New Japan Faces Tough Economic Weed Growths

By ROBERT EUNSON

TOKYO (AP) — Japan came out of the forest of the occupation into the pastures of political independence Monday but found the fields choked with economic weeds.

It wants the United States to help clear the ground so Japan can nourish a population of 82 million.

The task is herculean. It is one of rearranging dollars and yen, raw materials and manufactured goods, machines and markets. It is magnified by the loss of Japan's once-great market in China.

It encompasses such tough matters as trade with Red China and a United States restless from the competition of cheaper Japanese products, and peaceful development of the vast Southeast Asia sphere which Japan once tried to conquer by force.

Japanese financial and industrial leaders—while not necessarily asking direct help from the U.S.—look to the former conqueror for most of the help in solving these problems.

MARKETS

Japan wants the U.S. to broaden its help to under-developed countries in Southeast Asia. Then they can buy fanufactured goods from Japan and Japan can buy raw materials from them.

Economic leaders here regard this as necessary because of the loss of Japan's huge markets on the China mainland and a growing resistance in the U.S. against importation of Japanese products.

Of a dozen Japanese leaders surveyed by The Associated Press, not one suggested that the U.S. lend money to Japan.

They suggested that the U.S. extend dollar credits to Japan in such a way that Japan can maintain trade with Southeast Asia and still purchase raw materials from the United States, which China once supplied.

Japan is strangely burdened with a sterling balance of 85 million pounds. That makes it unsound for Japanese businessmen to sell into the pound sterling area of Southeast Asia currently.

But if the United States can do something about developing raw material in Southeast Asia, Japan has the money to start spending there.

HEALTH

Japanese business leaders say that once the ball starts rolling it could create a Southeast Asia sphere, greater—because it would be healthier—than anything ever envisioned by the late Japanese militarists.

Hisato Ichimada, governor of the Bank of Japan and the most influential financier in the nation, put it this way:

"It is highly desirable that Japan should develop the rich natural resources lying untouched in Southeast Asia so that she may secure, at relatively moderate cost, the essential raw material which she needs.

"If these can be obtained through development of this area, Japan will be in a position to supply larger amounts of the chemical and heavy industry products that are so urgently required by the nations of the free world grouped around the United States."

One of the major worries of Japanese businessmen is the loss of the U. S. market. They face increased tariffs on fish, cameras, toys and other favorite Japanese products.

"This we cannot regard as being an understanding attitude," said Dosuke Sugi, president of the Osaka Chamber of Commerce.

Japan's textile industry, a pre-war mainstay, also is hard hit.

In the age-old battle to feed itself, Japan faces trouble from Russia, its burly neighbor to the north.

More than 75 Japanese fishing boats and nearly 500 fishermen have been captured by the Russians or Chinese Communists and are still held.

This doesn't put much of a dent in the fishing industry of 955,445 fishermen and 208,108 boats, but threat of capture discourages fishing too far from home.

"We cannot engage in our work and remain free from anxiety," said Michitomo Tanaka, director of the Japan Trawler Fishery Association.

"We would like to have American warships patrol the seas."

DUTIES

He also would like to see U.S. duties lowered so more fish could be sold in America. He pointed out China once was a major market for the fishing industry and now is lost unless a way is found for Japan to do business with the Communists.

Finally, Communism in Japan appears to be no great probem. Gen. MacArthur took care of that a long time ago. His animosity to Communism left its impression everywhere.

Anyway, Comunism is bound to find the going rocky in a land which loves its Emperor.

Fire Damages Supermarket

A Sunday morning fire caused extensive damage to the newly-remodeled Safeway store on 8th between Pine and High.

The blaze apparently broke out in boxes stacked near an incinerator in a storage room at the back of the building, according to Fire Chief Roy Rowe.

City firemen got the alarm at 6:42 a.m. and the building was smoke-filled when they arrived.

The fire damaged or destroyed quantity of case goods, milk cases, service baskets and other items stored in the room, and ate up rafters to spread out over the main store between the ceiling and roof.

The interior of the main part of the building suffered smoke damage to stock and fixtures.

The store had been open for business only two days after being closed about three weeks while an extensive remodeling job was going on. The store had been outfitted with new and modern fixtures to make it one of the largest and most attractive in town.

Another weekend blaze which stirred some alarm was neither damaging or dangerous. It was at the old Big Lakes Box Company site on S. 6th at the viaduct, where lumber scraps and debris was being burned.

The fire burned most of Saturday night, casting a baleful-looking glow into the sky, and smoked all through Sunday.

That location was the scene of a spectacular fire last September when buildings of the Ewauna Box and Big Lakes Box burned.

FARM LABOR

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Foreign Office sources said the U.S.-Mexican agreement on migrant farm laborers will be extended for a year to cover movements of Mexicans to harvest fields this year.

WATERY RESEARCH — Lord Noel-Buxton wades into Thames River during attempt to ford stream at Westminister. His venture was part of research for book on London topography.

Lakeview Girl Wins Contest

LAKEVIEW—Elizabeth Suba and Gerald Kubat won first and second awards in the annual Americanism essary contest of the American Legion Auxiliary, it was announced by Mrs. Helen Anthony, chairman of the contest.

Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Suba, earned the Auxiliary unit's first prize of $5 cash, and Gerald, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Kubat, won the second award of $2.50. Both essays will be entered in the Auxiliary state contest.

Both winners are members of the eighth grade at Central School and entered the junior division of the contest, writing on the subject "The Advantages of Being An American." This division was for the seventh, eighth, and ninth grades. There were no entrants in the supper division. In the junior division 4 essays were turned in.

Secretarial Course Eyed

The local chapter of National Secretaries Association has made arrangements for A. Miller of the secretarial science department, Southern Oregon College, to meet with Klamath area girls interested in furthering their study in that field.

Miller will be in Klamath Falls next Friday at 7 p.m. to discuss the cost of a course of study which might be instituted here, hours wanted and other topics pertinent to organization of classes here. He will come to Klamath Falls one night a week if there is a demand for his services.

Mrs. Irene Kroenert, manager of the Klamath Business College, has offered the use of classrooms for the new courses.

16 Violent Deaths Mar Weekend in Northwest

By The Associated Press

A heavy outbreak of violent deaths marred the Pacific Northwest weekend.

A Monday morning count disclosed 16 deaths, nine form traffic accidents. Two men were killed by a train east of Eugene, Ore.; two suffocated from smoke in the Ilwaco, Wash., county jail; a farmer was pinned under a tractor and an Oregon logger was crushed Saturday under a load of logs. An 11-year-old Vancouver, Wash., boy was found hanged in the bathroom of his home.

The train victims were Olav Haug, 56, and Edgar Higginbotham, 62, Silverton, Ore., lumber workers. They were killed Saturday night at Oakridge, Ore., when they stepped into the path of a northbound train.

JAIL DEATHS

The jail cell victims at Ilwaco were Clyde A. Wood, an Air Force enlisted man stationed at Naselle, Wash., and Dick Morris of Long Beach, Wash. They had been arrested on drunkenness charges and one of the cell beds caught fire, authorities reported.

The traffic victims:

Oregon — Jack Lionel Latham, 20, Vanport College student. The car he was riding in smashed into a service station. Phyllis Rachal, about 45, struck by a mail truck in Portland. Robert Williams Rider, 27, Springfield, Ore., whose motorcycle hit an automobile west of Eugene. Shirley Lagest, 15, of Merlin, Ore., who died after an automobile plunged off the road north of Grants Pass.

Washington—A Washington State College senior, Bonnie Pratt, 21, of Kennewick, died at Pullman of injuries received in an automobile collision Thursday night. Lawrence G. Kendall, 25, Wenatchee, whose car hit the center curb of the bridge across the Columbia at Wenatchee. F. Hildebrandt, Trail, B. C., whose car missed a curve near Springdale, Stevens county. West of Port Angeles, William La Londe, 72, of Beaver, was fatally injured when his car hit and caromed off one that had stopped and struck another headon.

Idaho — Richard Deen Bachman, 21, believed of Spokane, killed when an automobile hit a freight truck trailer.

PINNED

The tractor victim was Louis W. St. Martin, of Carnation, King County, Wash., whose machine overturned and pinned him in a water-filled ditch Saturday.

In Oregon, 22-year-old Ronald Parker, was crushed to death Saturday under a load of logs near Mapleton.

At Vancouver, Wash., Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lowry found their 11-year-old son, Gary, dead in their bathroom. A plastic lamp cord was tight around his neck and attached to the door knob, City Detective Julian Ulmer reported. The boy may have been making a practice knot which tightened about his neck, the officer said.

College Loses $72,000 Gift

SALEM (AP) — Pacific University lost $72,000 in a court decision here Saturday.

Circuit Judge Rex Kimmell ruled in favor of the guardian of Mrs. Luella A. Torrens, Salem. Mrs. Torrens was incompetent when she gave the gift to the school last year, Frankie L. Grant, the guardian, contended. Mrs. Torrens was 83 at the time. The money had been placed in trust for the University.

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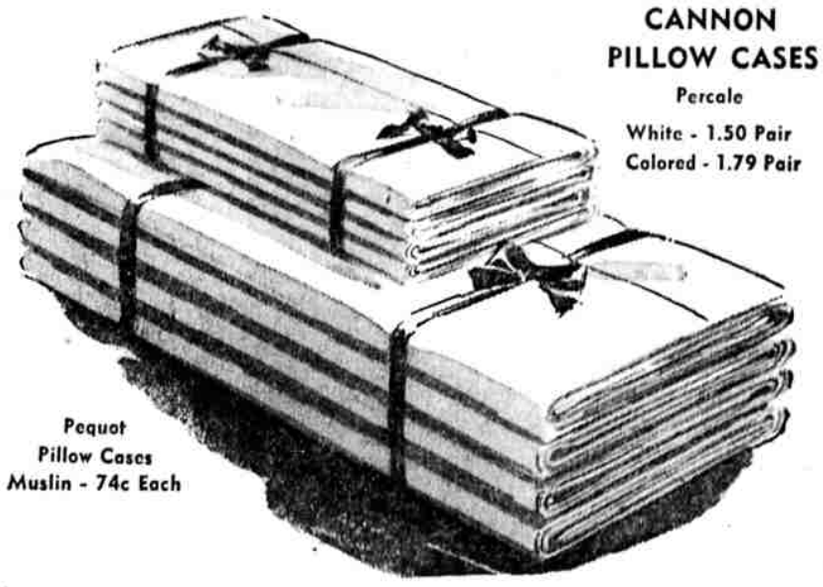

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