

U.S. Occupation Sharply Criticized by Jap Press

By SAM SUMMERLIN
TOKYO (AP)—Japanese publications are giving some sharp criticism of the U. S. occupation, which for more than six years kept them in a close iron.

In most instances, however, the attacks appear to be cases of letting off steam rather than an im-

wholly unsupported charge that some occupation officials took bribes from Japanese for favor.

This article appeared in Keizai Shinbun, "Economic Perspective," a monthly magazine of small circulation.

Jishubashi asserted his purge in 1947 was a "frameup." At the time he was finance minister in the cabinet of Prime Minister Shigenori Yagiuchi.

Obviously bitter, he charged the occupation favored "English-speaking stooges or Communists."

The Asahi Weekly, considered Japan's most influential news magazine, carried comments of 26 prominent Japanese, all of whom had some bitter words for the occupation.

HUMILIATION
They recounted what they said were personal humiliations and strong-arming from drunk or misbehaving U. S. soldiers.

One complained of "alien repression forced down Japanese throats."

Another declared "prostitution thrived because of American patronage."

Historically, anti-western feeling is old in Japan. Yet anti-Americanism now seems to have little support among the Japanese. This probably is due to the relatively mild military occupation.

Anti-Americanism, which the Communists try to arouse, could of course grow in intensity if heavy sovereign Japan runs into serious economic difficulties.

Taft Captures West Virginia

By The Associated Press
Late returns from West Virginia's primary gave Sen. Taft a 14 to 1 edge over Gen. Eisenhower in their contest for delegates to the Mountain State will send to the Republican presidential nominating convention.

It had been 15 to 1 for Taft in the early morning count of Tuesday's heavy voting, but later tallies showed an unexpected delegate candidate taking the lead over one Taft man.

Taft managers had said they expected a clean sweep but that losing one delegate to Eisenhower wouldn't bother them.

In popular votes, Taft was an easy winner over Harold E. Stassen. Eisenhower was not entered in this preferential voting and his name was not permitted.

SCORE
When 1,120 of the state's 2,822 precincts had reported, the score stood: Taft 54,916 and Stassen 15,299.

Democrats held no presidential popularity contest and, without a fight, named a 20-vote delegation to the nominating convention.

Both GOP and Democratic delegations are officially unpledged.

In Washington, Sen. Butler of Maryland took issue with Eisenhower's statement this week that, if the American people want him for president, "they know where to find me."

The general made the remark in repeating his intention not to resign.

Butler said no man should be begged to be president, adding: "I am not ready to assist that we are that hard up for presidential material."

Taft and W. Averell Harriman, who seeks the Democratic nomination as president, criticized the campaign on behalf of Eisenhower, while Sen. Carlson of Kansas praised the general.

DWEY SLAP
Taft spoke to a group of women campaign workers in Washington. He told them that, if nominated, he would not make "the kind of a 'me-too' campaign conducted by Gov. Dewey in 1948 and which I have no doubt he will recommend to Gen. Eisenhower."

New York's Gov. Dewey, a strong Eisenhower man, has said he will urge the general to campaign vigorously if nominated.

Dewey attributes his 1948 defeat by Truman to over-confidence and a too-easy going campaign.

Harriman told the National Press Club that the general as a Republican would be "surrounded" by these men who have blocked progress in this country." He said Taft is among such men.

Carlson, an Eisenhower supporter, told a Mitchell, S. D., rally that Eisenhower often has spoken out against the Truman administration.

He said the general was offered the Democratic nomination "on a platter" in 1951 but turned it down.

M'Carthy Pay Caused Worry

WASHINGTON (AP)—Carl G. Strandlund conceded Wednesday he was worried when he paid Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) \$10,000 for an article on housing that some implications might be drawn from the deal.

"It scared me," he told the Senate Election subcommittee. "I made it a point never to confer, to discuss or contact or concern myself with Sen. McCarthy from that point on."

Strandlund was in the witness chair for the third straight day as the subcommittee looked into a resolution by Sen. Benton (D-Conn.) aimed at unseating McCarthy.

Benton maintains it was unethical to pay McCarthy. He said there was nothing wrong with the deal and improper for McCarthy to deal. He has asked the Senate to investigate Benton.

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Strandlund was asked by Sen. Hennings (D-Mo.) whether he thought "the question of integrity was involved" in the payment.

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