

Japs Cheer Emperor

TOKYO, May 3 (AP)—Japanese welcomed their new "war" constitution today by happily mobbing Emperor Hirohito in Imperial plaza while their band played the famed U. S. military march, "Stars and Stripes Forever."

Without uttering a word, the emperor, who becomes a mere "symbol of state" under the MacArthur-approved constitution, was the star attraction for 8000 Japanese at the constitutional rally.

The little emperor arrived at 11 a. m. in a chill rain. He walked

solemnly and jerkily to the front of the platform. He wore a brown, battered hat, a tan overcoat, and carried an old-fashioned black umbrella.

Silent Embarrassment
He stood there a moment. Emperor and subjects faced each other in mutual silent embarrassment. Then Hirohito started to lift his hat, thought better of it, and put it back on his head.

That brought a roar from the crowd. The emperor smiled, removed his hat like an awkward suitor and bowed slightly.

This gesture from the man before whom all Japanese once bowed brought another roar from the crowd.

Premier Shigeru Yoshida stepped to the microphone and proposed three "Banzai" literally, "10,000 years."

The thousands raised both hands skyward and shouted as they always did in the past.

Shouts Continue
A retainer stepped up beside the emperor, a reminder it was time to go. Hirohito turned and walked toward the rear of the platform. A shout came up from his right. The crowd took up the shout and the emperor stood at the exit, hat in hand, like an actor making his exit.

Then he walked a few yards to his maroon car. Students and old people alike broke through the police ropes and surrounded the car shouting "Banzai." That broke up the rally.

The sedan moved through the crowd, entered a nearby palace gate, and stopped for a moment on an inner bridge in full view of the crowd for a final ovation. Then Hirohito was gone.

All this time a Japanese brass band blared away with "Stars and Stripes Forever."

Couple Adopt War Orphans

NEW YORK, May 3 (AP)—Three European war orphans may find a new home in the green farm fields of Benton county, Oregon.

They also would acquire foster parents—Mr. and Mrs. Elmo A. Wehnert of Blodgett, Ore., who left by plane yesterday for Paris to adopt three waifs.

They said they made up their mind when they saw a picture of a war orphan in a church paper last Christmas. Married 26 years, they have 100 acres, a section of timber and a five-room house they can enlarge.

Wehnert said they would contact the Lutheran orphanage in Paris and War Orphanage, Inc., Frankfurt, Germany. They want two girls and a boy, between 3 and 5 years old, they said they were not particular about nationality. The couple has letters from Governor Earl Snell and Rep. Walter Norblad.

Two Nisei Return To This Country
SAN FRANCISCO, May 3 (AP)—A former Tacoma girl, Nobuko J. Suniyoishi, 26, and her sister, Mrs. Chieko Nagamoto, both Nisei, have returned to this country from Hiroshima, where they were living when that city was seared by the first atom bomb used against Japan.

"When the bomb exploded the house fell on us, but we were able to get out," Mrs. Nagamoto said aboard the SS General M. C. Meigs, when the two arrived yesterday.

Miss Suniyoishi is en route to Los Angeles and Mrs. Nagamoto to Swink, Colo. They were caught in Japan by the war.

GP Man Elected Synod Secretary
MEDFORD, Ore., May 3 (AP)—Morris Milbank, Grants Pass, was elected treasurer of the Episcopal synod of the province of the Pacific here yesterday.

Named members of the provincial council were: the Rt. Rev. F. A. Rhea, Boise; the Rev. Russell Staines, Berkeley, Calif.; and James Hodges, Seattle.

Other elections: the Rev. Lansing Kempton, Portland, trustee; Church Divinity School of the Pacific; the Rev. F. A. Schilling, Olympia, Wash., trustee; St. Margaret's House; members of the provincial court of review—the Rt. Rev. K. M. Block, San Francisco; the Rev. Mark Hidenbach, San Jose; the Rev. E. S. Bartlam, Eugene; M. A. Albee, Los Angeles; Albert C. Agney, San Francisco, and S. C. Moon, Boise.

DRIVER DIES
LEBANON, May 3 (AP)—Jerry Neuman, 26, route 2, Corvallis, died in the flaming wreckage of his logging truck yesterday as he skidded into a ditch to avoid hitting a freight train at Crabtree corner north of here.

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Crash Victims Walk Out Of Mountains To Safety

PORTLAND, ORE., May 3 (AP)—Back from the mountain wilderness which held them, injured and pain-racked for four days, La Verne Hughes and Thomas Miller were recovering today in Portland hospitals.

Their light plane crashed on a Medford-Eugene flight last Monday, and they spent approximately 90 hours in the mountains northeast of Roseburg, before making their way to civilization yesterday.

Hughes, twice Northwest junior ski champion, cracked both wrists and Miller suffered a fractured nose, a ripped knee cap and undetermined internal injuries.

They walked 25 painful miles to the Steamboat ranger station yesterday. An ambulance carried them to Roseburg, where an army C-45 took over, flying the men to medical aid here.

Both emerged from the plane here, bloody and unshaven, but grinning. They refused litters, walking to the ambulances which carried them to the hospitals.

Miller, a Milwaukee salesman, who was piloting on the flight, said they crash-landed when clouds closed in. He said they found a forest lookout station nearby and lived on canned peaches and raisins they found there.

Meanwhile an intensive air search

was conducted for the men, who tried several times to signal the searchers with mirrors. Clouds balked them. Then Thursday they set out for civilization, spending the night at a range shelter en route before reaching the Steamboat ranger station.

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Timber Talks Continuing

PORTLAND, Ore., May 3 (AP)—Negotiations between the CIO International Woodworkers of America and Pacific Northwest Fir Employers continued here today after the union rejected an employer proposal that wage demands be dropped.

The union announcement disclosed that the IWA had scaled down its demand for a wage increase from 25 to 15 cents hourly.

Employers proposed that wages be left at their present level on the ground a wage boost would increase lumber prices at a time when efforts were being made to hold them down.

James E. Fading, union president, called this a "shocking example of the wage and price profiteering by employers."

He continued that the industry "could readily afford to grant the union's revised proposal for a 15-cent wage increase and at the same time reduce the price of lumber at least \$10 a thousand (board feet)."

Truman Signs Vet Pay Bill

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP)—President Truman signed an appropriations bill last night which carried \$1,800,000,000 for the veterans administration, permitting resumption of monthly unemployment and educational payments to 2,780,000 war veterans.

The checks were delayed one day while the bill cleared congress and received the president's signature.

In addition to the veterans funds the \$2,835,161,500 measure provided \$135,000,000 for social security grants to the states, \$300,000,000 for relief by the army in occupied countries, \$6,000,000 for the school lunch program and nearly \$500,000,000 for army pay raises.

The appropriations are to run various agencies until the end of the fiscal year June 30.

Maine To Get US Airbase

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP)—The United States, abandoning plans for a new air base in Newfoundland, will build an airdrome for its mightiest super-bombers on home territory in northeastern Maine.

There was no immediate indication of what factors dictated this further change in national defense blueprints which originally contemplated bases in Iceland or Greenland, far out along the bomber paths that lead to and from Europe.

The army air forces confined its

announcement to the statement that a new base for "very heavy bombers" will be built in Aroostook county, Maine, four miles west of the Canadian border, with construction scheduled to begin approximately June 15. There was some additional detail on facilities for the field and an estimate that its cost is expected to be between \$13,000,000 and \$14,000,000.

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