks.

"Operation Santa Claus" Backfires At Coast Ports

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22 (AP)—Stranded service men in west coast ports numbered about 168,000 today with the office of defense transportation indicating little prospect of improvement in the transportation problem until about January 1.

In Washington Col. J. Monroe Johnson, director of defense transportation, yesterday told a senate committee everything possible is being done to expedite movement of the Pacific veterans pouring into west coast ports but said 90 per cent of all east-bound passenger traffic already is devoted to military personnel.

More than 4700 soldiers and sailors left San Francisco yesterday but twice that many arrived by ship. There is a backlog of 53,000 in the San Francisco area and transports will continue to arrive in increasing numbers until Christmas eve.

"Operation Santa Claus," said a hurried transportation officer, "should be called Operation Santa." Other west coast cities reported: Seattle—Backlog 21,882 with 1581 departures and 2430 additional arrivals yesterday.

Portland—Backlog 9491 with only 325 departures yesterday and 1891 new arrivals. Tacoma—Only 533 moved out yesterday and 2178 came in. Backlog 24,030, about half of them still living aboard ships. San Diego—7900 awaiting transportation. Los Angeles—38,700 awaiting transportation.

It Is A Lovely Calf



Actress Alexis Smith, named by San Antonio, Tex. cowhands as the "Girl With The Loveliest Calves," feeds a four-day-old calf in Hollywood, which was sent her by the Texas city's mayor, Gus B. Mausermann. The little fellow seems more interested in milk than in movie stars. (AP Wirephoto).

Patton To Be Buried With 3rd Army Men Who Died In Heroic "Battle Of Bulge"

Monday, the day before the first Christmas of the peace he fought to bring. Episcopal funeral services will be held in this old university town at the ancient Christ Church of Heidelberg at 3 p. m. (8 a. m., Pacific Standard Time) Sunday.

The third and seventh armies, both commanded by Patton at different stages in the European conflict, will share responsibility for the funeral under arrangements announced by Brig. Gen. John M. Williams. A funeral train will carry the body to Luxembourg.

Mrs. Patton, who was at her husband's bedside when he died last yesterday of complications from injuries in a traffic accident, agreed that he should be buried in the European soil he helped to liberate and with the soldier dead of the fighting which smashed down Germany's last hope drive into the Ardennes.

The body of the great armored commander, who was transferred from the third army to the skeletonized 15th army October 2 after criticizing the demoralization policy in Germany, was to lie in state at Villa Renier, seventh army headquarters, four hours tonight.

His body will be on view to both enlisted men and military and civilian dignitaries until the funeral hour Sunday.

Newsprint Ban To Be Lifted

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP)—Government controls on use of newsprint will be lifted Dec. 31, but supply is expected to remain short of demand. In ordering revocation of all but inventory restrictions, the civilian production administration estimated that about 1,835,000 tons of newsprint will be available to United States publishers during the first half of 1946. This is 98 per cent of supply in the same period of 1941.

Not Adequate "While this is not adequate to meet demands," CPA said, "it is considered sufficient to warrant revocation of the order in view of recommendations of the industry."

A pledge by the American Newspaper Publishers association to "see that no newspaper suspends publication for lack of newsprint" was an important factor in CPA's decision yesterday to cancel the rationing order, L-240.

ANPA has endorsed a so-called New England plan under which publishers agree to set aside up to three per cent of their newsprint tonnage for any papers threatened with suspension because they cannot obtain newsprint.

Arriving In United States

By Associated Press
Godfrey Rachford, 1st Lt., of Alturas, Calif., arrived on General Morton due in New York December 17.
Clarence O. Maxwell, PFC, Klamath Falls, arriving on Enterprise due in New York December 23.