

Hiroshima Shows Its Wide Open Spaces After Atom Bombing



How the first atom bomb leveled Hiroshima block by block is revealed in this composite aerial photo of a section of the city the day after the attack. Only an occasional building remains standing.

ETO GIs Home by July, '46

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—All troops in Europe except those staying for the occupation will be home by next June 30, officials announced yesterday. However, they may not all be discharged by that time.

The officials indicated also that only 260,000 of the soldiers now in Europe would serve in the Army of Occupation. New draftees will make up the rest of the force. On the basis of an occupation force of 400,000 it had been assumed previously that nearly that number of those now there would have to remain.

This latest word on the transportation and occupation situation developed at a press conference held by Maj. Gen. C. P. Gross, Army transportation chief, and Maj. Gen. John N. Dalton, deputy director of personnel.

Gross said that 4,000,000 men in all would be returned from overseas by the end of June—2,500,000 from Europe and 1,500,000 from the Pacific. He added that there were about 2,760,000 soldiers in Europe and 1,800,000 in the Pacific.

(Gross' figure of 2,500,000 ap-

parently included men in the Mediterranean Theater as well as the ETO. Word at USPST headquarters in Paris yesterday was that ETO troops now totaled 2,375,000.)

A discharge rate of 500,000 monthly, which officials previously had said would be attained, was promised by Gross and Dalton for the first of the year. Gross said men then would be streaming into the U.S. at that rate, and Dalton said discharges would reach the same figure then.

Gross said that in addition to U.S. shipping and all available aircraft, the Army would use the British liners Queen Mary, Queen Elizabeth and Aquitania and seven

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Argentine Cops Strafe Rioters

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 17 (AP).—Police fired machine-guns early today into a crowd of demonstrators, injuring nine persons and bringing the toll of the Argentine capital's three-day rioting to four dead and 112 injured.

In one district, about 300 pro-democratic youths attempted to storm the former headquarters of the rival Nationalist Youth Alliance, to which it is suspected that the members still have access.

The disorders began Tuesday night with the celebration of the Japanese surrender.

War Minister Juan Peron canceled Army leaves yesterday.

Ambulances, with sirens screaming, tore through the crowd of demonstrators as marauding school-boys, armed with broomhandles, battled the police amid cries of "death to Peron."

Women's Services Quit Recruiting—All But WAC

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (ANS).—Except for the Women's Army Corps, all the women's services have halted recruiting. The WAC, though not making any drive for more women, will continue to accept women who want to enlist.

Radar Right on the Beak

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—The Army revealed today that the 61-minute air-raid in San Francisco on June 27, 1943, was caused by radar picking up the flight of a flock of pelicans.

Quit Stalling, Mac Tells Japs; Talk Next Week

MANILA, Aug. 17.—Gen. MacArthur warned the Japanese today against stalling, and ordered them to comply with his "clear and explicit" surrender directive "without further delay."

The stern order by the Supreme Allied Commander

followed a Japanese request for additional information about sending emissaries to Manila to arrange the surrender. As a result of the enemy's delay, the preliminary conference scheduled to be held here today has been postponed until early next week.

Before his latest message, MacArthur had informed the Japanese that their notes requesting more time were "satisfactory." He set no new deadline for the Manila conference, but, backed by a vast array of Allied power such as the world never had seen, it was obvious to correspondents that he would not allow Japan to take advantage of his tolerance and stall indefinitely.

Imperial Messengers Depart

MacArthur's warning against further delay was issued as the first members of the Japanese imperial family left on flying visits to the far-flung battlefronts to tell Japanese soldiers to lay down their arms. Traveling under an Allied safeconduct guarantee, the messengers will make their appeal in the name of Emperor Hirohito.

One group left Tokyo for China and Manchuria. Other members of the imperial family, flying to the southern regions, will depart tomorrow. The Emperor's representatives bound for Manchuria were to fly to Keijo (Seoul), capital of Korea; those headed for China were routed to Shanghai and then north to Nanking; and those visiting the southern part of the Asiatic mainland were to travel via Shanghai, Canton and Saigon, French Indo-China.

The Associated Press pointed out that the postponement of the Manila surrender conference until next week would give MacArthur additional time to complete his plans for occupation of Japan. Indications were that advanced echelons of occupation troops would move into the four main Japanese home islands as soon as preliminary details of the surrender had been settled.

Air Armada Prepared

Likewise, the signing of the document was expected to be the take-off signal for a great aerial armada that would transport key U.S. officials to enemy territory. All regular air transport between the Philippines and the central Pacific has been frozen except for the highest-priority officials, who include several generals, admirals and civilian government experts slated for important occupational roles.

Unofficially, it was stated in Washington that the occupation forces in the main Japanese islands would be primarily Americans, although other Allied troops, including Russians on Hokkaido Island, would take part. Predictions also were heard that U.S. units would land on Korea, which is to become independent, and on For-

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Japs Attack 4 U.S. Planes Over Tokyo

OKINAWA, Aug. 17.—A Japanese attack on four B32 American bombers flying a photographic mission over the Tokyo Bay area was reported today, two days after Supreme Commander Douglas MacArthur had announced that Allied operations on all sectors had been halted except for aerial observation.

The action occurred about noon at a height of 20,000 feet.

Ten Japanese fighter planes, as well as moderate to intense anti-aircraft fire, met the U.S. aircraft on their arrival in the area. One of the bombers was badly shot up, but none of the crew was hurt. American gunners sent two of the enemy planes down in smoke, and they were listed as probably destroyed.

Earlier in the day, the Japanese had explained to MacArthur via wireless an action in which enemy planes bombed "some 12 Allied transports" off Shikoku Island yesterday noon (Tokyo time).

The message asserted that the attack was made four hours before the Emperor's cease-fire order was issued. The transports approached "extremely near" Kochi on the south central coast of Shikoku, one of the main Japanese islands, the broadcast said. Thus, it was explained, Japanese airmen "ventured to attack the Allied vessels, apparently causing some damage."

Japs Ask MacArthur To Halt Soviet Drive

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—Japan appealed to Gen. MacArthur today to take "proper steps to bring about the immediate cessation of the Soviet offensive" in Manchuria, Korea, Mongolia and the lower half of Sakhalin Island.

At the same time, however, Marshal Alexander M. Vassilevsky, Supreme Russian Commander in the Far East, charged that the Japanese had been counter-attacking on several sectors and gave the enemy Kwantung Army until noon Monday to surrender its arms and "discontinue war operations."

The Japanese appeal to MacArthur, the Allied Supreme Commander, was made in a Tokyo broadcast to Manila recorded by U.S. monitors here. Terming the request "urgent," the broadcast said Japanese troops in Manchuria were meeting "great difficulties" in obeying cease-firing orders because

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New AAF Super-Bomber Out-Ranges B29 2 1/2 Times

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (UP).—Gen. Henry H. Arnold disclosed today that the U.S. has a new super-bomber with a range two and a half times as great as the Superfortress. He said it could cover all of the Pacific Ocean and Asia or all of the Atlantic Ocean from present U.S. bases. Other details were not revealed.

Arnold also announced that the Air Force has rockets which can be drawn to their targets by heating the target area. And more than a year ago, he added, bombs guided by television were operated

by a man in a plane 15 miles away. "The time is coming," said the chief of the U.S. Army Air Forces, "when we will have no men in bombers. They will be directed from distant bases until they approach the targets and then will 'home' automatically."

He said that the same principle would apply to defense, with jet planes and rockets "homing" automatically on enemy planes.

Arnold also told a press conference that he planned to retire soon, explaining that he was "getting to be an old man." He is 59.

Honeymoon On, Wedding Off

WESTBROOK, Me., Aug. 17 (ANS).—The wedding of the mayor's daughter was called off at the church and today, the 400 guests learned the reason—the prospective bridegroom was on his honeymoon.

While the bride-to-be, Miss Elizabeth Furbish, 21, waited in the Warren Congregational Church, Norman A. Martin Jr., also 21, was driving in his grandfather's automobile with another bride 40 miles away, he admitted today. Martin said he was wed in a civil ceremony to Miss Beverly Rowe of West Buxton.

"It was just a case of a fellow changing his mind," explained Martin, who vanished after the wedding rehearsal Tuesday night. "I'll admit I was a little late in making my choice, but I'm sure now that I have the girl I love."

Martin said he and his bride had been going out together for about four years "off and on."

Neither the mayor nor his wife would comment. They said their daughter would be "out of town" for at least two weeks.



Technicolor

The term browned off has been quite popular in B-Bag, but I'm not browned off; I'm completely blacked out with purple rage upon discovering that there is a question as to whether Hirohito shall be classed a war criminal.

How can any American be so damned thick-headed? If ever it is definitely decided that our dear Emperor is not a war criminal, let me suggest that each and every Nazi war criminal be released immediately and all charges dropped. —Pfc J. E. Tennison, 325 G.I. Inf.

Yes and No

There are 17 82nd Airborne Div. men here in the 14th Reinf. Depot, and we would like to express our gratitude to the efficiency of the officers and EM of the G.F.R.C.

We have been in these lousy holes on an average of five months apiece. We have been handed that same old line "no transportation" for so long we say it in our sleep. In the last place we were in they told us we would be out in 48 hours. We were there (Third R.D.) 36 days.

The crowning heights of efficiency were reached today. An 82nd Div. truck arrived after 11 men. One of our group spotted it and found out how many men the truck was after. Then he proceeded to the headquarters to see if our group couldn't go on the same truck. Personnel section was agreeable and set to work cutting orders. Troop Movements got wind of the affair and vetoed the whole thing.

Reason—four men too many on the truck. Result—causing another truck to make a round trip of 300 miles again tomorrow. —Pvt. Bill Hawley.

Editor's note—Hq. G.F.R.C. commented on your letter as follows:

"Under present policy, units are required to furnish transportation for the return of former members to their organizations. Units are notified as to the number of former members on hand by the holding reinforcement depot and are requested to furnish the necessary transportation for their return."

"Due to the magnitude of redeployment and readjustment in the major commands, it is not always feasible nor practicable to move small groups daily."

Let's Watch Our Step

Just recently certain relaxations to the non-fraternization policy were authorized. . . but it does not seem to me that these revisions should give license to the spirit of camaraderie that has sprung up between so many of our soldiers and the Germans.

Forgiveness is an honorable virtue, but even the most petty criminal is not forgiven merely because he is seized by remorse. He must work out his pardon over a period of time before he is allowed to resume his place in society. The average German today is docile and co-operative to almost the point of servility, but is this not a calculated scheme to win a psychological victory out of a military defeat?

For years these same fawning civilians have worked with all their energies to maintain the Nazi war machine and gladly sent their sons off to wage war for the Führer. Hitler could not have risen to power and maintained it to the end without the support of at least an overwhelming majority of the people.

Men scheduled for early redeployment are naturally prone to feel little responsibility, because to them the Germans will soon be left and forgotten, but they are establishing attitudes and precedents that will influence those who continue the occupation.

We are acting here in the capacity of 130,000,000 people back at home, and also the many thousands who gave their lives in the struggle against Nazidom and all it stood for. How amazed they must be that so many could forget so much in so short a time! It is not ours to hate these people, but it is our responsibility to administer a strict surveillance over them until they prove by deed, as well as word, that they are capable of taking their place in a peaceful human society.

Those who fail in this responsibility and betray the trust of our war dead must be willing to take the blame for sowing the seeds of a future war in which our children, if not we ourselves may well be the victims. —An Infantry Sergeant.

There have been numerous articles concerning that old "frat" problem in Germany. People get hot under the collar just because we talk to the German people and don't think that we should be given that privilege. OK, here is a solution to make everybody happy.

Take those people who are so much against fraternization and

send them to Germany and let them be the Army of Occupation. If they don't like it, then send them to the Pacific, and if they don't like that just tell them to keep their damn nose out of the deal and let the fellows who won the war worry about what we should do and shouldn't do. —Cpl. H. L.

Big Game Hunter

I have frequently read material to the effect, "military skills are related to several civilian occupations." Tell me for what occupation do I qualify, with an MOS 745? —Stumped, 275 Inf.

A Wounded Man's Morale

A word of thanks to the 280th Station Hospital personnel at Cherbourg.

We are ZI patients, mostly ambulatory, waiting for our boat to take us home. During our brief stay here, the personnel have done everything in their power to make our sweating out period pleasant. Partial pays, passes (to those who can walk), good chow, good Special Service facilities, no unnecessary inspections, no details, good medical care, and above all, no unnecessary chicken.

In a few words, it's a good outfit. —Pfc G.L. Lewis (and 13 others.—Ed.).

The Kindness Is Killing

I have just arrived at "paradise." S & S referred to redeployment camps as enlisted man's paradise. I've been looking around but so far no sign of angelic choirs or heavenly bliss. . . the supply sergeant has issued no harps or halos. (The MP at the gate did bear a slight resemblance to St. Peter, except for the Garand on his shoulder.)

This particular Utopia is located about 50 miles from the nearest form of civilization. . . an ant hill. One of the boys claims to have made the acquaintance of a female gopher about five miles from here. . . no one believes him.

Honestly, I don't know how the Army can do so much for us. . . Yep, it's wonderful here in paradise—please rush us some bad news before we die of happiness. —T/5 James T. Nealy, 895 Ord.

Things Have Changed

I wrote a few weeks ago complaining of the rough deal we were getting in the Assembly Area Camps. This is just a few lines to let you know things have improved a hell of a lot. All the details and other stuff have ceased. Quotas for passes and furloughs have come in recently.

In other words, everything is now getting to be as good as any guy could expect with the thousands

Church Poor Boxes Supported Him 48 Yrs.

CHICAGO, Aug. 17 (ANS).—Julius Goss, 59, told police today he had made a living for 48 years by robbing church poor boxes.

When police arrested him they found \$50 in coins in his room, \$185 in currency and a bankbook showing \$450 in deposits. Goss said he usually counted on a \$20 take each Sunday.

The police also discovered a pencil tipped with chewing gum which Goss said he used to lift coins from poor boxes. When questioned about a fire at St. Peter's Church, he replied, "Why should I set fire to a church when that's where I get my living?"

of GIs stationed here temporarily. —Pfc Bernard Rousseau, 405 Ftr. Gp.

Good Idea

We have had one heck of a job to keep from losing those little clip fasteners on the back of our Combat Infantry Badges. The remedy: Just tie the two snaps together with a couple strands of thread. Since both snaps usually don't come off at the same time, our troubles have ceased. —Pfc Carl E. Bruton, 291st Inf.

Morale Builder

Hats off to Joy Hodges and the rest of the USO show, "Anything Goes." This is a really superb performance and anyone seeing it will surely get a bang out of it.

How about showing these shows at the reinforcement depots? The purpose of USO is a morale builder and surely morale can't be lower than in a reinforcement depot. —P.R. Rangahn, AG Personnel Div.

GI-Trap

Having been an MP for three years I have seen a lot. . . When I was ordered to follow an officer around a rest center town and book every enlisted man who failed to salute him, I believe the Army reached a new depth. —Pfc Pilsen.

Anybody Wants a 283?

I am hereby applying for a job in the Army. I came to the ETO in March of this year as a qualified athletic instructor—MOS 283. Have worn out my barracks bags transferring around England, Germany and France and have yet to be assigned to my MOS. None of the stations needed me, they said.

My MOS was changed at my last station to a 405—typist. I cannot type, but my records now say I can. Regardless, they don't need me here, either. If some one reads this who really needs a 283, get in touch with me. —S/Sgt. G. Z., 43 A.D.G., 9 AFSC.

Sweatin' It Out



"His Uncle Willie must be home. He called me a damn brass hat."

The American Scene:

Nation Remains Leery Despite Jap Surrender

By Philip H. Bucknell

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Even though Japan officially has tossed in the sponge, and everywhere the machinery of peace has begun to grind, people on this side of the ocean are taking a long and wary look on Mr. Moto's activities in the Pacific.

The delay in Japan's signing of the peace terms has given rise to much uneasiness by Americans, who ever since the "day that will live in infamy" have become accustomed to treating the Japs with considerable circumspection.

REPORTS of scattered Banzai charges, even after Hirohito called it quits, and Kamikaze pilots attempting to stage little Pearl Harbors of their own have caused considerable alarm, although most people are agreed that when it comes to the Japs, Gen. MacArthur knows what he is doing.

IN the meantime, newspaper readers are finding it hard to adjust themselves to front pages that carry no reports of great battles, ship sinkings or "biggest raids" of the war. After four days of celebrating the victory, America still finds the peace hard to comprehend.

There has been some revival of the demand for an investigation into the Pearl Harbor disaster of Dec. 7, 1941. Throughout the war anti-Administration sources have urged an inquiry but by and large public opinion has supported the Administration's stand that war time was no occasion for opening up a subject which would undoubtedly reveal many top secrets and that high officers of the fighting service could not be spared from duty to testify.

But now in fairness to Maj. Gen. Walter C. Short and Rear Adm. Husband E. Kimmel, who were retired after Japan's sneak attack and who have both sought a hearing of the case, it is being urged that the truth should be revealed.

Another demand for inquiry, which has been constant throughout the war—into military expenditure—has been a little dampened since the mighty triumph of the atom bomb. Several times the appropriation committees kicked against allocating more money to the mysterious research and how the Chief of Staff had to appeal personally for the cash. And the President called it a gamble when he said: "We have spent two billion dollars on the greatest scientific gamble in history—and won."

People are beginning to realize the awful responsibility of the office of President. He won the gamble but if we hadn't history would have scorned the research as a waste of dough.

Russians Defended by Nation's Press

NEWSPAPERS today are against the line of thought that Russia came in only when our atomic bomb made our victory indisputably certain. Churchill's speech yesterday shows that the Russians promised long ago that they would tackle Japan within three months of the end of the European war.

OWI is being kidded now. The official press agent for the government advertised the sale of 1,000 small ship's bells as "ideal for ringing out the victory peal." Unfortunately for OWI the sale they advertised commenced two days after Japan's capitulation was received.

AN Administration headache is what is to be done about Montgomery Ward now that the war is over? Will the Army, or can the Army, continue to run the company's properties? And, of course, there is the other problem: What about the no-strike pledge which has been kept for the most part during the war? What now?

ON the industrial front Charles Wilson, who used to head the War Production Board and is head of General Electric, has added good news to other industrialists who think that it will not be long before there are plenty of jobs. He says that in a very short time they will be employing more than they did in peace time and that, within nine months, they will be employing as many as they did the day the Japs surrendered. To appreciate the significance of this statement, it must be known that General Electric plants have been devoted 99 per cent to war production.

A headstone for the grave of the little girl who perished in the circus fire at Hartford, Conn., last year, and whose identity was never discovered, has been chosen by a six-year-old girl who was herself orphaned in that holocaust. Patricia Murphy, of Plainville, was taken to the cemetery to select the stone to be erected over the child who became known as "Little Miss Number 1565" by the police, and whose story was told all over the country by newspapers. It was these stories that brought in contributions enabling the police to purchase the stone and for Patricia to make a solemn selection.



Paris Area

MOVIES TODAY

MARIGNAN—"Weekend at the Waldorf." Ginger Rogers, Lana Turner, Walter Pidgeon. Metro Marbeut.

ENSA-PARIS—"Hitch-Hike to Happiness." Al Pearce, Dale Evans. Metro Marbeut.

OLYMPIA—Same as Marignan Midnite show only 11:30. Metro Madeleine.

VERSAILLES ALHAMBRA—"Affairs of Susan." with Joan Fontaine and George Brent.

STAGE SHOWS

MADELEINE—"No T/O for Love." Musical comedy. Metro Madeleine.

OLYMPIA—"Summer Follies." variety. Metro Madeleine.

EMPIRE—"Potpourri." variety. Metro Etoile.

ENSA MARIGNY—"The Circle." Somerset Maugham comedy. Leslie Banks, Max Adrian. Metro Clemenceau.

MISCELLANEOUS

EIFFEL TOWER CLUB—Open 2000 hours to 0200 hours. Bring civilian date. EMs only. Metro Trocadero.

SEINE SECTION PX, 112 Rue Provence—Gift Shop for officers and EMs on leave. Metro Havre-Caumartin.

Rheims Area

PARAMOUNT—"A Royal Scandal." Talulah Bankhead, Ann Baxter.

MODERNE—"Those Endearing Young Charms." Robert Young, Lorraine Day.

MUNICIPAL—"Designed for Laughing." Edith Rogers Dahl, Phil Kaye.

SPECIAL EVENTS

PARC POMMERY—Circus International Performances every night at 2000 hours

Mats.: Wed., Sat., Sun., 1500

Le Havre

CAMP WINGS—"Here's to You." USO show.

Troyes

ALHAMBRA—"Barbary Coast Gent." Wallace Beery, Binnie Barnes.

Nancy

CAMEO—"Swing Out Sister." Rod Cameron, Arthur Treacher.

EMPIRE—"Twice Blessed." Wilde Twins.

Dijon

DARCY—"Royal Scandal." with Talulah Bankhead and Ann Baxter.

Metz

SCALA—"Woman in the Window." Edward G. Robinson, Joan Bennett.

ROYAL—"Meet Me in St. Louis." Judy Garland.

Chateau-Thierry

THEATER—"Merry Monarchs." Peggy Ryan, Donald O'Connor.

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Army Cuts Assure U.S. Enough Coal, More Meat

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (ANS).—President Truman brought out a handful of plans for America yesterday. Above all, he emphasized the need for full employment—and no strikes or lockouts for a while, at least.

Meantime, in a fast-moving day on the domestic front, the Army said huge military cutbacks would assure more meat for civilians and enough coal next winter.

Mr. Truman called upon management and labor for temporary renewal of their war-time no-strike and no-lockout pledge.

He asked that the pledge be given until a meeting between management and labor—which he will call when Congress reassembles in September—could be held.

To Reopen Contracts

While he was making the request, CIO President Philip Murray served notice that practically all major CIO unions would start immediately to reopen contracts for higher wages under the government's new wage policies.

Those policies are that raises can be granted where they don't call for an increase in prices of things workers turn out.

Mr. Truman said his employment plan—a bill pending in Congress—was "must" legislation. It would enable the government to set up yearly a program envisioning "full employment even if the government has to provide work."

He gave these other plans to a news conference:

The genius of scientists who produced the atomic bomb will be turned now to finding a way of making atomic power benefit mankind.

20 Million Tons of Coal

The Army said its cutbacks in coal within the next 12 months would make 120,000,000 tons available for homes and factories. The civilian shortage feared previously had been estimated at 25,000,000 tons.

Mr. Truman wants to eliminate the War Labor Board, which sat on wages and was the government's troubleshooter between management and labor in war-time, as soon after the labor-management conference and its duties can be turned over to other agencies.

Some of the meat involved in their cutback, Army officials said, was intended for C rations overseas but these will not be needed and the meat will be available for civilians.

And because of tremendous cuts in military supplies, the same officials said the present freight crisis would be helped so sharply it should cease to exist as of today.

Other Developments

On top of all the President said came these other developments:

1—Tax authorities said it seemed likely Americans would get a moderate cut in their income taxes by Jan.

2—The Army Air Forces canceled planned production of planes.

3—The Maritime Commission canceled many merchant ship contracts.

4—The government's request for a 35-mile-an-hour speed limit for automobiles soon is to be lifted.

5—The Army cut its orders for cotton textiles wool yarn, leather and lumber more than 70 percent and cut its steel and aluminum orders almost 100 percent.

6—The Army declared \$121,000,000 worth of goods to be surplus.

7—The Justice Department said it would not issue a blanket opinion on the expiration date of various war-time laws. The department will study each and rule on each.

U.S. Fines 7 Firms For Monopoly Plot

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17 (UP).—Seven corporations and several of their officers were fined more than \$150,000 in Federal Court today for conspiring to create a world monopoly in the mining, production and distribution of borax. The companies fined were both British and American.

Spoilsport Army Confiscates 'Haystack Cover'—Jap Balloon

BIGELOW, Kan., Aug. 17 (ANS).—Ed North thought he had found a good haystack cover one chilly morning last February, and he was a little disappointed when Army officers came to his farm and took away the big Japanese balloon.

North spied the balloon caught in a tree, and grabbed the rope dangling from it to fasten it securely to a fence post. Curious to see

Truman Favors Training, Not Conscription

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (ANS).—President Truman breathed a spark of life yesterday into the faint hopes of Congressional advocates of universal military training, but he knocked down flat any idea of a regular peace-time draft.

The President told a news conference he would submit a recommendation on universal military training. However, he emphasized he did not mean conscription. What he actually will propose he did not say.

Capitol Hill expects the President's recommendation soon after legislators reconvene next month. Congressmen close to the Administration have predicted the Truman plan will be tied up with an expanded and modernized National Guard and the Reserve Corps and that it will not be compulsory.

Such a plan has won wide backing in Congress among opponents of compulsory military training in peace-time. In fact, so strong has opposition developed to compulsion that even its most ardent advocates now admit privately that their cause is lost.

Opponents also say that the Army high command, which went all out for universal training during recent hearings before the House Post-War Military Police Committee, also has given up the fight.

The committee endorsed the "principle" of universal training, but its recommendation will not be acted on for several weeks by the House Military Affairs Committee.

Mr. Truman's news-conference statement on post-war military training gave strength to reports, current at the Capitol for some time, that the President will request Congress to permit a substantial increase in the size of the peace-time regular Army.

Standing Army strength now is limited by law to slightly less than 300,000, including 12,500 officers.

The Army is reported in Congressional circles to be considering a request that its normal officer strength be increased to 30,000, with the assumption that enlisted strength would be increased to around 700,000.

10,000 Jeeps Up For Sale Now

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (ANS).—The government has 10,000 jeeps for sale. Howard Bruce, director of materiel for the Army Service Forces, announced today that the "for sale" sign was up not only for the jeeps but for other military supplies as well.

Bruce said that he had "some horrible examples" of "best sellers" which will be offered to government disposal agencies for possible civilian purchase.

Besides the jeeps, the Army wants to get rid of a large quantity of soap, razor blades, candy, pillows, sheets, towels, steam snovels, barbed wire, paper bags, sleeping bags, spark plugs and roller bearings.

Price of Victory

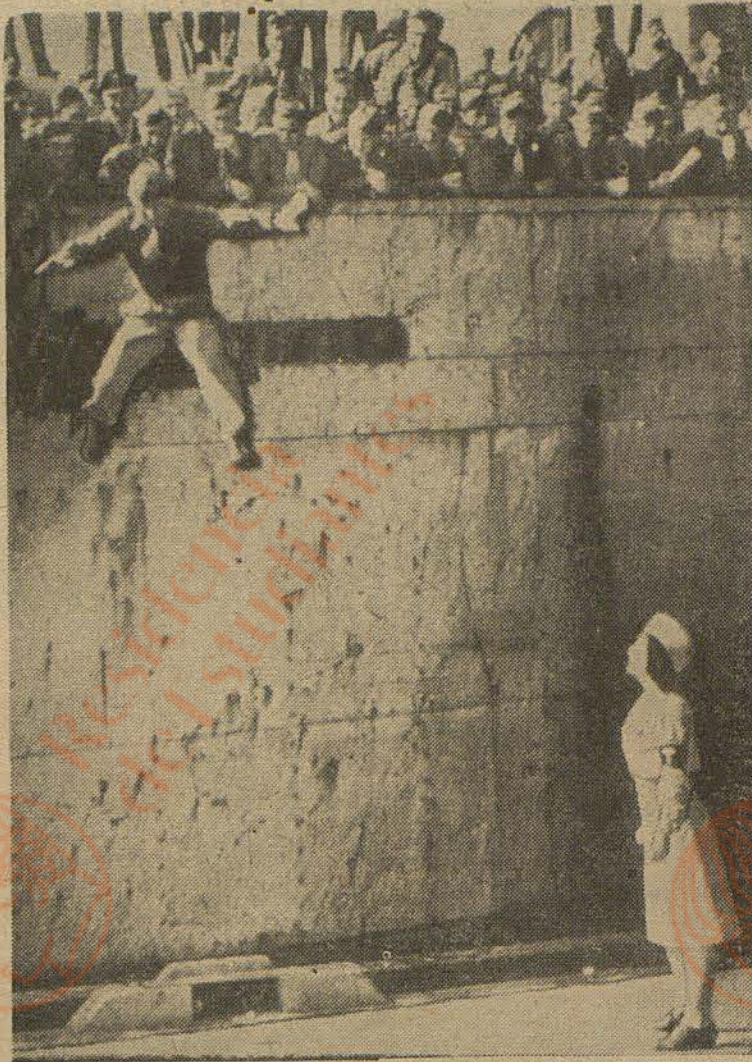
BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Aug. 17 (ANS).—One local truck driver didn't know that gasoline rationing had been lifted yesterday, and insisted the filling station operator accept his coupons. "They must be good—I just paid 75 cents each for them this morning,"

what was in the basket caught in the tree, he yanked another rope and pulled it loose—an act which now makes him shudder. There were no bombs in the basket—only four fuses.

Finally the peculiarity of the whole thing prompted him to notify the sheriff, and it wasn't long until the Army took over.

"And I lost a good haystack cover," North mourned.

1945 Is Leap Year in Reverse for Wac



Capt. John J. McQueen of New Orleans leaps from a troopship at Boston to collect a kiss offered by WAC Pvt. Mary Hoden (lower right).

ODT Relaxes Bans on Travel

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (ANS).—The Office of Defense Transportation today lifted seven war-time regulations governing commercial motor vehicle operations. They included mileage limitation on taxicabs and the prohibition against automobile racing.

ODT also removed its ban on holding of state and regional fairs and relaxed restrictions on conventions.

Director J. Monroe Johnson emphasized that ODT regulations governing the frequency of wholesale and retail deliveries were still in effect but would be lifted "as soon as conditions permit."

Five of the regulations revoked are nationwide in scope. The other two affect New York City and the Miami-Palm Beach areas.

The agency authorized holding of conventions with an out-of-town attendance of not more than 150. The old limit was 50.

The ban on state and regional fairs, now lifted, has been in effect throughout 1945.

U.S., Britain Talk 'Palestine for Jews'

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (AP).—President Truman said today the United States and Britain were discussing the idea of establishing a Jewish national home in Palestine. He emphasized it should be done on a peaceful basis.

The United States view, he told a news conference, is that as many Jews as possible should be permitted to go to Palestine. He said he had discussed the matter with British Prime Minister Attlee and former Prime Minister Churchill at Potsdam and that the talks were continuing.

Any solution will have to be worked out diplomatically with the Arabs and British, Mr. Truman added.

Leaps from 86th Story Of Empire State Bldg.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17 (ANS).—An unidentified man climbed over the parapet on the 86th floor observatory of the 102-story Empire State Building yesterday and plunged to his death into 33rd St. near Fifth Ave. Several thousand persons observing the second-day peace holiday were in the vicinity when the man came hurtling down.

Police said the leap of 1,000 feet was the longest on record in New York. Other persons have jumped from higher levels, police said, but have landed on setbacks.

Only Vets May Apply Now for Federal Jobs

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (ANS).—The Civil Service Commission yesterday restricted applicants for Federal jobs to veterans, asserting that the government, as an employer, must set the example in hiring returned servicemen.

Until further notice, Federal vacancies will be filled either by veterans or Federal employees who have been, or are about to be, released from their jobs.

The government doesn't intend to discharge employees from liquidating agencies and at the same time hire persons from the outside to fill other positions in Federal service, the commission said.

The ban on receiving new applications may be lifted only when vacancies cannot be filled either by veterans or persons involved in reductions of the government force.

No sharp reduction in government personnel is expected immediately. Several agencies will expand, notably the Veterans' Administration. The number of government employees may drop to about two million and level off there.

Vast Defense Of Soo Bared

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich., Aug. 17 (ANS).—The lid was off today on the most heavily guarded inland city in the U.S.—Sault Ste. Marie, home of the soot locks.

Nothing has been made public until now concerning elaborate precautions to guard the vital canal which moves a greater tonnage than all the other great canals of the world, including Panama and Suez. Had it been blocked, the supply of iron ore needed to carry on the war would have been seriously limited.

At one time, 51 barrage balloons floated over the locks, through which passed more than 300 million tons of iron ore in the last four years. Forty-eight anti-aircraft guns and 12,000 soldiers and officers were on guard in his city of 15,000 normal population.

Printers End Strike On New Jersey Papers

NEW JERSEY CITY, N.J., Aug. 17 (ANS).—Members of Local 94 of the International Typographical Union voted last night to return to work on the Jersey Journal of this city and the Bayonne Times of near by Bayonne, ending a work stoppage which had virtually halted publication since June 12. Theodore Lockwood, president of the local, said the publishers had agreed to increase wages to grant seven paid holidays and two-week vacations, and to include the union by-laws in the current contract.

Lt. Jack Means, second man to take up Pvt. Hoden's challenge, collects after following McQueen and jumping 15 feet to the concrete pier. Means fractured his ankle.

Ingrid Bergman in U.S.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17 (ANS).—Ingrid Bergman, Swedish-born movie star, flew back to New York today from Paris after an eight-week USO tour of Germany.

Cable Meets Hollywood's Newest Generation



Clark Gable gets acquainted with one of Hollywood's crop of new feminine stars during a visit with Margaret O'Brien, who gained movie fame after Gable had quit the film capital to join the Air Forces.

Wraps Are Off- 133 Ships of the Line in 3d Fleet

GUAM, Aug. 17 (ANS).—The Third Pacific Fleet, which smashed at Japan in the final days of the war, included 133 American and British ships of the line plus many scores of supplementary craft. Adm. Nimitz disclosed today in a communique listing the fleet force in detail for the first time. Virtually all were built since Pearl Harbor.

The fighting fleet was composed of eight American battleships and one British, 16 American aircraft carriers and four British, 19 American cruisers and six British, 62 American and 17 British destroyers.

Ships of the service fleet were not named but were given special praise for their work, without which strikes against Japan could not have been carried out.

Started July 10

The Third Fleet under Adm. Halsey started operations against Japan July 10. The period covered by the communique was from then until the close of the war.

The communique listed the following American battleships: Massachusetts, Indiana, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Missouri, Iowa, North Carolina and Alabama. The North Carolina was the only one which was part of the fleet before Pearl Harbor. The others were built after the sneak attack.

These carriers furnished the bulk of 1,500 seaborne planes that helped knock out the Nipponese: Lexington, Essex, Bennington, Hancock, Randolph, Ticonderoga, Yorktown, Shangri-La, Bonhomme Richard, Wasp, San Jacinto, Independence, Belleau Wood, Monterey, Bataan and Cowpens.

Cruisers Revealed

These cruisers were named: Quincy, Chicago, Boston, St. Paul, Springfield, Topeka, Atlanta, Dayton, Oklahoma City, San Juan, Flint, San Diego, Pasadena, Astoria, Wilkes-Barre, Tucson, Oakland, Duluth and Amsterdam.

British ships in operation with the Third Fleet from July 17 to Aug. 15 included the King George V and the aircraft carriers Formidable, Implacable, Victorious and Indefatigable.

The massive naval force aggregated more than 1,000,000 tons of warships. American warships alone totaled 965,200 tons. British warships aggregated 203,000 tons.

American carriers not previously announced in action included the Bataan, Shangri-La, Bonhomme Richard and Belleau Wood.

Cruisers not previously revealed were the St. Paul, Flint, San Diego, Pasadena, Astoria, Wilkes-Barre, Tucson, Oakland, Duluth and Amsterdam.

Map Surrender Of China Japs

CHUNGKING, Aug. 17.—Chinese authorities will be flown on American transport planes to Jap-held areas to accept the surrender of enemy troops, Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, commander of U. S. forces in China, announced today. He added that he intended to move his headquarters to Shanghai soon.

It was authoritatively reported that Field Marshal Reigi Okamura, commander of the Japanese armies in China, had sent a message to the High Command in Chungking assuring surrender and requesting instructions for arranging a formal signing of the terms. Wedemeyer said the Jap forces in China were expected to lay down their arms next week.

He added that there was a strong possibility that an American Army would be maintained in China for a time, with the duty of disarming and repatriating the nearly two million Japanese troops on the Continent.

1,300 Jap Planes K.O'd in Last 3 Days

WITH THE THIRD FLEET, Aug. 17 (UP).—In three final days of the Pacific war, planes of the Third Fleet destroyed or damaged 1,300 Japanese aircraft, it was disclosed today. Described as the greatest bag of the war, the figure covered strikes on last Thursday, Friday and Monday.

From May 28 to Aug. 16, the Third Fleet wrecked 2,965 enemy planes and sank or damaged 1,684 ships, including one battleship, two carriers, three cruisers, eight destroyers and 12 destroyer escorts. Over 14,300 offensive sorties were flown, including attacks on 260 airfields.

It Ain't to the .0001 of an Inch, But It's Precision—Plus



The word "precision" was popularized by the Radio City Music Hall Rockettes, a group of dancers whose drill perfection makes even West Pointers sit up and take notice. Of their perfection, of course. The pictured lovelies are now touring the ETO.

Bradley Takes Veterans' Post

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (ANS).—Most veterans are better prepared for civilian life now than they were when they entered the service, Gen. Omar Nelson Bradley said today as he assumed his duties as Veterans' Administrator.

He said that except for the disabled, his policy would be to get the soldiers back to civilian life and help them find jobs because "that's all most of them want."

Bradley was sworn in yesterday just in time to catch the full force of demobilization and as veterans' groups were charging the government with failure to prepare for returning servicemen. He succeeded Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines.

The general called on the 62,000 Veterans' Administration employees for co-operation and made it clear that he would replace those who did not perform their jobs.

Hitler Got Plenty Of Female Fan Mail

BERLIN, Aug. 17 (UP).—Women heaped letters upon Adolf Hitler in his last days, and a typical line from one of them read: "I dreamed you touched me last night."

American CIC officials pointed out that although most of the letters sought favors from the Nazis, many were sincere and contained endearing phrases such as "Beloved Führer, you were sent by heaven."

Only five of the letters discovered were definitely anti-Nazi—a typical extract from this group reading: "When are you going to put a bullet in your head? You could not build up Germany, but you were a great success at destroying her."

Birth Rate Declines In 26 British Areas

LONDON, Aug. 17 (UP).—Vital statistics from 26 communities, including London, indicated today that Britain's birth rate had undergone a noticeable decrease during the first half of 1945.

The Registrar General's Office said 201,894 births were reported from January through June, compared to more than 216,200 for the same period last year.

Pétain's Sentence Commuted To Life By Gen. de Gaulle

The death sentence against ex-Marshall Henri-Philippe Pétain was commuted yesterday to life imprisonment by Gen. Charles de Gaulle, chief of the French provisional government.

De Gaulle, who himself was condemned to death in absentia by Pétain's Vichy regime while he was organizing the Free French movement in Britain, acted on the recommendation of the French Supreme Court.

The court convicted the 89-year-old collaborator early Wednesday and sentenced him to death and national dishonor with the recommendation that his life be spared.

De Gaulle's action was expected in French political quarters and officially closed "l'affaire Pétain." The commutation was viewed as a move easing the tension which had mounted among Pétainists in the provinces during the three-week trial.

The government last night would not disclose immediately how long Pétain would remain confined at Portalet, the Pyrenees fortress prison near the border of Spain where he was taken after the trial and where Vichyites jailed Republican leaders after the Riom trials.

Peace Services For GIs Listed

Four special religious services for American troops stationed in and around Paris will be held tomorrow "in thanksgiving for final victory," according to the Seine Section Chaplains Office.

A solemn high mass at the Cathedral of Notre Dame will constitute the Catholic service, which will be attended by Ambassador Jefferson Caffery and presided over by Cardinal Suhard of Paris. It will be celebrated at 10 AM.

Protestant service will be held at 9:30 AM at the American Cathedral, Avenue George V, and at 11 AM at the American Union Church on Quai d'Orsay.

The Jewish service will be held at 10 o'clock in the Main Synagogue, Avenue de la Victoire.

All services will be attended by representatives of the United Nations, and the Catholic service by both Chinese and Russian priests from Catholic churches in Paris.

Village Erects Memorial To 2 GI Liberators

A memorial has been erected in the village of Loué by M. A. Chasseray, artist and writer, dedicated to Charles Meyer, of Bluffton, Minn., and Edward Brauner, of New Orleans, La., who were killed by German snipers on Aug. 7, 1944, the day the village was liberated. Lt. Col. Henry W. Hardy, of the 1st European Civil Affairs Regiment, Seine Section headquarters, said yesterday.

According to Hardy, the memorial was conceived and constructed by Chasseray with his own labor and at his own expense for the two soldiers, who are believed to have been the only casualties in the liberation of the village. Last Sunday the townspeople dedicated the memorial in a simple ceremony. They placed flowers at the base of the monument, which has a plaque and the American flag flying overhead.

Ballet Dancers Win GIs—No Wolf Calls, Either

By a Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

ASSEMBLY AREA COMMAND, Rheims, Aug. 17.—You'd think the average soldier would find watching ballet dancing about as entertaining as KP on Christmas, but rough, tough, hard-fighting GI Joe is turning out to be a ballet fan in the redeployment camps.

"A couple of years ago, the boys probably would have thrown their packs at ballet dancers," Joe McKenna, comedian and master of ceremonies with the Radio City Music Hall Overseas, said today. "But now they are cheering it. And it's not just wolf-calls at the girls, either. The fellows genuinely appreciate it."

The Radio City show, now entertaining troops in the Assembly Area, has a 12-girl corps de ballet. Though there may have been some misgivings about bringing the ballet group overseas, the dancers have turned out to be a gilt-edged investment.

GI Church Services

PROTESTANT

Sunday services: Holy Trinity Church, 29 Avenue George V, 0930; Dufayel Baracks, Boulevard Barbes, 1030; American Union Church, 65 Quai d'Orsay, 1100 hours. Communion (Sunday and weekdays) Holy Trinity Church 0700 and 0800 hours.

CATHOLIC

Sunday mass at: Madeleine Church, Place de la Madeleine, 1800; Chapel (Com 2); 5 Avenue Kléber, 1145 and 1645 hours; St. Pierre de Chaillot, 43 Avenue Marceau, 1015 hours. Daily mass: Madeleine Church, 0700 hours; Chapel, 5 Avenue Kléber, 1145 and 1745 hours. Confessions at Madeleine Church Saturdays, 1700 and 1930 hours, and before masses; and at 5 Avenue Kléber, before masses.

JEWISH

Friday, 1930 hours, Synagogue, 24 Rue Copernic; Saturday, 1030 hours, Marignan Theater, Champs-Élysées; Sunday, 1030 hours, Synagogue, 44 Rue de la Victoire.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quaker)

17 Rue Notre-Dame-des-Champs (Métro Notre Dame des Champs), Thursday at 1800, Sunday at 1015.

BAPTIST

Ave. du Maine Church, 48 Rue de Lille (Métro du Bac), 1900 hours. Fellowship meeting, 2000 hours. Thursday, 2015, Sunday.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 10 Avenue d'Iéna, 16c. Sunday, 1115; Wednesday, 1900.
Second Church of Christ, Scientist, 58 Boulevard Flandrin, 16c. Sunday, 1115; Wednesday, 1900.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

24 Rue St. Guillaume (Métro Sévres-Babylone), 1930 hours Sunday, Bible study and Communion.

LUTHERAN

Service Center, 105 Rue de l'Abbé-Groult (Métro Vaugirard), Communion Services, 1100 hours, vespers communion, 1930; Fellowship meeting, 2000 hours.

LATTER DAY SAINTS (Mormon)

Hotel Louvois, Rue de Richelieu, Sunday school, 1030 hours; evening services, 1930.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

130 Blvd. de l'Hôpital, Saturday: 0915, lesson; 1100, sermon. (Métro Place d'Italie.)

Rheims Area

PROTESTANT

Sunday: 0900, Protestant Temple, 13 Bd Lundy; 1000, Maison de Retraite; 1030, Christian Science, 89 Rue de Vesle; 1400, Latter Day Saints; 1845, Protestant Temple; Wednesday: Christian Science, 89 Rue de Vesle, 2000 hours.

CATHOLIC

Daily: 0700 hours at the Cathedral, Saturday: 1600 to 1800, confessions: 1900 to 1930, confessions. Sunday: 0800 to 0900, confessions: 0930, Mass: 1700, Mass at St. Jacques Church. Tuesday: 0700, Mass.

JEWISH

Friday: 1900 hours, 49 Rue Clovis, Saturday: 0900, 1845, Ethics class: 1930, 2000, Music class: 2100, vespers: Sunday: 1030.

Russo-Polish Pact Agrees to Curzon Line

LONDON, Aug. 17 (AP).—Russia and Poland have signed a "treaty on the Russian-Polish frontier and an agreement on compensation for damages caused by the German occupation," Moscow radio announced today.

After two days of negotiations in Moscow, in which Polish President Boleslaw Bierut and Prime Minister Edward Osobka-Morawski participated, the two countries established the Curzon Line as the Polish-Russian boundary, except for a few deviations "in Poland's favor," the broadcast said.

One such deviation gave Poland "territory east of the Curzon Line up to the rivers Wester Bug and Solokai, south of the town of Krylow," a maximum concession to Poland of 30 kilometers, according to a broadcast of the text of the treaty. Another deviation gave Poland "part of the territory of the Bjalowez Forest sector of Niemirow-Jalowka situated to the east of the Curzon Line."

The treaty was described as subject to ratification "which must take place at the earliest possible date."

The reparations agreement, Moscow radio stated, is "in conformity" with the Potsdam conference agreement. It gives Poland all German property and assets "throughout the territory of Poland, including that part of the territory of Germany which passes to Poland."

In addition Russia agreed to "concede to Poland from its share of reparations" 15 percent of the complete industrial capital equipment which Russia will receive from the Western Zone of Occupation—this to be "in exchange for other goods from Poland."

Swiss Freeze Japs' Assets

The Swiss and Swedish governments yesterday took different views on the question of Japanese funds in their respective countries—the Swiss deciding to freeze all such assets, while Sweden adopted a hands-off policy.

In answer to a query put by a Stockholm newspaper, the Swedish government explained that it considered a Japanese state still to exist and that it could not therefore consider a seizure of Jap funds justified at this time.

A Swedish government spokesman said there were only a few Japanese bank accounts in Sweden and that these had been controlled by the government since last autumn.

Switzerland's Federal Council voted to freeze Jap assets, explaining that the move was made in part to protect Swiss interests in the Far East. Portugal reportedly took similar action.

Bulgar Ministers Quit

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Aug. 17 (AP).—Four Cabinet ministers resigned yesterday after Premier Simon Georgieff announced that national elections would be held as scheduled Aug. 26. The four, who headed the ministries of agriculture, railways, social policy and finance, had sought postponement until the country had had more time for recovery.

Praises Scientist



Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt, in a two-way broadcast with Dr. Lise Meitner, who is a refugee in Sweden, congratulated the physicist on her researches in atomic energy.

Bevin Warns Atom Makes Peace a 'Must'

LONDON, Aug. 17 (AP).—Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin told the Executive Committee of the Preparatory Commission of the United Nations today that in view of the development of the atomic bomb a "great many of the assumptions on which we worked at San Francisco will have to be radically revised."

Speaking at a luncheon, Mr. Bevin said: "It is almost impossible to assess the effects of the atomic bomb on the organization of security. 'Perhaps, in fact, weapons of war will shortly become so horrible and dangerous that they will not ever be able to be used, owing to the danger to everybody. And if that is so, then there is all the greater necessity for organizing our economic and social life so that the reasons which used to impel nations to have recourse to armed force are substantially removed in the future.'

Red Paper Is Dubious Of Atom Bomb Effect

MOSCOW, Aug. 17 (UP).—An observer in the official Soviet newspaper Izvestia today derided the atomic bomb as "sensational," and ridiculed people in Allied countries who believe that the atomic bomb alone could have won the war against Japan.

"Any scientific achievement," the writer said, "no matter how ingenious, could not have upset the joint military efforts of the Allies." He added that some American newspapers were trying to minimize the Far Eastern Red Army's contribution in bringing Japan to surrender.

Nothing is known about the atomic bomb here in Russia, the writer concluded, other than what London and Washington have released for publication.

How's That Again?

MANILA, Aug. 17 (ANS).—Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell has not accepted the Chinese Blue Sky and White Sun Medal or any other foreign decorations whatever, headquarters of American Forces in the Pacific announced in a press release today. The brief statement gave no indication of Stilwell's whereabouts or the reason for the statement.

Grew Resigns, Acheson Takes State Dept. Job

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (ANS). Joseph Clark Grew, veteran diplomat and author of much of the American policy which preceded the Japanese surrender, resigned yesterday as Under Secretary of State.

President Truman, accepting the resignation, announced the appointment of Dean G. Acheson, an Assistant Secretary of State, to succeed to the No. 2 job in the State Department.

The change is the first major turnover in the department since James F. Byrnes became Secretary of State.

Acheson is a Federal official of long service in economic and international affairs. A native of Middletown, Conn., he is 52, a graduate of Groton School and of Yale University, with a degree from Harvard. He became Under Secretary of the Treasury in 1933, but resigned after a few months. He joined the State Department in 1942, when he was appointed Assistant Secretary in charge of economic affairs.

Grew, at 65, has seen diplomatic service in many countries from the time when, following his graduation from Groton School and Harvard University, he became a clerk in the American Consulate at Cairo in 1904. From 1932 to 1941, he was Ambassador to Japan.

He returned to the State Department in June, 1942, and after a period of handling Far Eastern affairs became Under Secretary last December.

In his letter of resignation, dated yesterday, Grew said that he had accepted the appointment as Under Secretary for the duration of the war and now requested that his resignation, which was submitted when Mr. Truman became President in April, be accepted.

Prior to today's announcement of his retirement, there had been speculation that Grew might be assigned as a civilian adviser to Gen. MacArthur on the rebuilding of Japan into a peaceful nation, the Associated Press reported.

Asks Full-Time Civil Air Board

MONTREAL, Aug. 17 (AP).—Edward G. Warner, United States delegate to the Provisional International Civil Aviation Organization proposed at the first meeting of the council today that nations of the world appoint permanent, full-time, paid delegates to the International Civil Aviation Board with headquarters in Montreal.

Warner's proposal was seconded by Sir Frederick Bowhill, UK delegate, who said that time was a vital element in the development of post-war aviation. Henri Bouche, the French delegate, opposed the idea of a permanent council and advocated a council that would meet only a few months each year.

Today's session was devoted largely to election of a president and study of decisions reached at the 54-nation aviation meeting held in Chicago last November.

Sir Bull

ABOARD ADM. RAWLINGS FLAGSHIP, Western Pacific, Aug. 17 (ANS).—Adm. William F. Halsey became a Knight of the British Empire today. The high British order was presented aboard Halsey's flagship by Sir Bernard Rawlings, commander of the British Pacific Fleet.

AMERICAN FORCES NETWORK

Time	TODAY
1200-News	1900-U.S. News
1205-Off the Record	1905-Andy Russell
1301-Highlights	1930-Satur. Serenade
1305-Sports	2001-Heard at Home
1315-Magic Carpet	2030-GI Journal
1330-Wax on Wax	2100-News
1401-Modern Music	2105-Grand Ole Opry
1430-Let's Go to Town	2130-Hit Parade
1500-News	2201-Andrew Sisters
1505-Beauport Music	2230-AFN Playhouse
1601-Metro Opera	2300-Pacific News
1635-Highlights	2305-Soldier Song
1701-Mildred Bailey	2315-This World
1730-ETO Tennis	2330-One Night Stand
1800-News	2400-News
1810-Sports	0015-Midnight in Paris
1815-Yank Bandstand	0200-Final Edition
1830-Navy Date	
Time	TOMORROW
0500-Headlines	0915-Science Magazine
0601-Morning Report	0945-The Funnies
0700-News	1001-Morning After
0705-Highlights	1030-Radio Chapel
0710-Morning Report	1100-U.S. News
0800-News	1105-John C. Thomas
0815-Hymns	1130-Easy Chair
0830-Jill's Juke Box	1145-Raymond Scott
0900-This World	

Short Wave 6.080 Meg
News Hourly on the Hour

Patton Visits Paris



Gen. George S. Patton salutes the tricolor at the Arc de Triomphe during ceremonies at the tomb of France's Unknown Soldier yesterday.

Colonel Says Atomic Bomb May End Big Army, Navy Era

By Hugh Conway
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

ASSEMBLY AREA COMMAND, Rheims, Aug. 17.—Atomic bombs have made dive-bombing as obsolete as archery in modern warfare, according to Lt. Col. John R. Murphy, CO of the 404th Fighter Gp.

"Dive-bombing with a uranium bomb would be suicidal," Col. Murphy said today at Camp New York, where his unit is awaiting redeployment. "The close support of tanks and infantry which helped win the land battles in Europe will probably prove impossible with atomic bombs."

Not only will the atomic bomb eliminate or greatly change tactical air forces, but it also may do

away with vast armies, navies and air fleets, he added.

"No enemy will dare concentrate the forces necessary to fight huge land or sea battles in the face of atomic weapons," the colonel said. "Atomic flak may also prevent the use of large formations of heavy aircraft. A few single-seater, long-range fighters with high altitude bombsights will be able to do the work of fleets of Superfortresses, and the Germans have shown us that even pilots are unnecessary."

Col. Murphy, whose home is in Fargo, N.D., flew 139 missions in P-47s in the Battle of Europe with the 365th and 404th Fighter Gps. "Air power in the Pacific," he said, "is now as far ahead of that in Europe as our European forces were ahead of the Pacific a year ago."

1,400 Alien GIs Get Citizenship in ETO Ike Lauds Work Of Pacific Forces

WITH THE SEVENTH ARMY, Germany, Aug. 17.—More than 1,400 aliens serving in the U.S. armed forces in the ETO have received the benefits of naturalization in the last seven months. A special process set up by the War Department enables troops to be naturalized without waiting the five years called for in ordinary civilian procedures.

A civilian representative of the State and Justice Departments, Cyrus Follmer, of Milton, Pa., and his crew of three enlisted men have brought U.S. citizenship to all GIs requesting it since last February. They are currently working in the Seventh Army area, where more than 200 soldiers have taken oaths.

MANILA, Aug. 17 (ANS).—Gen. MacArthur received this congratulatory message today from Gen. Eisenhower in Europe:

"United States forces in Europe rejoice with you as the task that began in those days of December, 1941, reaches its glorious conclusion."

"We join with all other freedom-loving people to express our admiration for your brilliant leadership and our veneration for the valor of the men you've led to victory."

"We ask that you convey to all serving under you—ground, sea and air—the greetings and felicitations of their comrades-in-arms in Europe."

Ammo Ship Blast Kills 15

OSLO, Aug. 17 (AP).—An ammunition ship in Oslo harbor exploded today, killing at least 15 dock workers and injuring many others in a blast that blew out windows in a two-mile radius.

Air Rates Reduced

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 17 (ANS).—Transcontinental and Western Air, Inc., today announced a 7 1/2 percent reduction in its passenger fares. The new reduced rate will go into effect Aug. 20.

Put China First, Avoid War, Mme. Chiang Begs Communists

NEW YORK, Aug. 17 (ANS).—Mme. Chiang Kai-shek said today, "I hope and pray Chinese Communists will put national interests above party interests and let wisdom prevail to avoid civil war."

She said she would return to China within the next two months to work with the Generalissimo in "whatever I am called upon to do." She said she hoped the seat of the post-war Chinese government would be in Peiping, where the climate would not aggravate a serious skin disease which has curbed her activities at home and abroad for three years. She has been in the U.S. about a year.

position was regarding the Communists, Mme. Chiang said they were regarded as "a political party with political rights" but without the right to their own army. She likened China's current war situation to that facing the U.S. before the Civil War.

"I believe and the Generalissimo believes that we should never resort to arms if we can possibly avoid it," she said.

Asked what stand she believed Russia would take on the question, she said, "We must give Premier Stalin every chance to prove the sincerity of his statements that the Communist question in China is an internal one."

Allies Celebrate VJ in Berlin



Troops occupying Berlin joined in the nearly universal celebration of Japan's surrender. The gentlemen are identified from left to right as Kocks, of Kiev, Russia; Cpl. Lew Corbett, of New York and Pvt. Ray Derrick of Bath, England.

Harmon Joins College Stars; Tavener Hurt

EVANSTON, Ill., Aug. 17.—Coach Bernie Bierman, boss-man in the College All-Star training camp, has good and bad news today as his huskies drilled for their football game with the Green Bay Packers of the National Football League on Aug. 30 at Chicago's Soldier Field.

Jack Tavener, All-American center at the U. of Indiana, fractured his hand in scrimmage yesterday and will be forced to miss the contest. Another center was lost, but only temporarily, when Tex Warrington of Auburn was called to New York where his wife is seriously ill.

On the good side of the ledger, Bierman welcomed Tommy Harmon, Michigan's brilliant All-American backfield hero, into the fold. Harmon was discharged this week from the Army Air Forces and reported for practice almost immediately.

Travel Ban Ends For Sport World

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (AP).—Travel restrictions on American sport will be ended today by the Office of Defense Transportation, it is learned.

This action will apply to all major professional sports, baseball, intercollegiate and high school athletics, horse-racing and bowling. The ban on car racing was lifted yesterday and will thus pave the way for the return of the Indianapolis classic—the greatest of all America's auto races.

All doubts are now removed regarding the holding of the 1945 World Series and it will also make possible the playing of the Army-Navy football contest in either New York or Philadelphia instead of at West Point.

London Looms as Site Of 1948 Olympic Games

LONDON, Aug. 17.—Sir Noel Curtis Bennett, representative of the British Olympic Council, said today there was little doubt that the next Olympic Games—probably in 1948—will be held in London.

Sir Noel revealed he will submit a proposal that the games be held at Wembley Stadium when international representatives, including Avery Brundage, chairman of the U.S. committee, meet in London next week. The Olympics have been held in London only once—in 1918.

Braves Shift Schacker

BOSTON, Aug. 17.—The option of Pitcher Hal Schacker has been transferred from Hartford, Boston Braves farm club, to Indianapolis of the American Association. Schacker, 21-year-old Brooklynite, won 18 games for Hartford last year and was with the Braves until last June.

Minor League Results

International League			
Rochester	7-6	Jersey City	6-12
Montreal	9-3	Newark	6-3
Buffalo	9-9	Syracuse	5-5
Toronto	2-4	Baltimore	1-3
W L Pet			
Montreal	77	42	649
Toronto	66	54	554
Baltimore	64	55	538
Newark	62	56	528
Buffalo	46	72	386
American Association			
Louisville	7	Milwaukee	6
Toledo	10	St. Paul	4
Indianapolis	6	Columbus	1
Indianapolis	3-11	Kansas City	6-12
W L Pet			
Indianapolis	77	48	624
Milwaukee	74	51	593
Louisville	70	56	556
St. Paul	59	60	495
Kans. City	50	72	405
Eastern League			
Binghamton	2	Elmira	1
Utica	6	Williamsport	5
Hartford	5	Wilkes-Barre	4
Albany	7	Saratoga	5
W L Pet			
Utica	65	42	612
Wilkes-Barre	63	48	549
Albany	61	50	553
Hartford	58	51	536
Williamsport	49	67	386
Southern Association			
Atlanta	12	Mobile	2
Nashville	3	Memphis	1
New Orleans	4	Chattanooga	2
Birmingham	5-6	Little Rock	6-8
W L Pet			
Atlanta	76	38	607
Chattanooga	70	44	614
Mobile	63	48	575
N. Orleans	65	49	570
Little Rock	39	74	345
Pacific Coast League			
Los Angeles	14	Seattle	1
San Francisco	6	San Diego	5
Portland	1	Oakland	0
Sacramento	10	Hollywood	9
W L Pet			
Portland	86	52	623
Seattle	79	58	577
Sacramento	74	66	529
S. Francisco	71	69	507
Hollywood	56	84	400

Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features

By Al Capp



Terry and The Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate

By Milton Caniff



Gasoline Alley

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune Syndicate

By King



Dick Tracy

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By Chester Gould



Blondie

By Courtesy of King Features Syndicate

By Chic Young



Joe Palooka

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By Ham Fisher



News Briefs

Swiss Fear Fascist Units

ZURICH, Aug. 17 (UP).—The Swiss government, in a move apparently designed to prevent the formation of groups such as the German Nazis and Italian Fascists, today banned outdoor demonstra-

Wounded Celebrating Victory

BECKLEY, W. Va., Aug. 17 (ANS).—George Martin's manner of celebration the victory over Japan put him in the hospital today. The 19-year-old resident

of Stickney, W. Va., was using an ax to set off small-caliber bullets when a badly aimed stroke sent a bullet through his neck.

Day of Prayer Proclaimed

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (ANS). The United States will devote next Sunday to prayers of thanks for the war's conclusion and seeking divine assistance in maintaining peace. President Truman proclaimed

the day of prayer today to "support and guide us in the paths of peace."

Blood-Donor Program Off

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (AP).—The Red Cross today halted all blood-donor programs except at five West Coast centers, from which blood will be flown to the Pacific for casualties suffered just before hostilities ceased.

Mikado Installs Higashikuni Peace Cabinet

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—Tokyo radio reported today that the newly appointed Japanese Premier, Prince Naruhiko Higashikuni, had completed his Cabinet and that it had held its first meeting, following an installation ceremony at which Emperor Hirohito presided.

Prince Higashikuni created 13 Cabinet posts, including Ministers of War, Munitions and Navy. Portfolios were given to three former members of the fallen Suzuki Cabinet.

Meanwhile, the Emperor issued a new imperial rescript calling on the Japanese armed forces to lay down their arms and praising their "unshaken loyalty and bravery."

Soviet War Entry Cited

The rescript, which carries more weight with the Japanese than an ordinary order, explained that "with the Soviet entry into the war and in view of the existing domestic and foreign situation," the Emperor sued for peace to preserve the national policy and avoid further needless disasters "despite the fact that the army and navy fighting spirit remain undiminished."

The Emperor then urged his followers to "unite toward rebuilding the nation."

In addition to assuming the role of Prime Minister, Prince Higashikuni, a cousin of the Emperor and a full general, also took the post of Minister of War. He renamed Mamoru Shigemitsu as Foreign Minister, a post Shigemitsu held in the Tojo and Koiso Cabinets, which preceded the Suzuki Cabinet. He also will hold the portfolio of Minister for Greater East Asia.

Post for Konoye

Prince Fumimaro Konoye, Premier when Japan launched her war against China, was appointed Minister without Portfolio. The three members of the resigned Suzuki Cabinet who were renamed are: Admiral Mitsumasa Yonai, Navy; Naoto Kohiyama, Transportation; and Taketora Ogata, Chief Cabinet Secretary.

Other appointments to the new Cabinet are: Iwano Mayumura, Education and Welfare; Kotaro Senoku, Agriculture and Commerce; Shikui Nakajima, Munitions; Dr. Chuzo Iwata, Justice; Naoki Furuse, President of the Legislation Bureau; and Juichi Tashima, Finance.

Tokyo radio also announced today that Vice-Admiral Takijiro Onishi, vice-chief of the Navy General Staff, committed suicide yesterday at his official residence.

Empire State Crash Is Blamed on Pilot

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (ANS).

The July 28 crash of an Army bomber into the Empire State Building in New York was caused by unfavorable flying conditions and misjudgment on the part of the pilot and ground personnel, the War Department said today.

An official Army investigation found that the pilot, the late Lt. Col. W. F. Smith, erred in deciding to fly over Manhattan in the prevailing weather conditions and that he should not have been cleared to fly visually to Newark.

Jap Prisoners Sent Out To Find Guam Stragglers

GUAM, Aug. 17 (AP).—Thirty Japanese PWs were released under safe conduct passes today by Marine Maj. Gen. Henry L. Larsen, Guam commander, to round up some 200 Nipponese stragglers who are still hiding in the hills.

The PWs are under the leadership of a Japanese officer who, Larsen said, volunteered for the job after hearing the Emperor's broadcast announcing the surrender.

U.S. Pilots Lost—After War—In Savage Dogfight Over Japan

WITH THIRD FLEET OFF JAPAN, Aug. 17 (ANS).—One of the most savage dogfights of the Battle of Japan flamed in the skies west of Tokyo Wednesday after the war had ended.

It resulted in the loss of some American pilots heading for their home base and at least seven fanatical Japanese airmen.

Carrier aircraft were flying to their flatops after receiving a message above Chofu which they knew signified the war was over, when they were attacked.

Ten miles west of Tokyo, a flight of six Hellcats was jumped by the Japanese and in the wild battle

Two Great Fleets Now Revealed As One and the Same

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (ANS).

Now that the shooting's over, it can be revealed that the U.S. Third and Fifth Fleets were for all practical purposes the same, changing number as two different admirals alternated in command. When Adm. William F. Halsey bossed the fleet it was the Third, and when Adm. Raymond Spruance and his staff took over, it became the Fifth.

The two-name system was devised to keep the Japs worrying over the location of the Fifth Fleet when the Third was in action and vice versa.

The central striking element was the fast carrier task force, and here again the Navy pulled a double. In Halsey's Third Fleet it was Vice-Adm. John McCain's Task Force 38 and when Spruance took over it was Task Force 58 under Vice-Adm. Marc A. Mitscher.

While Spruance was in action Halsey returned to a shore post to plot his next campaign and when Halsey took over the fleet, Spruance caught up on his paper work.

Riot Toll Rises To 12 in Frisco

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17 (ANS).

This great Pacific port staging area counted its peace celebration death toll at 12 today as quiet brought relaxation of a Navy order barring all liberty for sailors, marines and Coast Guardsmen at stations within 100 miles of here.

Rear Adm. C. H. Wright, commandant of the Twelfth Naval District, modified the liberty order to allow normal leaves after 24 hours of calm which followed three nights of unrestrained celebrating. Most of Wednesday's violent mob was composed of Navy personnel, described by Mayor Robert Lapham as "young kids who never served overseas."

District Attorney Edmund G. Brown announced that he would poll members of the Grand Jury to determine whether an investigation should be started to fix responsibility for the disorders, which also sent 648 persons to hospitals with injuries.

Says Japs Barely Averted Invasion

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 17 (ANS).—Gen.

MacArthur's forces were all set for an invasion of Japan three weeks ago, Maj. Gen. Lief Sverdrup told the Rotary Club yesterday.

Sverdrup, an Army engineer, home on leave after three years, left the Pacific about three weeks ago.

"Now we must prepare for a large army of occupation," he said. "It will not be a token occupation. We should not have a soft peace."

Gen. Brehon B. Somervell said in Washington, meanwhile, that although he expected no trouble, American troops would move into Japan "fully prepared for combat."

Japs in East Indies Are Warned by Dutch

BRISBANE, Aug. 17 (AP).—Dr.

H. J. Van Mook, Lt. Governor General of the Netherlands East Indies, today warned Jap commanders in the Dutch islands that they would be treated as war criminals if they interfered with the liberty of prisoners in concentration camps.

"It will be some time," Van Mook predicted in a radio message to the people of the islands, "before help will arrive to disarm the Japanese."

437 B29s Lost In Blasting of 59 Jap Cities

GUAM, Aug. 17.—Victory over Japan cost the U.S. 437 Superforts and more than 3,000 fliers but the giant bombers were heavily credited today with destruction of the productive capacity of 59 Japanese cities.

The B29s, costing \$600,000 each, flew a total of more than 10,000,000 miles on 32,612 sorties and dropped 169,421 tons of bombs. The results have not been fully assessed, but AAF officials said that at least 59 cities were knocked out.

Naval and air force rescue units saved more than 600 crew personnel from B29s which crashed in the sea, a U.S. Strategic Air Force report said.

In a three-year round-up of the war, Gen. George C. Kenney's Far East Air Forces headquarters reported that air units under his command destroyed 11,900 Japanese aircraft for certain and may have destroyed an additional 4,676.

There has been no general summation of U.S. aircraft losses in the Pacific war.

The FEAF sank more than 1,700,000 tons of shipping and damaged nearly 3,000,000 additional tons.

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some Soviet units still were "positively carrying on the offensive."

Vassilevsky, reporting enemy counter-attacks on several sectors in Manchuria, told the Japanese commander in a radio message that the enemy could have until midday Monday to communicate the surrender news to all troops.

Three hours later, the Japanese Domei agency quoted a message from the Kwantung commander to the Allied forces in which he said the Japanese would send "a small-type aircraft" over the Manchurian front to "effect swift transmission of the order to cease all military activities and to surrender all arms."

Despite the fact that each of the three Red armies in action against Japan captured a Manchurian stronghold, there were indications the whirlwind Soviet advance through enemy territory had slowed. Last night's Moscow communique revealed that the pincer about Harbin still was at least 340 miles from closing.

Soviet newspapers prominently displayed reports of continued Japanese resistance and said that "the treachery of the Japanese does not surprise Russian observers." Several editorials suggested that the behavior of Japan since peace was announced should serve as a reminder that even after the capitulation is signed there would have to be careful supervision of all terms.

Redeployment...

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German and Italian liners to transport Americans home. The Queens and the Aquitania alone can carry 50,000 monthly. Moreover, adequate shipping is available in the Pacific to enable transfer of some vessels to the Atlantic to speed up returns from Europe, Gross revealed.

Dalton announced that five additional separation centers would be added to the 22 now in operation. They probably will be at Ft. Custer, Mich.; Ft. Monmouth, N.J.; Ft. Riley, Kan.; Camp Wolters, Tex., and Camp Haan, Calif.

Meanwhile, Chairman David I. Walsh (D-Mass.) of the Senate Naval Committee predicted a post-war Navy of 500,000 men compared with the war-time Navy of 3,000,000. His forecast followed conferences with Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal and Chairman Carl Vinson (D-Ga.) of the House Naval Affairs Committee.

Walsh said he agreed with Forrestal that "it will be impossible to dismantle the Navy that is in the Pacific immediately because it will be necessary to hold most of the Navy's draft men there until conditions in Japan are stabilized and it is safe for withdrawal of the naval force in large numbers."

Politics Free, Open Again, Truman Says

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (ANS).

President Truman kicked the lid off political activity yesterday when he told his press conference that politics was now free and open. The Associated Press said his remark was interpreted as meaning he plans to assume an active role as head of the Democratic party.

Paratroopers Move Into Berlin



Marking the transfer of the U.S. occupation zone in Berlin from the Second Arm. Div. to the 82nd AB Div., 1/Sgt. Chester W. Rydinski, of South Bend, Ind., turns over the key to the city to 1/Sgt. Richard J. Glair, of Buffalo, N.Y. Rydinski is with the Second's Combat Command B and Glair is topkick of the 82nd's Headquarters Co.

Where's the Fire, Buddy?

Cop Slows Peace 10 Minutes

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (ANS).—The Japanese surrender note was held up for ten minutes on its way to the White House while a policeman bawled out two RCA messengers for a minor traffic violation.

The messengers, Thomas Jones, 16, and former S/Sgt. Earl Allison, 26, a veteran of the Flying Tigers, were rustling the note by auto to the Swiss Legation when Officer Harold W. Dixon drove up in a scout car and stopped them on charges of making an illegal U-turn. The messengers said they explained they were carrying news for which the world was waiting, but the policeman said it made "no difference to me."

"He held us for ten minutes," Allison said. "He gave us a ticket. He was rough on us and spoke harshly."

Quit Stalling, Mac Tells Japs

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mosa, which is scheduled for return to China.

Something of the makeup of the formal surrender meeting was furnished in announcements from various Allied nations and commands. Australia said that Gen. Thomas Blamey, commander of all Australian land forces, would represent his country at the conference, and New Zealand appointed its chief of air staff, Air Vice-Marshal Leonard Isitt, as its signatory. Several staff officers of the Southeast Asia Command have arrived in Manila for the surrender ceremony, but Adm. Lord Louis Mountbatten was not among them.

May Sign Terms in Palace

Military sources in Washington predicted that MacArthur might elect to designate the Imperial Palace in Tokyo as the site for the formal signing of the surrender—an ironic reversal of the late Adm. Isoroku Yamamoto's boast that he would dictate peace terms to the U.S. in the White House. These same sources contended that MacArthur might go to the Japanese capital with an airborne force supported by Allied air and sea might.

Meanwhile, despite a second rescript by Emperor Hirohito telling Japanese soldiers to lay down their arms in submission, fighting was reported from scattered sectors of the drawdown Pacific battlefield.

In the Philippines, U.S. infantrymen on northern Luzon and Min-

danao faced an enemy who had no knowledge their Emperor had surrendered. The Americans were forced to beat off enemy counter-attacks and banzai charges even after the order to halt offensive warfare had been received.

Radio Dropped to Japs

On Mindanao, a radio was dropped by parachute to Lt. Gen. Morozumi and remnants of his 13th Div. so they could hear a recording of Hirohito's surrender broadcast.

Australian Army headquarters said it had received no word that the Japanese had surrendered on any island front, and announced that 12 enemy soldiers on Bougainville, ignoring a surrender demand, had been killed in an attack on a native patrol.

Allied naval, land and air forces in the Southeast Asia Command were under orders to "suspend offensive operations," but only "so far as is consistent with their safety."

Actor Seized in Dope Raid

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 17 (UP).—Stage and Screen Comedian August (Gus) Schilling, 38, has been ordered held for trial in Superior Court on a charge of possession of narcotics. Schilling, whose wife, Betty Rowland, is a Hollywood striptease, was arrested at his apartment in a police raid following complaints from neighbors.

Navy's Battle Vets Enraged By Equal Points for Shore Jobs

GUAM, Aug. 17 (ANS).—Navy men in the Pacific, some of whom have seen sea duty since the Coral Sea Battle in May, 1942, are incensed over the Navy's discharge point system, Bonnie Wiley, Associated Press correspondent, reported today.

They say it gives shorebound sailors who served all the war in the U.S. an equal or better chance of discharge.

Younger men who have been in many battles charge the Navy is unfair to stress age and not battle stars, Miss Wiley said. Officers are critical, but none wishes to be quoted.

Part of the resentment comes

from the fact that if the Navy's battle veterans could figure points under the Army or Marine Corps point systems they would be eligible for discharge, she said.

Men just out from the U.S. with the same number of points as those who have been here 40 months and up say they, too, think the system is unfair because they should not get an even break with battle veterans.

Enlisted men are starting to bombard their families with letters asking them to apply pressure to get them home. Single men object to points for dependency, asking, "How can we get wives and families unless we come home?"