

## US Training Future Jap Generals

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FORT BENNING, Ga. (NEA)—The U.S. Army is now training 80 Japanese "future generals" in the infantry school here and 100 more at other Army schools.

These young officers are the cream of the so-called Japanese National Safety Force, and in a few years are expected to be its

fact that most of the war-time animosity toward the Japanese has disappeared, can best be found in the reactions of Maj. Seichi Ochi. Now nearing 40, Ochi has one of the most impressive combat records in the class.

He won his commission with the Japanese forces in Manchuria in 1938. During World War II he fought in Indo-China, Sumatra,

of great quantities of ammunition. He says:

"I couldn't believe you could use so much ammunition against us without being wasteful. But now that I have seen this country, how huge it is, how tremendous some of your factories are and the great amounts of ammunition and guns you have, I understand why you felt free to use all you did."

Ochi, like the rest of his group, is reluctant to discuss international politics. But he says:

"Speaking for myself, I believe that the future security of Japan depends upon close friendship and cooperation with America. Our being here at Benning helps to further this."

He frankly admits that he and the others were not sure what kind of a general reception they would get in this country. But they are all relieved and pleased that the scars of World War II are apparently well healed. They have no complaints on the way they have been received here.

They rode across the country from the west coast in busses to get a closer look at the sights. Ochi was impressed with the "excellent state of sanitation which is maintained all over."

Most of Ochi's spare time is spent in the infantry school's vast military library pouring over the histories of World War II in Europe. He explains that during the fighting he never got accurate accounts of what was taking place on the other continent. As a professional military man he's interested in that important action.

Ochi is married and has a young son. They live in a small town just south of Tokyo. His brother is a professor at Tokyo University.

All expenses but the actual cost of the course they are taking are being paid for by the Japanese government. The Japanese officers each get five dollars per day for personal expenses. From this small sum they've managed to hire an instructor from an Atlanta university to help them improve their English speaking and writing.

Interpreters are used during the course, which lasts 20 weeks. But the students are getting more proficient in English all the time.



W. C. (BILL) CANTON, assistant manager of the Klamath Falls Branch, Commercial Finance Corporation and Insurance Adjuster for the past four years, has been promoted to manager here. The announcement was made by L. T. Anderson, vice-president. Canton lives with his wife Gloria and five-year-old son Bill at 652 California. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Canton, Klamath Falls, and a veteran of World War II and Korea.

## Red Army Purge May Follow East Zone, Ukraine Shakeups

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Moscow's purge of two interior ministers in key states of the Soviet Union looks like the first step in a vast cleanup which will touch every one of the 16 republics. It also indicates the purge may soon reach into the ranks of the Soviet Army.

These interior ministers do not correspond to the secretary of interior in the United States. They have control of policing and related activities.

Interior ministers installed in the shakeups following Stalin's death now apparently are going to be purged as adherents of deceased Lavrenty P. Beria, who was interior minister of the whole U. S. S. R. Soviet announcements of the purge of interior ministers in Georgia and the Ukraine indicate that the struggle for power was at a violent height in April, when great power apparently was wielded by Beria. He was strong enough to clean out the security ministries and impose his own men. This is one of the principal charges brought against him in the bill of particulars filed with the Communist Party central committee by Premier Georgi Malenkov.

Both Pavel Y. Meshik, interior minister of the Ukraine, and Vladimir G. Dekanozov, interior minister of Georgia, Beria's home republic, were appointed in April. The power of the central interior ministry under Beria and of the republic ministries was vastly increased in a merger which combined the ministries of interior and security under single chiefs.

Other "Beria men" in the republics now face quick dismissal and probably much worse. They include these recently appointed interior ministers:

White Russia: M. I. Baskakov. Armenia: G. I. Marikarov. Latvia: N. J. Kovalevich. Estonia: V. I. Oskalenko. Lithuania: P. K. Kondakov. Moldavia: Joseph L. Mordovets. Kazakh Republic: Vladimir V. Gubin. Uzbek Republic: Alexei P. Byzov.



JAPAN'S Maj. Seichi Ochi, veteran of Japanese campaigns in World War II, stands at attention (nearest camera) with some of his 60 fellow officers training at Ft. Benning, Ga.

top brass.

This official revelation by the Army strips most of the fiction, which the U.S. State Department and the Japanese government have tried to maintain, that the Safety Force exists only to quell civilian disorders. Most of the courses which the men are taking here and at the other schools deal with highly technical military subjects of little use to ordinary policy officers.

The training program is an important part of the country's effort to strengthen its position in the Far East through the standardization of weapons and training among its allies.

The success of this effort, the enthusiasm of the students and the

## Wash. AFL Backs Hells

YAKIMA (AP)—Delegates to the Washington State Federation of Labor convention shouted through a resolution Thursday calling for a big multiple purpose dam in Hells Canyon.

The convention adopted the resolution after James A. Duncan, Seattle machinist delegate, ridiculed the anti-Hells Canyon speech here two days ago by Washington Gov. Arthur B. Langlie. Duncan said he never had "seen the governor so steamed up."

E. M. Weston, federation president, described the loud voice vote for the resolution as unanimous, although he said "I thought I heard a few weak noes" in the back of the room. He called for the "nay" votes again and there was silence.

The resolution, reaffirming the federation stand in favor of a big government dam on the Snake River, deplored what it called "the wanton disregard of the public interest" by Interior Secretary McKay, Gov. Langlie and others for their stands on the issue.

Delegates were expected to name Spokane for next year's convention.

## Forest Fire Danger Kept At Low Point

PORTLAND (AP)—Frequent rains and high humidities kept the forest fire danger in Western Oregon and Western Washington this spring at the lowest point since 1948, the Forest Service reported Thursday.

But Kermit W. Linslett, Forest Service fire control chief for Oregon and Washington, said the usual summer fire danger could be expected.

High temperatures and low humidities of the past few days already have dried out forest litter in which fire spreads, he said.

Burma and the Philippines.

He was a company commander on Corregidor. And he no doubt considers it a facet of our rapidly changing times that no one noted anything unusual when he and other members of the class were recently entertained in the Benning club's Corregidor Room, dedicated to the graduates of the infantry school who were slain in defense of that rock.

Ochi is impressed with the organization of the training which he is receiving. He will return to set up programs for the enlisted members of the JNSP.

"Your training here is more elaborate and thorough on technical subjects with more emphasis on weapons than we had in the old Japanese Army," Ochi says. "But we trained our troops harder, under conditions closer to those of actual combat and in rougher country."

Since coming to the U.S. a few months ago he has cleared up one mystery of the last war which had been bothering him. That concerned the American troops' use

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