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Truman Expected To Ask Peacetime Military Training Program

UNREST SEETHES:

Indonesians Await Netherlands' Reply To Their Demands

By Ralph Morton

BATAVIA, JAVA, Oct. 17.—(P)—Political unrest seethed throughout Java today as the Indonesian national council awaited a reply from the allied command in the Netherlands East Indies to a set of four major nationalist demands which council Vice President Mohammed Hatta said represented "the only way to bring peace to this troubled land."

(In Amsterdam Dr. H. A. Logemann, minister of overseas territory, said the government was ready to offer Indonesians self government within the Dutch commonwealth and would deal with Indonesian leaders "who merit consideration," but not with Soekarno, president of the "Indonesian republic.")

The national council met yesterday in a bid to present itself as a national government. Soekarno was not present. He was touring Western Java to restrain sections of his followers bent on violence. In his absence Hatta promised the 187 council delegates that there would be a national election within six months and that in the interim Soekarno and his cabinet would be assisted by a working committee of the council in representing the people.

The four-point program submitted to Lt. Gen. A. F. Christison, Allied commander in the Netherlands East Indies, called for removal of all Japanese, deportation of all Dutch troops and prevention of the arrival of additional Dutch soldiers, a quiescent role for the Netherlands Indies civil administration, the recognition by an impartial United Nations committee of the Indonesian national council as the de facto government of the country.

PEACEFUL MEANS

This correspondent asked Hatta if he expected "to beat the Dutch by force when you have no guns, tanks or planes, and he replied:

"We shall win through peaceful means."

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Committee Would Reduce Spending

Cancellation Of Over \$52 Billion Already Authorized Is Recommended

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—(P)—Cancellation of \$52,453,535,278 in government spending authorized for the current fiscal year was recommended today by the house appropriation committee.

Irma Grese Admits She Beat, Lashed Prisoners

LUENEBURG, Oct. 17.—(P)—In a voice charged with defiance, blonde 22-year-old Irma Grese admitted under cross examination today that she lashed prisoners at the Oswiecim concentration camp with a cellophane-braided whip and clubbed them with a walking stick.

She said she scourged the prisoners in spite of camp orders against such methods of handling them.

The hard-visaged young SS guard denied questioning by Prosecutor Col. T. M. Backhouse that she amused herself by sending women to work at a sand pit outside the wire, where they would be shot by guards on the alert for escape attempts. Backhouse suggested she was lying and she snapped:

"I took an oath to tell the truth, and you can think what you like. But I'm not lying. I never was in charge of the working party at the sand pit. I never sent women across the wire."

DENIES DOG STORY
She also denied she had set trained dogs on the prisoners.

"I suggest you had a dog," the prosecutor said.

"I should know better than you

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Tokyo Rose Placed In Yokohama Jail

TOKYO, Oct. 17.—(P)—Chicago-born Iva Toguri, accused of broadcasting propaganda to American troops from Tokyo as "Tokyo Rose," was placed in the Yokohama prefecture jail today, U. S. Eighth army officials said.

The U. S. army is reassuming authority in the case because she is an American citizen. When first arrested she had been turned over to Japanese civilian police.

WILL ADDRESS CONGRESS NEXT TUESDAY

Has Indicated Support For Plan Proposed By Gen. Marshall

MERGER ADVOCATED

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—(P)—President Truman will appear before congress next Tuesday to deliver a message on peacetime universal training.

The President will address a joint session at 12:30 p.m. (EST). Speaker Rayburn told reporters after a White House conference on the administration's legislative program.

Mr. Truman has indicated his support for military training along the lines advocated by General George C. Marshall, army chief of staff.

Announcement of the President's plan came as Secretary of War Patterson advocated merger of the War and Navy departments as a step toward maintaining world peace.

Urging prompt action on the controversial plan, he told the senate military committee the subordinate branches should be ground, sea and air.

"In my opinion, the unification of our armed forces is an essential

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WAGE-PRICE REVISION SEEN

New Policy Expected To Stick To Hold-The-Line Plan

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—(P)—The War Labor board stops issuing orders next Monday, but some members believe President Truman shortly will adopt their idea for a new commission to revise the wage-price policy.

In other quarters there were hints today that any new policy will not stray far from the present hold-the-line formula.

This opinion was based in part on an anti-inflation speech delivered in Boston yesterday by Reconstruction Director John W. Snyder.

As the United Mine Workers' strike continued to spread paralysis through the soft coal fields, these other developments occurred in Washington:

1. A spokesman for the bituminous operators said they were "almost together" on a new proposal which might permit the reopening of conciliation efforts conducted by Secretary of Labor Schwelienbach.

Schwelienbach ended the meetings Monday night, after the operators rejected the last of five peace proposals advanced in eight days of conciliation. Since then the operators have conferred among themselves.

POLICY COMMITTEE
2. UMW President John L. Lewis is considered calling the union's policy committee to Washington to confer on strategy on the dispute, which revolves around a demand for recognition of the UMW

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Nurses—present point score of 35 for unmarried nurses will be cut to 33 on January 1. All married nurses will be released by November 1.

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U. S. C. Of C. Wants Flat Percentage Tax Reduction

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—(P)—The United States Chamber of Commerce urged Congress today to give individual income tax payers a flat reduction of 20 to 25 percent in the new tax bill.

Eldsworth C. Alford, chairman of the chamber's committee on federal finance, also asked the senate finance committee for repeal of the corporate excess profits tax and reduction of the corporate surtax.

His prepared testimony came after Chairman George (D-Ga.) told reporters he believes tax relief under the bill should be limited to \$5,000,000,000, as recommended by Secretary of the Treasury Fred M. Vinson.

"I think tax reductions are vital

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TOP SOLDIERS ARE TOP HUNTERS—Two of the nation's top Army men, Gen. George C. Marshall (left), Army chief of staff, and Gen. H. H. Arnold, commander of Army Air Forces, were in with good bags of pheasant after a week-end hunt near Bismarck, N. D. Each bagged his limit. —(AP Wirephoto).

Navy Marks Down Discharge Score

Expects To Release More Than Million Officers And Men By First Of Year

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—(P)—The navy has marked down discharge scores for most of its personnel, with a goal of releasing more than 1,100,000 officers and men by new year's. Previously the service had expected to send home only about 830,000 by Christmas.

Announcing cuts effective November 1 for all but a few classifications, the navy last night also promised further reductions in point scores in December and January.

The formula by which the scores are computed was left unchanged.

For most enlisted men the point score total was cut from 44 to 41. Further reductions to 39 on December 1 and to 38 on January 1 were promised.

Other groups affected by the change which steps up the navy's discharge program by two months are:

Male officers, other than doctors—Point totals reduced from 49 to 46. Effective December 1 the score needed will be 44, and January 1, 43.

FOR WAVES
Wave officers—point total cut from 35 to 32 November 1; to 30 December 1; to 29 January 1.

Enlisted Waves—total cut from 29 to 26 November 1; to 24 December 1; to 23 January 1.

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TWELVE LEAVE FOR INDUCTION

The following Cleveland county men left for Fort Bragg this morning for final induction into the army. Norris Holland Jones was named leader of the group:

D. Z. Newton, jr.
Charles Flay Fowler, jr.
J. D. Clark
David Smith, jr.
Max Lindberg Crotts
Doyle Alexander Parker
Wesley Clifford Botts
Jack Ernest Gasky
Norrie Holland Jones
Roger Raymon Sealey
Ambrose Ray Cook
Harrill Eugene Blanton

THURSDAY
7:00 p.m.—Regular meeting of Kiwanis club.
7:30 p.m.—CAP cadets meet at armory.

MILLION JAPS GIVEN AMNESTY BY RESCRIPT

Hirohito Describes Move As One To Unite His Nation

ELECTIONS COMING

By Murlin Spencer
TOKYO, Oct. 17.—(P)—Emperor Hirohito, whose future has been a burning topic of speculation ever since the American occupation, granted amnesty today to nearly 1,000,000 Japanese as an openly avowed move to unite Nippon

"in meeting a great change in history."

Domel agency noted that one effect of the rescript, honoring the day when the first rice crop is offered to the gods, would be to enable as many people as possible to take part in the coming elections.

"We, in meeting a great change in history, are indeed concerned to conquer the difficulties of the times with the country united as one and will trust in the cooperation and assistance of all the people," said the rescript. "Therefore, we have ordered our officials to carry out an amnesty. All our officials and people embody our will."

UNPRECEDENTED
The rescript, unprecedented in scope, pardoned 320,000 Japanese, reduced the sentence of 37,000 and ordered restoration of civil rights to 600,000.

Domel pointed out the rescript provides that persons recovering their rights must have lost them five years prior to Sept. 2, 1945. Previous rescripts had pushed the date back 10 years.

The emperor's appeal for unity was made at a time when Japanese communists, celebrating the release of some of their leaders from prison on orders of General MacArthur, were working openly for an end to

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Dock Workers Are Returning To Jobs

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—(P)—As dock workers in greater numbers returned to work today, President Joseph P. Ryan of the AFL international longshoremen's association said "the situation is improved immeasurably" and today's events might determine the outcome of a factional fight in the union.

Ryan said 7,736 men returned to their jobs this morning. He said that was 1,200 more than worked yesterday—and more than had worked on any day since the union's 35,000 members went on work 17 days ago tying up some 400 ships in New York harbor.

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Coal Is Burning Question In N. C.; Shortage Acute

By the Associated Press
Rapidly dwindling stocks, with no prospect of immediate relief, are threatening the coal bins of industrial plants and private homes throughout North Carolina.

The fuel shortage in some sections of the state has reached the acute stage, and there appears to be no surplus coal in any locality. Western North Carolina consumers, particularly, are affected by the diminished supply.

The shortage is a result of the coal strike, and as a result of the government's solid fuels administration emphasize the fact that no coal can be sent to any communities or industrial plants, no matter how critical their need, unless the strike ends.

HOEY CONFERS
Sen. Hoey (D-NC) said in Washington last night that he had conferred for the second successive day with C. J. Potter, solid fuels administrator.

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Cotton Ginnings Off Sharply

The county cotton crop as of October 1, 1945, compared with the crop at the same time last year, shows a sharp decline in the number of bales ginned, according to Thamer Beam, cotton statistician.

The number of bales ginned up to October 1, this year is 4,675. Mr. Beam said. The number ginned up to October 1, 1944, was 15,642.

Uncle Sam Knows He Can't Force Miners Back On Jobs

By NORMAN WALKER
WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—(P)—Right now the nation's coal digging job is being only half done. And the government is helpless to get full production restored.

It could step in and seize the 1,000 or so strike-closed bituminous mines. But it probably won't.

Why? Because, from past experience with miners, the government is doubtful that they'd go back to work even with Uncle Sam in charge.

So instead of seizure the government has washed its hands—for the

Lewis Says Efforts To Settle Controversy Will Be Resumed Later

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—(P)—John L. Lewis today called off the soft coal strikes effective Monday. A United Mine Workers spokesman said the action was taken "in the public interest."

Lewis, in a telegram to officers and members of all local unions said that future efforts to "abate this controversy" over recognition of his foremen's union "will be resumed at a later more appropriate date."

The United Mine Workers' chief said "all negotiations incident to the controversy affecting clerical, technical and supervisory employees of the industry have been discontinued."

There are approximately 28,000 to 50,000 such workers. Strikes over their recognition as a unit in Lewis' UMW began September 21 and has spread to more than 1,000 mines up to today.

More than half of the 400,000 soft coal miners were idle when the strikes were called off.

"PUBLIC INTEREST"
K. C. Adams, spokesman for the United Mine Workers, said "Obviously the government has failed to settle the matter," and added that "obviously the action is taken in the public interest."

Government conciliation efforts under guidance of Secretary of Labor Schwelienbach collapsed Monday night after eight days of fruitless conferences aimed at settling the strikes.

STRIKERS FINED
PITTSBURGH, Oct. 17.—(P)—The western Pennsylvania coal operators association disclosed today its members are imposing a \$1-a-day fine on miners idle in the 26-day-old coal strike, on grounds the stoppage is illegal and violates the United Mine Workers' contract.

This fines to 46,703 idle miners in the Pittsburgh-Uniontown area.

ALL KILLED
The search party was unable to immediately report condition of the wreckage, but after a portable radio transmitter was dropped from a plane the group headed by an officer from the Greenville, S. C., army air base, was able to report that all occupants were killed and it would be

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British Ready To Revise And Soften Italian Armistice

LONDON, Oct. 17.—(P)—Official British sources said today that discussions were underway to revise and soften the Italian armistice as a stop-gap arrangement until the final and formal peace treaty can be drawn.

The next move toward placing Europe on a peacetime basis is to the Soviet union, the officials indicated, with both British and Americans waiting to determine whether the U. S. S. R. will produce a proposal to dissolve the deadlock over treaties.

DAMASKINOS TO BE PROVISIONAL PREMIER
ATHENS, Oct. 17.—(P)—A communique announced today that Regent Archbishop Damaskinos would assume provisional premiership of Greece following failure of attempts to form a government.

Since Premier Petros Voulgaris resigned last week, five attempts to form a cabinet have failed.

POLITICAL PRISONERS
A spokesman stated that the confederation was demanding the liberation of all political prisoners, although Gen. Eduardo Avalos, in his capacity of minister of the interior, announced Monday that all such prisoners had been freed.

Police used tear gas today in an unsuccessful attempt to disperse approximately 2,000 strikers who demonstrated in the central part of Buenos Aires, urging the election as president of Col. Juan Peron, who was ousted by the army as vice-president.

The demonstrators were only momentarily quieted, and soon continued a parade, shouting "viva Peron" and "Peron for president."

Attorney General Juan Alvarez, meanwhile, said he hoped the task of forming a new cabinet would be completed by tomorrow.

ICKES' THEORY
Secretary of Interior Ickes, the solid fuels administrator, told reporters after a White House visit yesterday he had "a theory" for settling strikes. He did not say what it was, nor whether it held hope for ending the coal tieup soon.

Secretary of Labor Schwelienbach, after his own 10-day

time being, anyway—of the whole controversy between John L. Lewis and the soft coal operators on unionization of mine foremen.

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Canada's Regular Army Is Increased

OTTAWA, Oct. 17.—(P)—Canada's regular armed forces are to have a total strength of up to 55,000 men, compared with a pre-war enrollment of 10,877, according to newly disclosed figures. Indications are that the reserve set-up will be substantially stronger.