

Lejeune Set For Regular Marine Base

Full Division Of 20,000 Men Being Sent To Station

PERMANENT STATUS

Majority Of Men Veterans Of Second Marine Division Duty

Camp Lejeune, one of the largest U. S. Marine Corps installations in the nation, will become a permanent military base manned by a full Marine division of 20,000 men, it was announced officially yesterday by Maj. H. B. Anderson, public relations officer of the famous Olds county camp.

The majority of the leathernecks who will be stationed at the site are veterans of the well-known Second Marine Division, the outfit which wrested Saipan, Tinian, and other Pacific islands and atolls from the Japanese during World War II.

Already Enroute

These seasoned fighters are already en route from the Pacific to their new home base. The remainder of the 20,000-man division will be made up of new recruits.

The veterans will be serving under their old commanding officer, Maj. Gen. Thomas E. Watson, who bossed them in the Pacific. General Watson was made commander of Camp Lejeune several months ago upon the retirement of Maj. Gen. John Marston.

Building Program

Yesterday's announcement bears out the implications of the news of several weeks ago that a \$3,000,000 building program was being undertaken at the camp. Included in the expansion project are many new barracks and recreation halls.

When the building program is complete and the new 20,000-man division established, Camp Lejeune will be the largest Marine base in Southeastern United States.

DELIVERY OF SHIP SCHEDULED TODAY

S. S. Santa Cecilia Goes To Grace Line Of- ficials Here

The S. S. Santa Cecilia, second of six luxury-liner passenger-cargo vessels built by the North Carolina Shipbuilding company, will be delivered to the Grace Line today.

Completely modern from stem to stern, the Santa Cecilia, like her sister-ships, have a swimming pool, wooden weather decks for games, spacious lounges and verandas, air-conditioned state-rooms for 52 passengers, and refrigerated cargo spaces.

South American Run

The luxury ship will follow her predecessor, the S. S. Santa Barbara, into service between the United States and South America.

In announcing today's delivery, shipyard officials also disclosed that the third vessel, the S. S. Santa Margarita, will be delivered about August 6, and the fourth, the S. S. Santa Maria, in the latter part of August.

The fifth, the S. S. Santa Luisa, will follow in about three weeks, and the sixth and last, the S. S. Santa Isabel, early in October.

Today's delivery marks the 23rd since the shipyard began operations early in 1941.

35-FOOT CHANNEL

Movement Strengthening For Deepening Cape Fear

A strong and united city-county-civic-commercial bid for a 35-foot-deep Cape Fear river channel from Wilmington to the sea will be made in the city hall council chamber at 10 o'clock this morning.

RECORDED PHONE CALL LINKS MAY Transcription Reveals Efforts On Behalf Of Profiteer Ring

WASHINGTON, July 11.—(U.P.)—A recorded telephone conversation Thursday established a new link between Rep. Andrew J. May, D., Ky., and an alleged ring of mid-western war profiteers and revealed that he tried personally to secure a valuable war contract for them.

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The transcription was produced by Committee Counsel George Meader during testimony by Brig. Gen. Roswell Hardy, an Army Ordnance officer.

It detailed a telephone conversation between Hardy and May on May 7, 1945, when the Congressman called the officer to ask that Batavia Metal Products, Inc., a key firm in the Illinois combine, be given a contract to produce a new type chemical bomb.

During their talk, May urged that Batavia get the bomb contract to compensate for the loss of business resulting from a cutback in its shell production.

The Congressman acknowledged that he was asking for the award even though Dr. Henry M. Garsson, a top official of the combine, had not planned to seek it.

Hardy also acknowledged that he signed the recommendation which resulted in Batavia obtaining the coveted Army "E" award for production efficiency, over the angry protests of Ordnance officers in the Chicago district.

World Police Force Could Enforce Peace

WASHINGTON, July 11.—(U.P.)—President Truman expressed the view Thursday that world peace will be attained "if we can implement the United Nations organization with a police force behind it sufficient to make its mandates stand up."

He called for the strong international police force, without going into details, in an extemporaneous address to 150 educators who called at the White House.

The President urged them to help "overcome those prejudices which cause war—religious prejudices, misunderstandings between races and people of different languages."

The President followed up his remarks by asking Congress to appropriate \$100,000,000 for the Federal Housing agency to provide needed educational facilities at institutions furnishing courses to veterans.

There is good reason for thinking that as a peacemaker Secretary Byrnes may from now on be in a considerably stronger position than he has been.

When he agreed a year ago at Potsdam that peace should first be made with the German satellites, he elected to begin his peacemaking at the point where his diplomatic position was the weakest. With the exception of Italy these countries had all been liberated and then occupied by the Red Army. Their governments were under the sole control of the Soviet Union, and as a result Mr. Byrnes could exert influence but no power. It was precisely in this area, within the orbit of the Red

SIX MEN KILLED IN PLANE WRECKS

WASHINGTON, July 11.—(U.P.)—The government ordered all Constellation aircraft used by American commercial lines throughout the world grounded at midnight Thursday night after one of the mammoth planes operated by TWA crashed during a domestic training flight, killing five persons.

ANSWERS RUMORS

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County Free Of Disease, Officer Says

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LINGER ON, SUMMERTIME

Post-Labor Day Boom Drummed For Beaches

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UNCLE SAM WANTS ONE GERMAN ZONE

Byrnes Makes This Plain Before Four-Power Ministers Council

By JOSEPH DYNAN

PARIS, July 11.—(U.P.)—Secretary of State James F. Byrnes told the four-power Foreign Ministers council Thursday night that the United States wanted a central administration established for Germany.

If such a centralization plan was not now attainable, the American secretary said, then the United States, as a "last resort," would like to see the present four Allied zones of occupation in the Reich merged economically.

Byrnes made his statement 24 hours after Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov had called for the setting up of a central German administration "as a transitional step toward the establishment of a future German government" with which the Allies could sign a peace treaty.

The five-hour meeting of the ministers Thursday produced no agreements. But the ministers decided that they would hold a special meeting on German problems in the autumn after the adjournment of the United Nations general assembly in New York. The date for the ministers' autumn session was not fixed.

French Dismayed

While Byrnes and Molotov were placing themselves on record in favor of centralization, the French delegation heard with open dismay British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin's statement that Britain was going ahead immediately with "autonomous" control of its zone.

Bevin took his stand in the light of the council's inability to agree on an inter-zonal exchange of goods which he proposed Wednesday in order to reduce Britain's huge occupation costs. Bevin's proposal was similar in its aim to the economic merger plan advanced by Byrnes.

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Administration Wins Round By Beating Taft Proposal

President Sees Danger Of "Runaway Inflation" Without "Workable Price Control" Act

WASHINGTON, July 11.—(U.P.)—The administration won a major round in the OPA revival fight Thursday night when the senate smashed an attempt by Senator Taft (R-Ohio) to deprive OPA of discretion and force it to raise manufacturers price ceilings to cover increased costs.

The decision came on the closest possible margin—a 40 to 40 vote. A tie vote defeats an attempt to amend a bill.

This action removed one of the last major hurdles to Senate passage later of a measure to restore some price and rent controls for one year.

Rejection of the Taft proposal left intact in the bill a compromise formula worked out by Democratic Leader Barkley (Ky.) for prices of manufacturers, processors and producers.

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON, July 11.—(AP)—President Truman called for a "workable price control law" Thursday night as the senate pressed toward a climatic vote on a battered OPA revival measure.

In the latest of a series of moves curbing OPA's powers, the senate approved 59 to 20 an amendment preventing the agency from applying rent ceilings in any state which has its own rent control system, or sets up such a system in the future. The amendment was sponsored by Senators Knowland (R-Calif.) and Ferguson (R-Mich.).

The chamber beat back, 58 to 14, an amendment to force an increase in rent ceilings throughout the nation.

"Each Day Brings Danger"

Mr. Truman issued a statement saying that while "runaway inflation" has been prevented up to the present time, "fall of the ground we have so laboriously won against inflation will be irrevocably lost without a workable price control law."

"Every day that passes without a law on the books increases that danger," he said.

During the Senate struggle over a bill reviving OPA for one year, the agency's critics have studded it with amendments prohibiting

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ROBESON TOBACCO CROPS PROMISING

Belt Yield May Break Records Of Years; Rains Help

(Special to The Star.)

LUMBERTON, July 11.—R. Q. Rankin, supervisor of sales on the Lumberton tobacco market, yesterday said that rains and showers continue to bring crop improvement in the Border belt.

Beginning the third week in June, rains have fallen intermittently covering all sections of the Belt, and where they have been sufficient, they have caused a marked improvement in the condition of tobacco, however, there are some spots in Robeson, and many more in Scotland county, where tobacco is in need of even more rain, the supervisor said.

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And So To Bed

Last week a tourist en route home from a northern vacation stopped his car in a small New York town. As the attendant serviced his car the tourist noticed a man in the next-door yard cutting the lawn with a scythe.

The grass was pretty high, and the tourist remarked: "That's quite a job you've got there."

"Sure is," replied the man in a Southern accent, "but I'm used to it. Where I come from cutting grass with a scythe is all in a day's work."

"Say," said the tourist, "you sound like you come from the South."

"Sure do," answered the man. "I used to live in Wilmington, North Carolina."

"I'll be dogged," exclaimed the tourist. "Jump in the car and come with me. I'm from Wilmington too."

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TOBACCO FARMERS CAST VOTE TODAY

Quota System Up For Test In Flue-Cured Belt

RALEIGH, July 11.—(U.P.)—North Carolina farmers go to the polls Friday to vote in a referendum which will decide whether the tobacco quota system will be continued in the nation's flue-cured tobacco states.

Tobacco growers will vote on the following issues in the election, which will begin at 7 a.m.:

1. Whether the quota system will be continued at all.

2. Whether the quota system should be continued for one year or three years.

3. Whether the 1947 marketing quotas recently announced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture are acceptable.

An impressive array of State officials have already urged farmers to vote in favor of the quota system, declaring that the agricultural population benefitted from its operation and that marketing methods and growing techniques have been instituted since it was instituted.

Governor Heads List

Governor Gregg Cherry, Commissioner of Agriculture W. Kerr Scott, Tom Scott, head of the Production and Marketing Administration in the State, and other leading officials have advocated the continuation of tobacco quotas.

During the most recent referendum on the question in 1943, a total of 103,429 votes were cast in North Carolina, and of this number 91.7 per cent cast ballots in favor of a three year extension of tobacco quotas.

FORECAST NEAR RECORD TOBACCO CROPS IN STATE

RALEIGH, July 11.—(U.P.)—The federal-state crop reporting service said Thursday that the State's

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Loan Passage Seen

WASHINGTON, July 11.—(U.P.)—Backed by an appeal by former Secretary of State Cordell Hull, Speaker Sam Rayburn, D., Tex., predicted Thursday that the controversial British loan bill would be approved by "an overwhelming majority."

Hull, in a letter read to the House by Rayburn shortly after the beginning of the third day of debate on the measure, urged passage of the \$3,750,000,000 loan, and said the world must choose between two paths—cooperation toward peace or discord that might lead to "another world war."

Provides Information

The test provided information necessary for the redesigning of fighting ships to hold down damage to superstructures and men on deck, said the report presented by Scientists - Army-

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HISTORY'S BIGGEST BLAST

Board Reports Bikini Bomb Test 'Successful'

WASHINGTON, July 11.—(U.P.)—The Bikini atomic bomb damaged more ships than any other blast in history, a board of experts advised President Truman Thursday, even though the explosion apparently was about a third of a mile off the target point and away from close-spaced capital ships.

Navy Evaluation board. Mr. Truman made the report public at his news conference.

Because the first test was an aerial explosion, little information was obtained on possible effects to the submerged parts of ships, the board said. The second, underwater, test planned for later this month is expected to provide that data.

Layman's Viewpoint

A report of a second board representing President Truman also was made public by

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Along The Cape Fear

LARGE LADY—As much as we have been harried lately by potato-tomatoes, shell-less eggs, and multi-eared corn, we think we deserve at least a small-size breathing-spell on the subject of biological oddities.

After all, we possess neither the biological insight of Charles Darwin nor the curiosity-collecting talent of R. J. Scott. We are not equipped, in other words, to handle adroitly all these freaks of nature which have been coming our way, and we need a rest from the unfamiliar labors.

But Fate, that large lady with the broad shoulders and the narrow mind, has decreed it otherwise. Witness, for instance, the post card she dropped into our mail basket last night.

YARD EGG—"Speaking of eggs (the post card says)—what is a 'Yard Egg'?"

"On the way to work the other morning I noticed these words chalked on the window of one of those small stores on S. 17th street: 'For Sale—Appliances, Eggs, and Yard Eggs.'"

"I've heard of goose eggs, hen eggs, bird eggs. Along-the-Cape Fear eggs, etc., but this is a new one on me.

"On my grandfather's farm we used to find an occasional egg in the yard, when the hen didn't quite make it to the nest. Would that be a yard egg?"

"Just curious, that's all."

SOMEONE, SOMEWHERE—You, sir or madame, are curious, but we are completely baffled. You have made a great mistake in coming to us with that question, "What is a Yard Egg?"

Of all the things we do know something about, we know the least about eggs. It wasn't so many years ago when we suffered from the delusion that scrambled eggs, boiled eggs, poached eggs, fried eggs, and eggs a la carte were each laid by a hen designed by nature, especially for each particular job.

Moreover, the closest we have been to a farm in the last 20 years was last week when we chanced upon the book in our library about Rebecca and her estate in Sunnybrook.

We hold out only one hope to you, sir or madame. Somewhere

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS
By Alley

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Today and Tomorrow

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