'NO CONFERENCE' SAYS TRUMAN

In The Day's News

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V-J DAY was two years ago today. V-E Day was several months more than two years ago.

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VIEWED in the crystal clearness of hindsight, the contrast is startlin. In Japan we have made considerable progress toward peace and rehabilitation. In Europe, we have made no progress at all. If we are to divorce ourselves wholly from wishful thinking and insist upon stark realism, we must admit that conditions in Europe are probably WORSE rather than better.

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WHY?

Let's be frank with ourselves. In Japan, we've bulled things through OUR WAY—believing sincerely that our way is best. (That is important. If you BELIEVE IN YOURSELF, you can get things done. If you lack self-confidence, you'll be likely to weaken in the pinches. If you weaken in the pinches, you won't get far where the going is tough.)

In Europe, we've been handicapped by fuzzy thinking. We never knew there just what we wanted to do. The Russians have known from the beginning EXACTLY what THEY wanted to do.

SO—

They have put it all over us, like a tent. They have made progress toward their objectives; we have made NO progress toward ours.

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IN Japan, we have acted decisively. We are STILL acting decisively in Japan.

Washington dispatches tell us this morning that we have just given Russia one week to put up or shut up in the matter of what is going to be done in Korea, which at the moment is the sore spot of Asia.

Time has been working for Russia and AGAINST us. We are moving, apparently, to MAKE TIME WORK FOR US.

That is the traditional American way.

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IN Europe, we have fiddled and fooled. We have blown hot one day and cold the next. Always we have been GOING to do something, but never so far have we done it. We have been off-again-on-again-Finnegan, to the life.

As a result, war looks us in the eye in Europe.

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IN Europe, we are slowly losing what friends we have.

Why shouldn't we lose our friends, when the best we have been able to offer them is a sort of glorified WPA?

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WE licked Japan to a finish. We then turned in and treated the Japs fairly. The prospects are beginning to look good that we will give them something far better than they had before.

As a result, Japan may come to be our bulwark in Asia in a time of trouble—as the Gauls, similarly treated by Julius Caesar, were Rome's bulwark for generations.

(Caesar acted fairly and DECISIVELY. He did no fiddling around.)

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INDIA today is "free" at last. The British are pulling out—leaving India to the Indians.

It ought to be a big day there. In its way, it IS a big day. Celebrations are under way in BOTH Indias—Moslem Pakistan and Hindu India.

BUT—

While the celebrations are going on, while the people are making merry, FIGHTS AND BLOODSHED are going on at the same time.

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WHY?

Because the Moslems and the Hindus CAN'T GET ALONG TOGETHER. With independence in sight, they are already shedding each other's blood over WHO IS GOING TO BE BOSS.

The outstanding tragedy of the world of today lies in the fact that with all the wonderful possibilities that lie ahead people haven't yet learned to get along with each other.

Man Drowns In Diamond Lake

John P. Hayden, 24, of 714 N. E. Webster, Portland, was drowned while swimming in Diamond lake late yesterday afternoon. State police said that his body had not been recovered today.

Hayden went out on the lake with his wife in a rowboat, and decided to go swimming near the shore. He dived in once in shallow water, then decided to move on out to where the water was deeper.

His wife told officers that he dived in again and in doing so pushed the boat away and came to the surface several yards distant from the craft. She said that Hayden told her he could swim some but not very well.

He called to her to help him, but she was not able to row the boat over to him before Hayden went down again and did not reappear.

Douglas county officers are heading the search for the body. Mr. and Mrs. Hayden had been married three years.

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Liberalization Of Homestead Terms Favored

Limited liberalization of farm experience requirements for applicants for homesteads under the forthcoming Coppeck bay opening was generally favored at a conference held by the reclamation bureau yesterday to obtain opinions and suggestions on rules and procedures for the opening.

Other general impressions from the two-hour discussion by representatives of veterans organizations, irrigation districts and others, included:

Retention of the financial requirement of $2000 cash or the equivalent in unencumbered assets—the same as in the 1946 opening—was favored.

The group wanted revision of procedure so that only finally qualified applicants would participate in the final drawing, thus avoiding the unpleasant disqualifications of applicants after they have been announced as "winners."

General opinion of those present at the advisory session was that there should be limited farm experience requirements, and the Tulelake center of the Modoc farm bureau filed a letter suggesting continuation of the previous requirements. Those were that the applicant must have two full years' farm experience in the last seven years of civilian life, with some credit for life on the farm as the child of a farmer after 12 years of age.

One proposal made at the conference yesterday for farming requirements ran about like this:

The applicant should have 24 months' full-time farm experience after the age of 15, and subsequent to some specific date, such as 1932, with credit of one month for each two months spent on the farm as the child of an operator, and credit up to 12 months for time spent in an agricultural college.

Opening Up Urged

A rough draft along that line was read and seemed to be generally approved. A representative of the Merrill American Legion, however, said his group favors throwing the homesteads "wide open." "How many were qualified to shoot a gun or fly an airplane before they went to war?" he asked. The VFW of Tulelake was recorded as favoring liberalization on the farm experience question.

E. M. Hammond of the Klamath irrigation district board drew applause when he advised: "Don't make it too tough and make liars out of the boys."

Chet Main of the Tulelake Growers commented that a man who had had no farm experience in the last 15 years apparently is not interested in farming.

No Speculation

All hands appeared anxious to prevent the acquisition of homesteads for speculation purposes, and the matter of leasing homesteads came in for considerable discussion. There is no current restriction on leasing. One man suggested lowering the financial requirement to $1000 and permitting the homesteader to lease half of his place for the first year or two to gain valuable experience from the lease operator.

A strong suggestion was made that the new procedure be so formed to prevent post-drawing disqualifications. One plan suggested was to have a preliminary drawing of perhaps 100 names (there will be 46 farm units opened) and the examining board then interview these people and weed out all those not qualified under the rules. The remaining qualified applicants would then participate in a final drawing, each "winner" receiving a farm without further question.

The session yesterday was only advisory for the benefit of the examining board which will make recommendations to the commissioner of reclamation on the Coppeck opening regulations. The commissioner is expected to issue the formal announcement about October 1. Members of the examining board — Nelson Reed, John S. Wynn and E. L. Stephens—were present, and Stephens, a reclamation official, presided. Several regional reclamation officials including Ten Brook Williamson, regional settlement officer, were present.

British Quit Indian Posts

KARACHI, Aug. 14 (AP)—Viceroy Lord Mountbatten relinquished the reins of British power today to the new Moslem Dominion of Pakistan, the birth of which at midnight he called "an event in history."

"Tomorrow," the viceroy declared in a farewell address before the Pakistan constituent assembly, "two new sovereign states will take their place in the commonwealth; not young nations but heirs of an old and proud civilization; full independent states whose leaders are statesmen already known and respected throughout the world; . . . not immature governments, or weak, but fit to carry on their great share of responsibility for peace and progress in the world."

Surrender Power

The viceroy returns to New Delhi tomorrow to surrender British power to Hindu India and become governor general of that new dominion.

Even as he spoke in Karachi, blood was being spilled in communal strife in the Punjab, where fighting between Moslems on the one hand and Sikhs and Hindus on the other reached new heights of destruction and violence.

Lahore, the capital of the vast northern province which is being split between Moslem Pakistan and Hindu India, counted its casualties in the hundreds after long hours of rioting and flames swept through much of the city. The fighting also fanned out into Amritsar and other outlying areas of the Punjab.

No Special Session Seen

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (AP)—President Truman declared that he sees nothing on the horizon to require a special session of congress, thus virtually eliminating possibility of legislative action this year on new funds to aid Europe's recovery.

The president's remark came at a news conference at which he declined to comment on the current talks on increasing Ruhr coal production or on the general British financial crisis.

Mr. Truman said that he would be unable to supply figures on how much the Marshall plan will cost. He pointed out that any estimate will depend upon surveys by this country as well as the results of the Paris conference on Secretary of State Marshall's suggestion they get together on a self-help plan.

He said, however, that he would furnish these figures when reports are complete and results of the conference are known.

Armed Services Appointments Due

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (AP)—President Truman said today he expects to make a series of appointments under the unified armed services act very soon, possibly next week.

Mr. Truman told a news conference that Secretary of the Navy Forrestal will take his oath as the nation's first secretary of defense sometime soon, putting the new unification into effect.

After that is done, the president said he will appoint Forrestal's sucessor as navy secretary and make his appointments of secretaries of war and air.

Billion Dollars Of Debt Owed By Italy Written Off

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (AP)—The United States today agreed to cancel about $1,000,000,000 in debts owed it by the Italian government.

The move was made, the state department said, to ease the "burdensome clauses" of the Italian peace treaty.

The state department announced the decision in making public an accord concluded with an Italian financial mission after three months of negotiation.

Under the pact the United States waives all claim to payment for approximately $523,000,000 in civilian supplies furnished by the American army to Italian civilians and $305,000,000 owed for occupation costs.

About $175,000,000 in additional miscellaneous claims were wiped out simultaneously.

"The terms of the understanding have the effect of alleviating several of the burdensome clauses of the Italian peace treaty, and thereby substantial assistance is rendered to the Italian economy," the state department announcement said.

Other highlights of the comprehensive accord with the Italian government are:

1. Unfreezing of approximately $60,000,000 in blocked Italian properties and assets held in the United States once the owners are certified as non-fascist.

2. Turning over of 28 merchant vessels to the Italian government, 15 of them American Liberty ships which will replace seized Italian vessels lost during the war. Eight others are Italian ships being returned by the United States and five are vessels purchased from other American republics.

Bonneville Staff Cut

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 14 (AP) — The Bonneville power administration has released 616 employes because of reduced funds, Administrator Paul J. Raver said today.

Most of those released were employed in the Portland area, he said, and the cut now leaves 851 on the payroll.

The reductions by departments included: administrative services, 255 to 168; division of industrial resources and development, 54 to none; power sales, 83 to 42; system engineering, 39 to 28; engineering and construction, 440 to 320; operation and maintenance, 186 to 119.

Raver said reduction most likely to be felt was that in the operation and maintenance division.

Mercury Hits 89 Wednesday

The mercury was flying high Wednesday afternoon when the temperature rose to a warmish 89 degrees for the day's high. High temperatures were reported throughout the state. At 12:30 today, the temperature stood at 85 degrees.

Despite high daytime temperatures, the nights this week have been cool with the minimum at 49 Wednesday night. The state weather bureau predicted continued warm weather with a maximum of 88 forecast for Friday.

Homestead Examining Board Named

Here are the members of the homestead examining board for the Coppeck bay land opening scheduled for late this year. Left to right: E. L. Stephens, reclamation bureau official and secretary of the board; John S. Wynn, new Tulelake homesteader, a graduate of Oregon State college and former resident of Junction City; Nelson Reed, Klamath Falls business man and chairman of the 1946 examining board.

Reds Rap Greek Aid

LAKE SUCCESS, Aug. 14 (AP) — Russia charged today that "the crudest interference into the internal affairs of Greece emanates at present from the United States."

This was interpreted immediately as a reference to the Truman aid program.

Giving the United Nations security council what he termed "an answer to the American speech made Tuesday, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko said foreign interference was worsening the situation daily inside Greece.

He also charged that former axis collaborators were holding prominent positions in the Athens government.

Gromyko told the council:

"The situation in Greece worsens with every day because this foreign interference into the internal affairs of Greece not only is continuing but is also strengthened. All the world knows who is really interfering into the internal affairs of Greece and from what side Greece is threatened with real danger."

Search On For Plane

ROSEBURG, Aug. 14 (AP) — A four-state search was launched here today for trace of a private plane carrying a Roseburg councilman and his family missing more than a week on a flight to Shelby, Mont.

The civil aeronautics administration station here reported Paul O. Lund, his wife and two children were to have returned here Sunday or Monday after a visit with relatives. Chief of Police Kennersly started a check that disclosed the family apparently never arrived at Shelby.

Kennersly said police at Shelby reported the Lund aircraft, a Fairchild PT23, was not among those listed at airports there.

A positive check was made difficult by lack of names of the Lund family relatives in Shelby. Kennersly said Lund had planned to fly via Spokane and Kalispell, Mont., and the CAA had been asked to check all auxiliary fields along the route.

Labor Bill By-Pass Eyed

DETROIT, Aug. 14 (AP) — Rep. Fred A. Hartley (R-N.J.) said today he was "concerned by the attitude of so-called big business" in agreeing with some labor leaders to by-pass provisions of the Taft-Hartley labor law.

Addressing the 53rd convention of the International Apple association, Hartley said he had noted a tendency of employers, "because business is good and there is plenty of easy money," to "go along" with labor leaders seeking contract clauses immunizing unions against the law.

"Let me serve notice on employers throughout the nation that if I find, as I've already done, that they are by-passing the act, I'm going to invite them to Washington."

"The Taft-Hartley law is the law of the land as far as I'm concerned, and I'm going to see that it's enforced and lived up to," the New Jersey congressman asserted.

Labor Department Torn Up By Congress, HST Charge

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (AP)—In blunt language, President Truman accused congress today of tearing up the labor department.

That was one of the accomplishments of congress, he said at a news conference.

Quickly then, Mr. Truman added that he has no doubt the labor department will be rebuilt eventually—that it can't be permanently torn up.

Congress made appropriations cuts which labor department officials have declared will mean a cut of one-third to one-half in the department's payroll.

As a result of these cuts, officials say, the division of labor standards will be abolished and operations of other divisions reduced. The labors standards division has been making studies dealing with safety and other industrial matters.

Also, the Taft-Hartley labor law took the U. S. conciliation service (which seeks to settle strikes and labor disputes) from the labor department and made it an independent agency.

Mr. Truman gave his appraisal of what congress did to the department after a reporter asked him about the future of various labor agencies.

The president was then asked if the last republican platform did not promise a concentration of all the various activities dealing with labor under one department.

The president said it did and that he could recite chapter and verse.

Marshall Due At Rio Meet

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug. 14 (AP) — Secretary of State George C. Marshall of the United States was due here today for an inter-American conference on hemisphere defense and delegates eagerly awaited his reaction to an Argentine proposal to include economic subjects in the talks, which begin tomorrow.

Diplomats have anticipated that the Argentine proposal, made in brief yesterday, may develop into a demand for a "Marshall plan" for the western hemisphere like that in the making for Europe.

Informed American sources, who said Marshall probably would state his views at the opening session, expressed belief that the United States would stand pat on its original intention to confine the parley to defense matters.

Work On Dam To Start Soon

BREWSTER, Aug. 14 (AP)— Tom Welborn, member of the Columbia basin commission, reported today army engineers would be able to finish preliminary work in time to start actual construction next year on the Foster creek dam, 51 miles below Grand Coulee.

Authorization for the new dam, expected to cost more than $100,000,000 and take five years to build, was given by congress last year but there has been a shortage of funds for engineering investigations. Welborn said the army now has enough to finish this phase.

Welborn and Art Garton, commission chairman, conferred recently with army engineers in Seattle regarding the amounts needed to complete preliminary work and the amount to be sought for construction at the next session of congress.

Officers May Face Check

FORT LEWIS, Wash., Aug. 14 (AP) —Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower says reports of lavish living by army officers in the Mediterranean theater "will be investigated if they prove well-founded."

The army chief of staff commented on the reports, carried by newspaper columnists at a news conference in Seattle before coming here for reviews and inspections.

"That (the charges) is new to me," General Eisenhower said, in response to a reporter's question. "I don't know anything about them. But if there have been any well-founded charges, we won't have to wait for congress to investigate."

The Mediterranean theater is commanded by Lt. Gen. John C. Lee.

General Eisenhower and his party planned to leave McChord field, Wash., for Lowry field, Denver, tomorrow morning after spending today at this post.

Put Up Or Shut Up Is U.S. Attitude

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (AP)—The United States gave Russia one week from today to "put up or shut up" in American-Soviet efforts to achieve a united Korea.

Stripped of its diplomatic language, that is the essence of Secretary of State Marshall's letter to Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov, setting an August 21 deadline for a report on the long stalemated negotiations by a joint commission in Seoul.

If the Russians fail to put up by then, Marshall said, "each government may immediately consider what further steps may usefully be taken to achieve the aims of the Moscow agreement, namely the establishment of an independent, united Korea which can take its place among the United Nations."

American authorities who left no doubt as to the new "put up or shut up" attitude represented Marshall as determined that the Korean negotiations must not bog down completely as have efforts to reach agreements with the Soviets on some other issues.

While the letter made no mention of what "further steps" this government might have in mind, some officials suggested the United States might take the issue back to a four-power conference in quest of some other method of reaching an agreement.

Pepper Gives HST Support

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (AP)—From the White House steps Senator Pepper (D-Fla.) voiced his support today of President Truman for reelection.

I don't think there is any question but that the president should be and will be nominated, and should be and will be elected," Pepper declared to reporters after a call on the president.

Adding political significance to the Florida senator's remarks are the particular position he occupies in the democratic party.

Pepper is close to the CIO and other labor groups. He also is a warm friend of Henry A. Wallace, former vice president who was ousted by President Truman as commerce secretary after they clashed over foreign policy.

Furthermore, Pepper has been a frequent critic of the present administration although he applauded President Truman's labor and tax bills vetoes.

Pepper called at the White House immediately after Mr. Truman had held a weekly news conference at which political matters came up in a small way.

Holy Land Riots Flare

TEL AVIV, Palestine, Aug. 14 (AP) —Two more persons—a Jew and an Arab—were reported killed today and a score more were injured in interracial strife along the tense boundary of the all-Jewish city of Tel Aviv and the all-Arab community of Jaffa.

Unofficial figures indicated this casualty toll since Sunday: dead, eight Jews and five Arabs; wounded, 43 Jews and 15 Arabs.

Along the squalid marketplaces where the Jewish community abuts on the Arab, belligerent youths appeared on the alert for new provocations. More than half the small, dingy shops were closed and there was little traffic.

Police had hoped—apparently in vain—that the morning had brought the end to the four days of strife. Last night's curfew kept some 30,000 Jews and Arabs in their houses.

It was the first time Arab territory had been under curfew since the Arab rising of 1936-1939.

Blaze Sweeps Supply Dump

BATAVIA, Java, Aug. 14 (AP)—A spectacular fire swept The Netherlands Indies petroleum board's main dump at the Port of Tandjoengpriok this afternoon.

Native firemen extinguished the blaze after three hours of heroic effort. They saved two large tanks of high octane gasoline, but 5000 cans and drums containing more than 100,000 gallons of gasoline were destroyed.

Col. L. L. Drost, Batavia area base commander for The Netherlands army, said the fire was "most probably sabotage."

"August 17 is Indonesian Independence Day and now it's time to look for the fireworks," he said.

Drost said only a change in the wind saved the entire dump from destruction. The blaze endangered large military supply dumps and shipping nearby.

A substantial portion of Dutch military and civilian fuel supplies for West Java are stored at Tandjoengpriok, seven miles northeast of the center of Batavia.

Leave Pay Date Upped

Patrick K. Kilby of the veterans administration today announced certain phases of the terminal leave bond bill which deals with cashing the bonds after the date set by congress, September 1, 1947.

The bill, public law 254, which was passed by congress and signed by the president recently, permits cashing the bonds by the banks after the first of next month, or the veteran may hold the bond to accumulate the two-and-one-half per cent interest for a five-year period.

An important part of the law extends for one year the period in which veterans may apply for terminal leave pay. Instead of September 1, 1947, the original application deadline, veterans may apply up until September 1, 1948.

Some veterans have used part of their terminal leave bonds to apply as payments on national service life insurance. The VA advises that the portion of the bond left after payments have been deducted and being held by the treasury may be refunded after the September date.

The law also permits the refund of all amounts of bond proceeds held as unearned premiums paid in advance of the due date.

INDIAN BILL TEXT

On Page One of today's second section will be found a copy of the Indian liquidation bill, S 1212, to be subject of a congressional hearing here next week.

Price Probe Backed By President

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (AP)—President Truman indicated today he has no plans to call a labor-management conference, such as the CIO proposed as a move to seek voluntary cuts in prices.

Mr. Truman was asked to comment at a news conference on the CIO proposal.

In reply, Mr. Truman recalled that in November, 1945, he called a labor-management conference. He commented that it was not successful.

The 1945 conference was concerned with labor relations and economic matters.

The president said he heartily endorses the price investigation just undertaken by Attorney General Clark, and hopes it will obtain results.

Probe Slated

Clark has ordered the justice department's anti-trust division to investigate food, clothing and housing prices to determine whether there are any conspiracies to raise prices.

A reporter asked Mr. Truman if he means by his remarks that he hoped Clark could check the rise in prices or simply point out those who have combined to keep prices up beyond normal profit margins.

The president said the reporters would have to wait and see, but he thought that the investigation would be more likely to point out those who are holding prices up unnecessarily.

However, he said he couldn't answer until the investigation was completed.

On a related matter, Mr. Truman said he has a cabinet food committee looking into the crop outlook to determine whatever steps may be necessary as to exports.

He said this when a reporter asked if the reduced crop outlook in some commodities had led to any studies as to the possible limitation of some exports.

World Peace Truman Hope

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (AP) — President Truman said today that he still is hopeful of the permanent world peace which he regrets has not yet been secured.

Speaking on the second anniversary of V-J Day, Mr. Truman told a news conference he had anticipated when he announced the surrender of Japan two years ago that the peace would have been securely established by this time.

He said he regrets to say that it has not.

But he has not abandoned his belief, he added, that the nations will eventually accomplish a peace for the benefit of all the peoples of the world.

The president said he has never had any doubt about the wisdom of dropping atomic bombs on Japanese cities since he figures it saved the lives of 250,000 American boys.

Man Tangles With Big Bear

HOLLYWOOD, Fla., Aug. 14 (AP)—A bit of fisticuffs with a 200-pound bear landed Russell Odham of Dania, Fla., in a hospital here where he was reported recovering today.

Spectators reported that the fight at a roadside refreshment stand near the Seminole Indian reservation started when Odham began to swing on the bruin, landing a hard left and a right.

The bear went into action after the one-two punch by grabbing Odham, squeezing him, and clawing his leg, witnesses said.

Odham managed to escape from the bear after delivering a blow to the stomach, but returned to the attack and was slashed on the wrist before the spectators could break up the fight.

Wes Robinson, once summertime reporter for The Herald and News, is swinging a pick this vacation time to pick up a few extra dollars for school. The 9 o'clock photog caught him hard at work this morning in Moore park.