

WASHINGTON Report

Joe Davies May Be Next At Court of St. James'

"A Jap Burns" Is War's Most Horrible Picture

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WASHINGTON—Joseph E. Davies, recently special American emissary to Soviet Russia and England, has been offered one of the most prized of diplomatic posts—the ambassadorship to Great Britain.

Mr. Davies has been slightly hesitant about accepting the post tendered by President Truman, but his friends believe he will be the next U. S. representative at the Court of St. James'.

Mr. Davies very much wanted to be Ambassador to Britain several years ago when his good friend Mr. Roosevelt was in the White House. But Mr. Roosevelt offered him Soviet Russia instead. At Moscow, Mr. Davies and his beautiful wife were successful and dramatic representatives.

Mr. Davies continued hoping that his next diplomatic post would be London. Instead, the next step was Belgium. Again a disappointment.

After these two diplomatic posts, Mr. Davies returned to this country and to the practice of law.

Mr. Truman has sent him on special missions—one to London—for the purpose of smoothing the path that the United Nations Charter and the Potsdam Conference must take.

So effective was Mr. Davies as a one-man emissary that Mr. Truman decided he should represent the administration in London. Mr. Davies' hesitation about accepting the post has resulted from a lingering chagrin at his earlier disappointments.

Mr. and Mrs. Davies would do a skillful and gracious job at the Court of St. James'. Mrs. Davies is beautiful and clever and has great wealth. Mr. Davies has already proved his ability as a diplomat. The appointment would be a popular one.

MUCH OF THE CONFUSION AND UNEASINESS caused by the delay in the surrender of Japan might have been spared the United States and the Allies generally if no mention had been made of Japan's first radio broadcast until all negotiations were completed.

It was not necessary to tell our people anything until it could be said definitely that the war was over.

Surely there had been strict censorship over matters of war, far less importance. Remember when it was not permitted to mention the presence of a ship that was in a harbor visible to thousands of people? There have been hundreds of other restrictions. The press, the radio and the people obeyed all these without too much of a murmur.

The talks between Japan and the Allies were kept from the people of Japan. They should have been kept from the people of the Allied countries until the peace was an accomplished fact.

State Departments and diplomats generally, with the best of intentions, do sometimes, somehow manage to mix up issues. Whenever I meet the sentence by ear or by eye, "There is unusual activity at the State Department," I think, "Heavens above, what are the boys up to now? What foreign country have they signed us up with? Or against?"

THERE'S A CHANCE THAT MEAT RATIONING may be lifted soon, Secretary of Agriculture Anderson, as handsome and alert a personality as the Truman cabinet boasts, believes in giving us rationless meat. Say about the middle of next week.

But Price Administrator Bowles wants to stick to ration points until around Christmas time. When Mr. Anderson and Mr. Bowles have talked the prospects over thoroughly, we may find a compromise that will hit the ban midway between now and New Year's.

THIS NEXT PARAGRAPH WAS NOT INSPIRED BY Secretary Anderson—for which let us all be very grateful. But I did hear one person of authority say:

"I shouldn't be at all surprised, when Japan surrenders, to find that we will have to feed the Japanese people. Poor creatures! The war was not really of their making. It is our responsibility, perhaps, to look after them as we mean to look after the Germans."

"RE-DEPLOYMENT" is a word grown out of this war. It is applied in this particular moment to the movement about of troops and war supplies.

It seems to me that the word might be applied also to the results we have achieved in our fight to save humanity. We have succeeded principally in "re-deploying" misery and hate and hunger and fear.

A symbol of the "good" we have brought about is that delicate souvenir of our fight with Japan: "A Jap Burns."

Perhaps you saw "A Jap Burns" in the movies. Or in the newspapers or magazines.

The first glimpse of this example of the freedom-from-fear we promised the world shows a flame-thrower aiming at a Jap. The flame hits the mark. The Jap's clothes are on fire. He is on fire. He is writhing on the ground, burning alive in death agony. Finally he is finished and still, a dead cinder. Meanwhile a Signal Corps photographer grinds and grinds his movie camera. The world today—and posterity, too—may see what vicious stuff conquerors are made of.

"A Jap Burns" is the most horrible picture of the war. Its actuality, its taking and its publication make the worst indictment of all today's indictments of the human race.

OFFICIAL OCCUPATION ZONES



GENERAL OUTLINES of the areas in Germany to be occupied by American, British, and Russian forces have been known for some time, but the State Department has now disclosed the official and exact boundaries. The extent of the territory to be occupied by the French has also been made public. Arrows leading from American, British, Russian, French, and Polish flags on map point to the territory that will be under the control of each nation. Three zones in Berlin will be occupied by the "Big Three" nations, as flags also indicate. (International)

NOAH NUMSKULL
YES IT'S ME MAN!
THE CAT TROPPED ME!
8-18

DEAR NOAH=ARE SOME PARENTS KEPT AWAKE NIGHTS BY THE MIDNITE SON?
B. BUNN-CHARLOTTE, N.C.

DEAR NOAH=TO BECOME A BIG HOUSE MOVER SHOULD I PRACTICE ON SMALL SHOPLIFTING?
FRED SESSON-FT. WAYNE, IND.

SEND YOUR NUMSKULLS TO "DEAR NOAH" TO DAY!
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NOAH NUMSKULL
YOO-HOO!
TWEET OR FEET?
8-17

DEAR NOAH=DO THE WAVES IN THE NAVY KEEP A SHARP LOOK OUT FOR THE WHISTLING BUOYS?
MRS. H.B. STEARNS-BROOKLYN, N.Y.

DEAR NOAH=IS ALIMONY THE "CASHING IN" OF THE BONDS OF MATRIMONY?
MRS. S.P. ROCKETTE-HALIFAX, N.S.

SEND YOUR NOTICES TO "NOAH"
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Here's 'Miss North Carolina of 1945'



Miss Dorothy Johnston (above) of Winston-Salem was chosen "Miss North Carolina of 1945" in a beauty contest held at Gastonia—and so will represent her state in the annual "Miss America" contest at Atlantic City, N. J., September 3. She is 21 years old, weighs 122 pounds and stands 5 feet, 5 inches. (A.P. Photo.)

Darrow Speaker At Rotary's Meet Tuesday Evening

Carter Darrow, or "Lashara," past district Rotary governor, spoke on "Community Service" at the weekly meeting of the local club last night at the Vance hotel.

Mr. Darrow spoke on developments for the future use of atomic energy, penicillins and plastics, and the changes they will make in everyday life. He suggested problems that the community may expect to meet in the future and urged that Rotarians make a survey of the community with a view to aiding returning veterans and the youth of the community.

R. G. Kittrell was in charge of the program and President R. C. Gary presided.

Guest at the meeting was Mrs. R. C. Gary with Mr. Gary.

Russians Organizing Manchuria

southern half of Sakhalin island. The officially announced captive toll in Manchuria itself neared 200,000.

Occupation proceeded swiftly and the Russians moved toward the naval base of Port Arthur.

The news agency Tass said Soviet troops found wide open opium dens, houses of prostitution and gambling houses in many Manchurian cities.

On Sakhalin island, the Russians said they found the bodies of political prisoners, including two Russians and seven Chinese, who had been executed in death with knives.

Two electric chairs were reported to have been found in one jail.

Tass said isolated sniping continued in the hills around Harbin. The agency said one Japanese woman was captured while she was firing at Russians with one hand and holding a baby in the other.

At the same time, the Russians said Soviet forces were pushing swiftly southward in Korea from captured ports in an effort to secure all the coastal regions. Soviet dispatches from the Trans-Baikal front in Manchuria said Japanese soldiers were trying to escape capture by donning Red army uniforms or trying to pose as Koreans.

Surrender Document Given Japs

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Friday, August 31—The "formal signing" of the truce agreement will take place aboard a U. S. warship in Tokyo bay in the presence of Allied representatives.

For the first time the full combat power of the American Navy will be massed in a single operation off the shores of a beaten nation.

Hundreds of transport planes throughout the Pacific will transport landing groups, Ma Arthur and his key-staff personnel. Every branch of America's armed forces will be represented.

The important newspaper Asahi said today: "The Allies are using prudence not to provoke the Japanese people by derogation of the prestige of the emperor in the eyes of the Japanese people."

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MERCANTILE FIRMS SETTLE UP CLAIMS

Raleigh, Aug. 21—Enforcement attorneys of the Raleigh district OPA announced today that five more mercantile firms in Eastern Carolina have settled government claims for treble damages by paying a total of \$450 to the Treasurer of the United States.

The firms were charged by OPA with selling wartime clothing at prices in excess of the maximum allowed under regulations. The store S. J. Jenson, district OPA director said. Firms making settlements, and amounts involved as announced by OPA:

Charles A. Stewart Company, Henderson, \$200; David Battle Webb, Morehead City, \$75; Dworky's Children's Shop, Raleigh, \$50; J. F. Bachman and Sons, Washington, \$50 and Annan Brothers, Jacksonville, \$25.

Commenting on the settlements, Johnson said:

"Continuance and intensification of price control in the field of wearing apparel takes on a very great importance now that peacetime reconversion is here in view of the tremendous accumulated buying power in this country and the necessity for great vigilance to prevent widespread inflation. OPA will, in line with the general policy announced by Chester B. Davis, continue and redouble enforcement of price control regulations."

Oxford Schools to Begin September 5

Oxford, Aug. 22—Classes in the Oxford administrative district will begin fall terms Wednesday, September 5, with the exception of John Nichols school at Oxford orphanage, which will begin September 3.

Supt. C. G. Credle said today. A full-time public school music teacher has been added to the faculty of John Nichols school and the job is to be filled by Miss Mary Johnson, of Kenly, a 1915 graduate of Flora Macdonald college. E. T. Regan, principal, said.

Dr. A. M. Proctor of the school of education, Duke university, Durham, will address Oxford teachers at their first meeting to be held at 3:30 p.m. September 4 in the home economics building. Credle said. Negro teachers will hold a faculty meeting on September 3 at 4 p.m. at the Orange Street school. Marie McVey of the state department of public instruction, will be the guest speaker.

NEW YORK HARBOR MINED BY NAZIS

New York, Aug. 22—The navy department revealed today that an enemy submarine slipped into New York harbor in March, 1943, laid four mines, and escaped.

Three were picked up but a fourth was not by a tanker which was damaged.

The navy announcement said the enemy U-boat passed Ambrose Lightship in a heavy fog and sailed to within a mile of the submarine net before laying the mines. When the mine laying operation was discovered, New York harbor was closed for three days.

Wilson, Aug. 22—Mrs. Jennie M. Grainger, head of the United States employment office here, said today that no layoffs had been reported in Wilson war factories, many of which have already gone back to peacetime production, and that some had even taken additional help since last week. "There is no cut back of labor here," she said.

LEGLESS VETS LEARN ART OF ROLLER SKATING



AS THREE AMPUTEE PATIENTS (right) at the Thomas England General Hospital at Atlantic City, N. J., watch, two veterans who lost their legs are learning to roller skate with artificial limbs, one of the phases in the rehabilitation program for wounded veterans. Shown in this group are (left to right): Pvt. Clement Garizzo, of Staten Island, N. Y.; Lt. Muriel Albright, of White Plains, N. Y., an instructor; Flight Officer Darrell Getty, of Erie, Pa.; Pvt. Dominick Cafarelli, of Hopkinton, Mass.; Pvt. Joseph Lishefski, of Rochester, N. Y., and Pfc. Paul Boselj, of Unionport, Ohio—all old-time skating jabs. (International)

Inside WASHINGTON

Labor Gets Ready For New Demands

—Let Employer Pay For Social Security

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—One of labor's prime post-war goals will be to obtain social security or welfare funds financed by employers. When contracts are reopened or new ones negotiated in the future, this proposition will rank high among labor's demands.

The big CIO United Automobile Workers' union already has formulated a welfare or insurance scheme calling for employer contributions totaling three per cent of the insured worker's average earnings.

New York's recent three-week newspaper deliverymen's strike stemmed largely from such a welfare fund demand.

John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers who dropped his coal royalty demand to sign a new wage contract a few months ago, now advises local unions that the issue is not dead.

THERE IS A GENUINE FEELING in Washington that unemployment won't be as bad as some experts predict nor will the process of converting to peacetime production bog down and bring industrial chaos.

Materials for reconversion are plentiful, says WPB chief Julius Krug. In fact, he predicts, they will be "running out of our ears." Full-speed ahead for industry on a peacetime basis will mean most of the unemployed will be quickly reabsorbed, leaving the "normal" two to two and a half million unemployed.

Congress is expected to take a harshly realistic view toward protecting the nation against widespread unemployment, and the government is planning to keep controls over prices, rent and production.

EMPEROR HIROHITO OF JAPAN is the focal point of an official American tug-of-war, with one faction pulling for his eventual arrest and trial as a war criminal and the other for his use as a rallying point for the "new" Japan.

Those who want to spare his life contend that only the military in Japan should be blamed for starting the Pacific conflict. The emperor, these people say, actually had no control over his war-lords once they decided on world conquest.

Russia's belated entrance into the Jap war may complicate that debate because the Soviet Union may decide on its own hook that Hirohito is a war criminal. In fact, it is believed that Russia may look favorably upon leftist elements in Japan who undoubtedly are planning to set up their own government when they get a chance.

THE WPB, BUSY WITH a thousand and one weighty reconversion problems, took time out the other day to help Mr. and Mrs. America button up their war-produced clothing.

It announced "priorities assistance" for manufacturers of tape for zippers, buttons, buttonholes, hook and eyes and snap fasteners.

Not to be outdone, the OPA came out with the announcement that it was postponing its proposed new price schedule for popcorn.

THERE IS A STRONG BELIEF in Washington that Lt. Gen. Jonathan Wainwright, the commander-hero of Corregidor, may be assigned to aid Gen. Douglas MacArthur in the occupation of Japan.

But this depends on the condition of Wainwright who was forced to surrender in the dark, early days of the war and has been a prisoner of the Japanese ever since.

If Wainwright has been decently treated and fairly well fed, and still maintains his health, it is likely he will go to Japan after a rest at home in the states. If the Japanese have abused Wainwright, there is little doubt but that it will go harder with them than if they have accorded him decent treatment.

JILTS ONE AT CHURCH, WEDS OTHER



WHILE ATTRACTIVE ELIZABETH R. Furbish, 21, (left) daughter of Mayor H. O. Furbish of Westbrook, Me., waited at the church with 450 guests, word was received that her prospective bridegroom Norman Martin, 21, of Gotham, Me., had eloped with Beverly Rowe, 21, of Bar Mills. The newlyweds are pictured together at right. (International Soundphoto)

SALLY'S SALLIES



"Burt is home on furlough and wakes himself up that way every morning."