



Black Markets Passing Out As Peacetime Goods Return

Undercover Operations Are Waning

Prices Collapsing In Used Car Market And Other Fields

Washington, Aug. 28.—(AP)—Black markets were crumbling into thin air today because more peacetime goods were coming up fast.

Black markets, prices, used cars, new cars, chicken, toys, and men wanting jobs, those were big subjects for Americans exactly two weeks after Japan threw in the sponge.

Reputable dealers in used cars and chicken said black markets in these fields are starting to disappear. Government officials added that black markets in food are dwindling, and will fall away in all fields as shortages ease.

There was this prime news about prices today:

1. On used cars, they have finally started down.

2. On new cars, they will be at about the same levels as in 1942, says OPA.

3. On goods in general, an army of retailers invaded Washington to protest that the OPA is trying to hold their prices below what they can stand.

Some more developments in the nation's postwar progress from war to peace:

Toys—There will be plenty for Christmas, but most of them will be the wartime kind.

Men not working—Robert Woodwin, head of the U. E. Employment Service, said nearly 2,000,000 war workers have lost their jobs since Japan surrendered.

Men not fighting—the Navy, now 3,300,000 strong, announced it will be down to 300,000 in one year.

Will Decide Soon Fate of OWI Unit In Foreign Lands

Washington, Aug. 28.—(AP)—President Truman and Secretary of State Byrnes are expected to decide soon whether the United States should have a postwar information service abroad.

The service would replace the wartime OWI, now scheduled to go out of business in about ninety days.

This is the formal status of the informal reconversion from war to peace. Informally, the situation is completely confused. As a result, OWI resignations from abroad are coming in steadily.

The war agency now employs about 5,000 persons. Its staff abroad before V-E day numbered about 1,600, and now is slightly in excess of 1,000. Normal training would reduce it to that figure by the end of September.

Communists Now At Chungking For Meet With Chiang

Chungking, Aug. 28.—(AP)—Mao Tse-tung and two other high Chinese communist leaders arrived today from Yenan with Major General Patrick J. Hurley, the United States ambassador, who went there to accompany them to a conference aimed at preventing civil strife in China. Four aides and secretaries came with the communists.

On the eve of talks with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, a committee manifesto was issued demanding immediate formation of a coalition government. The committee reiterated demands of communist military leaders that their troops be given the right to disarm surrendering Japanese forces, including some in south China, and that all national government troops be withdrawn from the territory around the communist "border" region.

Other points set forth by the committee included: Establishment of a freely elected national assembly; granting of legal status to all political parties; liberation of all political prisoners; guarantee of freedom of speech and assembly; reduction of taxation; severe punishment for traitors, and disbandment of all puppet forces.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair and slightly warmer today, tonight and Wednesday.

FIRST FORMAL JAP SURRENDER



FIRST FORMAL SURRENDER of Japs on by-passed Pacific islands is pictured here as the Japanese commander on Mill in the Marshalls, Capt. Mansuori Shiga, signs his signature to the official document. Looking on (l. to r. from Shiga): Lt. E. R. Harris, New York City; Lt. Col. C. V. Burnett, Detroit; and Capt. H. B. Crow, Greenville, Mich. This is an official U. S. Navy Radiophoto. (International Soundphoto)

OPA To Refuse Retailer Appeal For Price Boost

Gets New Post



SPRUILLE BRADEN, former U. S. Ambassador to Argentina, has been appointed by President Truman to the post of Assistant Secretary of State, replacing Nelson A. Rockefeller who has just resigned. Braden will have charge of all Latin-American affairs. (International)

Legion Will Aid Truman About Draft

Washington, Aug. 28.—(AP)—President Truman was told today that the American Legion is quietly behind his request for the continued induction of men 18 to 25 for the armed forces.

Colonel John Thomas Taylor, national legislative director of the Legion, told reporters he presented the Legion's view in a conference with the President.

"We told him that we agree with him that the men who have served two or three years should be returned to their homes and replaced by younger men," Taylor said. "Our view is that continuance of the selective service system is important to national security and to the keeping of our young men in top physical shape."

Taylor said the President's proposal fitted into the national defense program which the Legion has advocated since its existence. "We told the President we were ready in accordance with the continuance of the selective service system," Taylor said.

The Navy set out today to return 2,839,000 men and women to civilian status within a year.

On Capitol Hill, plans for making life in the armed services more attractive sprouted right and left, featuring suggestions of more pay and shorter terms of service.

Secretary Forrestal outlined the Navy's expanded demobilization plans late yesterday.

Business Men Face Disappointment On New Civilian Goods

Washington, Aug. 28.—(AP)—OPA braced itself today to say a positive "no" to retailers who are assailing the government's reconversion price policy.

From an official familiar with top level OPA decisions, it was learned that today's closed meeting with some 40 spokesmen of the retail trade would bring disappointment to business men.

Armed with figures and arguments, the retailers group was out to prove that the OPA price dictum "squeezed" them unfairly.

The OPA policy at issue is this: The new refrigerators, washers, toasters and other goods not made during the war must come back to the market at or near their 1942 price to the consumer.

Price Administrator Chester Bowles was reported ready to notify the retail delegation at the outset that the policy already is fixed and settled—and, furthermore, approved by President Truman.

Bowles was prepared to notify the retailers, it was stated, that what he wants now is to discuss with them how best the policy can be put into effect, with a minimum of inconvenience to business. The price issue is said to feel that he made it clear a month ago to the same group that he had made no promise to consult the dealers further before putting his objective into effect.

Late President Was Approached About Big Loan

Washington, Aug. 28.—(AP)—Congressmen wound up their first formal inquiry into Brigadier General Elliot Roosevelt's business affairs without getting to Roosevelt's own account, and it was not clear today when they would.

Members of the House Ways and Means Committee said a deposition from the late President's son was on file but that yesterday's session was devoted entirely to a study of two other statements. These were from John Harford, president of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, and Jesse Jones, former secretary of commerce.

Several committeemen, while asking that their names not be used, quoted Harford's deposition as saying that "the late President was consulted by the grocery chain head before the latter loaned young Roosevelt \$200,000." Jones later settled this loan for \$4,000.

Some Stocks Are Firm, But Others Falter At Times

New York, Aug. 28.—(AP)—Individual stocks managed to keep in the forward ranks of today's market, although many leaders stumbled.

In the resistant area were Goodrich, U. S. Rubber, Great Northern, United Aircraft and DuPont. Lagrards included Chrysler, U. S. Steel, Bethlehem, Montgomery Ward and General Electric.

Bonds were relatively steady and commodities narrow.

Jap Paper Warns Its Own People

Tokyo Journal Says It Will Be Tragic To Attempt Revenge

(By The Associated Press)

If the Japanese seek revenge against the Allies, they'll wind up—like Germany—in a state of "total disruption," the influential Tokyo newspaper Asahi Shimbun was quoted as warning its readers today. Japanese militarism must be abolished, it asserted.

Thirty-six members of Japanese "ultra-patriotic" organizations already have abolished "kibei" by ceremonial hara kiri, the Dome news agency said in a broadcast. Ten killed themselves near Atogiyama shrine August 22; twelve before the imperial palace next day; and 14 near a parade ground August 24.

Premier Prince Hiroshi-Kuni, at a press conference today, planned Japan's defeat on "rapid deterioration of the nation's fighting strength." He said, according to another Dome dispatch, that the reasons for this deterioration "will be revealed in a most outspoken manner at the forthcoming Diet session." He urged the nation to "repent in a thorough manner," and faithfully execute surrender terms.

Other broadcasts notified General MacArthur that plans are ready for evacuation of prisoners from seven Japanese port areas, and told a continuing story of efforts to reconvert the nation to peacetime productivity. The message to MacArthur also requested air transportation for the Shinagawa prisoner hospital for an American yeoman reportedly paralyzed as a result of diphtheria.

A second radiogram asked MacArthur's permission for civilian internees to remain in Japan "if any of them want to do so."

Jap Commander At Penang Gets Surrender Order

Rangoon, Aug. 28.—(AP)—The Japanese commander of the former Japanese-German submarine base at Penang, guarding the approaches to Singapore, was ordered today to a rendezvous with British naval officers off-shore to discuss surrender preliminaries.

The Japanese were ordered to bring a white flag launch alongside the flagship Nelson north of Penang at 11 a. m., and present full details of mine fields. This was the first surrender contact with Malaya. The British abandoned Penang in February, 1942.

Fleet At Anchor At Yokosuka Base To Land Soldiers

With Task Force 38 in Tokyo Bay, Aug. 28.—(AP)—The spearhead of the occupation forces of the U. S. third fleet lay at anchor this afternoon a few hundred yards off Yokosuka naval base, where Marines and bluejackets will land.

Nine vessels of Rear Admiral Oscar C. Bagge's vanguard task force 31 dropped anchor at 1:30 p. m. (Japan time) 12:30 a. m. Tuesday, FWT), exactly four hours after they got under way from Sugami bay, where they had lain overnight.

The Japanese battleship Nagato lay ten miles off-shore from Yokosuka, where it was hit. Her black hull stood out against the background of verdant hills behind Cocosuka like some giant monster.

Four Fleets Land Troops Upon Japan

Guam, Aug. 28.—(AP)—Virtually the total strength of America's four Pacific fleets and three amphibious forces will put Allied occupation troops ashore in the Japanese empire, and "control the coastal waters" for an indefinite period.

The fleets will mass their amphibious strength under the command of hard-hitting Admiral Richmond Kelly Turner to land troops, Admiral Nimitz said today in a press release, and the fleets will patrol specified zones of the enemy seas.

For the coming large scale landings and for subsequent control of Japanese empire waters, the powerful third fleet of Admiral William F. Halsey will be supported by the U. S. fifth and seventh fleets and by the Navy's 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th.

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U.S. Troops Now Hold Jap Atsugi Airfield

TO SPEARHEAD JAP OCCUPATION



FIRST AMERICAN OCCUPATION FORCES to land in Japan will be under the command of Col. John H. Lackey, Jr. (left), Norfolk, Va. As troop carrier commander, Lackey will lead forces of experts who will make arrangements for later mass landings. Piloting the first U. S. Army transport expected to land in Japan will be Capt. Donald McMillan (right), New York City. The planes will land at Atsugi field. (International)

Sullen Jap Envoys Sign Peace Terms In Burma Ceremony

Rangoon, Burma, Aug. 28.—(AP)—Sullen, tight-lipped Japanese surrender envoys signed preliminary agreements today in a historic five-minute ceremony which paved the way for Allied reoccupation of Singapore, all southeast Asia and the East Indies.

The three envoys sat stiffly in chairs in the center of the flood-lit grand ball room in the government house, facing a long table around which the Allied representatives were gathered. From the galleries hung United States, British, French and Chinese flags.

Lt. Gen. Uguisu, as plenipotentiary for Field Marshal Tomoyuki, commander of the Japanese southern armies, signed the Allied representative, Lt. Gen. P. A. Browning, signed on behalf of Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, Allied southeast Asia commander, who told the enemy envoys they must now prepare the way for Allied reoccupation.

The agreement specified these points:

1. That the Japanese clear the way for immediate movement of British imperials for occupation of Malaya and the East Indies after September 2.

2. That arrangements be made for surrey of Allied prisoners of war in the theatre.

3. That the Japanese clear certain areas of troops, except for such forces as are necessary to keep the peace.

4. That two Japanese staff officers enter each designated local area to insure that local commanders understand the surrender orders.

5. That a controlled military mission go to Saigon to see that orders are carried out smoothly.

Gen. Wainwright Reaches Chungking After Rescue

Houston, Texas, Aug. 28.—(AP)—A lashing gulf coast hurricane struck today toward the great metropolitan Houston-Galveston area, but there were indications the storm was abating in intensity as it moved inland.

The death toll mounted to three as one man was killed in collapse of a residence in suburban Houston, buffeted by a 55-mile-an-hour gale last night. Earlier, two fishermen drowned when heavy seas capsized their boat.

Beside the dead, hundreds were left homeless in the storm's wake, and damage was counted in the millions.

An early morning Weather Bureau report declared that "torrential rains had set in and there are indications that the hurricane is slowly weakening, now that it is well inland."

The center of the hurricane will pass a short distance northwest of Houston about noon today, the advisory predicted, warning the 450,000 residents to expect winds of up to 85 miles per hour.

MacArthur Is To Land Thursday

Yanks Become First Foreign Conquerors On Japanese Islands

Manila, Aug. 28.—(AP)—American airborne troops, the first foreign conquerors ever to set foot on Japan, took command of Tokyo's Atsugi airfield today, simultaneously with the careful but dramatic entry of the third fleet's special advance squadron into Tokyo bay.

Twenty-eight of Japan's 55 warships were found lined up for surrender in Kyushu's western port of Sasabo.

The sole task of the advance squadron at Atsugi was to prepare the way for the triumphant entry of General MacArthur, supreme Allied commander, Thursday at the head of 7,500 troops.

Choice of the first 150 communications experts, who landed at 9 a. m. (8 p. m. Monday night EDT) in three transport planes, at becoming the first troops to land in Japan was tempered by the announcement that twenty of their fellows had been killed in a take-off crash on Okinawa.

Two separate lines confronted the advance group in preparing Atsugi for the general's arrival, the setting up of communications with the Okinawa staging area, and making as safe as possible the comparatively short runways. Only two runways—5,000 and 5,100 feet—are currently usable, and none too long for the giant C-54 sky masters and other troop transports.

Thursday, when preparations are complete, MacArthur will leave the Okinawa staging area for the formal entry into Japan. About the time he is landing at Atsugi, his schedule calls for 10—

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Flat 20 Percent Tax Cut Studied By Congressmen

Washington, Aug. 28.—(AP)—With tax reduction a virtual certainty, returning congressmen today studied a new proposal, novel for its simplicity, just to cut each individual's tax by twenty percent next year.

Representative Knutson, of Minnesota, senior Republican on the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, outlined the reduction plan. Under it, each person's tax would be computed at present, exceptions and rates, this would be cut by one-fifth, and what remained would be the actual tax burden.

Knutson wants the plan to become effective January 1, on 1946 income. He would require employers to reduce by twenty percent their payroll pay-as-you-go tax deduction.

The Minnesota plan has joined several other tax leaders who are unanimous in the opinion that tax burdens, individual and corporate, must be trimmed.

Bahamians In Florida Stage Riot

Stuart, Fla., Aug. 28.—(AP)—Sheriff Richmond Hancock said today that about 2,000 Negro farm laborers from the Bahamas and Jamaica, awaiting shipment home, rioted at Camp Murphy yesterday, and law enforcement officers from three counties were required to restore order.

Hancock reported that 27 Negro workers were wounded to hospitals, two with fractured skulls and another with a broken back, and six men were lodged in the Martin county jail at Stuart.

The sheriff said the rioting Negroes took over the former Army camp now used by the War Food Administration, swept through barracks, welding clubs and destroying furnishings and defiled camp authorities.

A call for help from the camp sent the sheriff hurrying there with all available deputies, and further assistance was summoned from Palm Beach and Broward county.

Holds Walking Cane Upon Arrival With 15 Other Generals

Chungking, Aug. 28.—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright, 62-year-old hero of the American and Filipino stand at Corregidor, arrived in Chungking today with eight other United States and seven British generals released from a Japanese prisoner of war camp in Manchuria.

The names of the eight American generals accompanying Wainwright were not immediately made public.

The British generals were headed by Lt. Gen. Arthur Ernest Percival, former commander at Singapore. The party included Sir Shenton Thomas, former governor of Singapore; Sir Ark Young, former governor of Hong Kong; and C. B. Smith, former governor of North Borneo.

General Wainwright was wearing the trousers of a British enlisted man, a shirt, tie and a helmet with the insignia of a lieutenant general. He carried a walking stick.

The American general was escorted by the United States Embassy by Walter S. Robertson, economic minister in Chungking. The general immediately was handed a wire photo, transmitted from the United States, of his wife and inscribed by her.