

FORECAST

North Carolina - Partly Cloudy and continued cool Thursday. Considerable cloudiness and slightly warmer Friday.

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Japan Would Barter

OCCUPATION SPREADS

Newsman Shed Light On Conditions In Prisons Of Empire

TOKYO, Thursday, Oct. 4.—(AP)—Japan planned today to ask world-wide aid through the barter system to dispel the black threat of winter hunger in the war-wrecked nation, and Japanese Communists said their party wants to "rid the country of Mikadoism."

Nipponese newsman, taking full advantage of General MacArthur's order freeing the Japanese press, turned light on conditions in the country's prisons where leaders of communist and liberal political thought were tortured.

American forces today extended their occupation of the conquered country with first landings on Hokkaido, the northernmost home island. A regimental combat team of the 7th Infantry Division took over at Hakodate. The remainder of the division is scheduled to enter Otaru and Sapporo tomorrow.

The Domei News Agency reported Japan would soon ask the Allies for permission to trade silk and rayon for the foodstuffs of other nations, acting at the request of sectional chiefs of the offices of regional superintendents-general.

The Japanese already have asked Allied Occupation Headquarters for permission to receive salt and rice from Korea in exchange for about 75,000 tons of coal to be delivered monthly from Kyushu Island mines in southern Japan.

Domei reporter Tateiishi told of visiting the Fuchu prison 13 miles west of Tokyo and interviewing Kyushu Tokuda, Shiro Matamura an Yoshio Shiga, Japanese Communists who said they were eager for the Allies to order their release.

The Japanese prisoners and two Koreans, Lee Kung Hun and Kim Chun Hai, related how 10,000 Communists, arrested in April, 1929, were beaten with baseball bats and tortured with burning incense sticks forced under their fingernails. Finally all but 1,200 were freed.

Tateiishi quoted Tokuda as saying seven Japanese Communists were hanged and more than 400 died of beatings and malnutrition.

"All three Japanese Communists expressed a desire to take an active role in Communist activity now," Tateiishi said, adding that the leaders listed the objective of the party in Japan was the distribution of all state imperial land to the people and ridance of the country of "Mikadoism" and the Emperor system of government."

"They said it could only be brought about through a revolution, (Continued on Page Five; Col. 5)

CHICAGO, Oct. 3.—(AP)—Brig. Gen. Carlos Romulo, resident Commissioner of the Philippines in Washington today demanded that Emperor Hirohito of Japan be forced to abdicate and "then be tried as a war criminal" in the interests of Pacific peace.

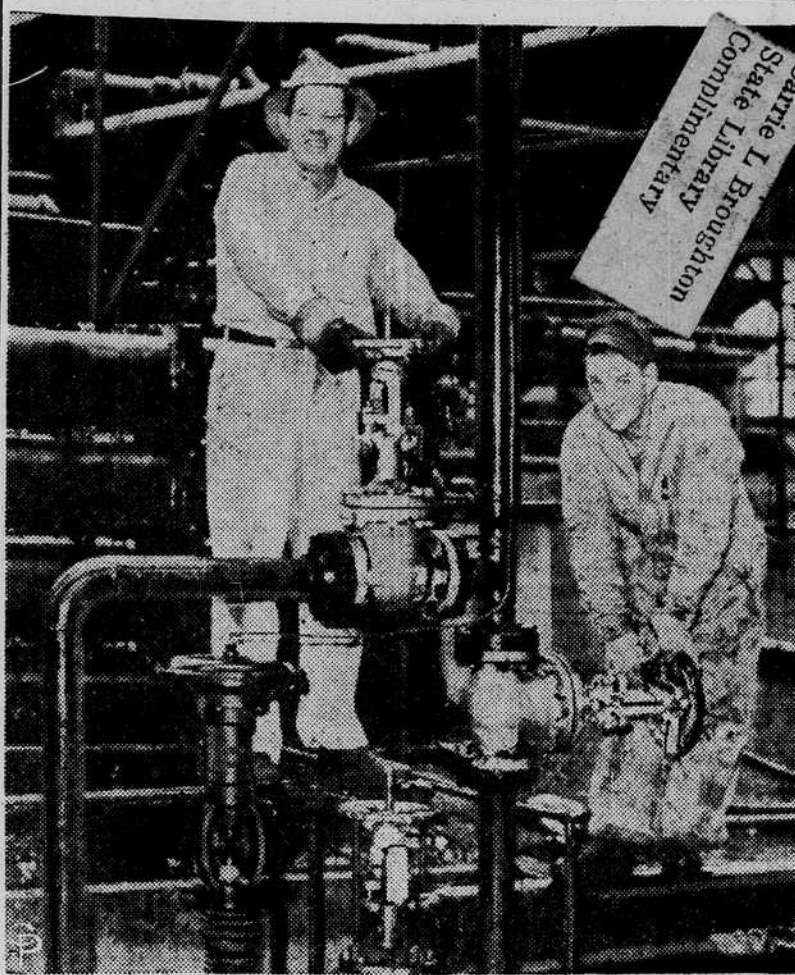
In an oration at the Veterans of Foreign Wars 46th National Encampment, Romulo said "there can be no peace in the Pacific unless every vestige of militarism in the Jap heart is effaced.

"And that can only be done, if Hirohito is made to abdicate and then be tried as a war criminal."

In preparation for elections tomorrow, Joseph M. Stack of Pittsburgh, Pa., was nominated for Commander in Chief to succeed Jean A. Brunner of New York. Stack now is senior vice commander.

For the latter office delegates nominated Louis Starr of Portland, Ore., retiring junior vice commander. The posts are traditional. (Continued on Page Five; Col. 4)

Gas For Detroit's Hungry Tanks



Turning on valves to set in motion the machinery that will pour gasoline into the Detroit area are William Osborn and James Constable, employees of the Keystone Refineries. The company was one of the first to sign a CIO contract and resume operation. (International Southphoto.)

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