

Reporters Grab For Truman Pearl Harbor Reports



A mad scramble is on in the White House as reporters grab copies of a report of the Jap attack on Pearl Harbor just released by President Truman. Army and Navy investigations of the disaster that plunged the nation into World War II formed the report that criticized high Washington officials along with the Pearl Harbor commanders. (International Soundphoto.)

Transition To Peace Moving Fast, But With Rough Spots

Washington, Aug. 31.—(AP)—A nation plunging into its peacetime future passed these signposts today: The coal and sugar outlook was dark. There was brighter news on meat and gasoline. Housewives would help the OPA fight high prices. The WPB issued a cheerful report on reconversion of industry. It looked bad for the unemployment compensation bill—a proposal to hand out more money to jobless people. The Federal budget was slashed by \$19 billions. To be specific:

Coal—Secretary of the Interior Ickes said Japan's surrender has cut industry's needs very little. He said it would be hard, "if not impossible," for the mines to produce enough soft coal to satisfy the country's requirements this winter. He added that he wants to free consumers of "false optimism" caused by Army statements about coal. Sugar—Agriculture Secretary Anderson, vacationing in New Mexico, predicted sugar will be rationed throughout 1946. Meat—The Labor Department said meat centers in 56 big cities are better stocked than at any time since March. Also, the pork situation will

be helped Monday when the military no longer will get automatically a certain percentage of pork oils and shoulders. It will have to buy in competition with civilians. Gasoline The OPA said ceiling prices won't change when the better quality fuel comes in. You'll pay the same for higher octane gasoline as you pay now for lower quality, and it won't be long. The OPA, in its battle against inflation, soon will equip thousands of housewives with "anti-inflation shopping lists." They will keep a record of the food they buy and how much they pay. The OPA intends to prosecute stores that sell above ceiling prices.

OWI Told By Truman To Quit Sept. 15

Washington, Aug. 31.—(AP)—President Truman today ordered the Office of War Information to go out of business by September 15, and transferred the foreign information function of OWI and the Office of Inter-American Affairs to the State Department. By executive order, Mr. Truman: 1. Created an interim international information service in the State Department to take over foreign activities of OWI and the Inter-American Office between now and the end of this year. 2. Gave OWI's duties of review of Federal publications to the Bureau of the Budget as of today. 3. Directed abolition of OWI's remaining functions on September 15, when Director Elmer Davis will start liquidation of the agency. This must be completed by December 31, 1945. With the end of the war in the Pacific, OWI Director Davis recommended liquidation of his agency. Some of its 5,000 employees will likely be absorbed by the State Department. In a statement accompanying an executive order, the President said he had asked the State Department to study foreign information needs and to formulate during the remainder of this calendar year the foreign information program which he considered should be conducted on a continuing basis.

Ask Truman To Explain Draft Calls

Washington, Aug. 31.—(AP)—A plan developed in Congress today to ask President Truman to get the lawmakers off a very hot seat. The plan, advanced by members of the House Military Committee, is that Mr. Truman address Congress on the nation to explain: 1. Why he and the Army want the draft continued. 2. Why discharges from the armed forces aren't occurring faster. These two questions have congressmen in hotter water, they say, than any issue in months. They figure if the President will do some explaining it may take the pressure off them. "Several of us on the committee are considering asking the President to discuss the issue with the people," Representative Almond told a reporter. "We think they must have some reassurance to be sure and have enough men for occupation duties and for replacements they won't object so much to the draft."

Wainwright Meets General MacArthur After Three Years

New York, Aug. 31.—(AP)—CBS distributed the following from Correspondent William J. Dunn under a Tokyo dateline: One of the most impressive meetings of the Pacific war took place here just a few minutes ago when Lt. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright, for three and a half years a prisoner of war of the Japanese, sat down with General Douglas MacArthur, whom he succeeded in command of the American forces in Corregidor. The meeting took place in a private dining room of the Grand hotel and members of his staff awaited General Wainwright's arrival. There was no ovation. MacArthur just swung Wainwright's hand and said simply: "Well, I'm glad to see you!" Wainwright, obviously in fine spirits, appeared to swallow momentarily before he answered: "I'm glad to see you, too."

Transition Exceeding Expectation

Washington, Aug. 31.—(AP)—WPB Chairman J. A. Krug thinks reconversion is "going along much better" than he had expected. He released a report, the first of a monthly series on "the progress of reconversion," which covered 42 major industries, representing 3,750 manufacturers. Here is what it showed: Actual civilian production in July was 46 percent, employment 51 percent of a normal peacetime year. The production estimate for August is 48 percent, employment 57 percent. For December, 1945, production 112 percent, employment 96 percent. For June, 1946, production 137 percent, employment 133 percent. All production estimates are based on dollar volume, and this fact, Krug said, largely explains why the production increases are substantially larger than employment increases. He said the next three or four months will be a "time of economic concern," with millions leaving war production jobs and the Army and Navy.

VET SERVING SENTENCE HONORED FOR BRAVERY
Charlotte, Aug. 31.—(AP)—Luther W. Myrick of Pineville, former staff sergeant in the army now serving a 10-year sentence on charges of assaulting a female, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroism in action. A member of the armed forces at the time of his trial, Myrick's sister has been discharged from the army. In service since 1941, he served overseas with an infantry company.

Showdown On Franco Is Nearer

Washington, Aug. 31.—(AP)—Government officials conceded today that events taking place in Mexico City could lead the way to a big four showdown on Spain's Franco government. A Spanish government in exile, headed by former Premier Jose Giral, has been established in Mexico under a series of moves which, at least on the surface, united various Spanish republican factions. Manuel Tello, acting foreign minister of Mexico, said in Mexico City yesterday his government had recognized the new exiled regime. No official word of that action has reached Washington, but it was not unexpected here. Other Latin countries may follow Mexico's lead. That might cause concern about hemisphere unity. But what most concerns American officials is this: Will Russia, which gave the most and to Spanish republicans during the civil war, and which never recognized Franco, give its official blessing to the Spanish government in exile? If so, the major allies in Europe would face a ticklish situation. American and British policy toward Franco is negative; neither government likes him; neither will permit his regime to join the United Nations. But those believe it is up to the Spanish people themselves to get rid of Franco, and the hope is that they do it with ballots, not bullets. Neither this country nor England will take any action that might plunge Spain into another civil war. Hence, neither will help an exile government to try to take over from Franco by force.



PRESIDENT TRUMAN SMILES as he talks to Madame Chiang Kai-shek during her informal visit to the White House. The wife of the Chinese generalissimo is spending a long period in this country while recovering from an illness for which she is being treated by United States specialists. (International Soundphoto.)

OCCUPATION EXPANDED

Sop To Idlers Appears Dead

House Body Opposed To Jobless Bill

Doughton Declares Truman's Proposal Premium On Loafing
Washington, Aug. 31.—(AP)—Termed by critics a "premium on loafing," President Truman's proposal for greater unemployment benefits appeared today to have died a-borning in the House Ways and Means Committee. One of the bill's staunchest supporters conceded privately that probably no more than six of the 24 members would vote for it.

The storm of opposition broke over the legislation as Ways and Means Committee Chairman Doughton, of North Carolina, told Arthur J. Altmeyer, Social Security Board chairman: "It puts a premium on loafing." And Representative Knudsen, of Minnesota, senior committee Republican, added: "You are proposing to raise the bounty on idleness. Can't you see you are encouraging unemployment? Haven't you any mercy on the American taxpayer?"

The measure seeks, among other things, to establish a national standard of \$25 a week for 26 weeks of unemployment compensation. The Federal government would pay the difference between present state rates, most of them considerably below the suggested standard. There was some indication the committee might salvage one section of the measure blanketing some 900,000 Federal workers under the jobless program. Again the government would defray the cost of these uncovered workers. The Senate Finance Committee is considering similar legislation, and the administration received better treatment there. There was little prospect, however, of the bill becoming law without the Ways and Means Committee's blessing.

Some Stocks Hit Eight-Year Peak; Others Hesitant

New York, Aug. 31.—(AP)—The recovery swing of the stock market generally was extended by fractions to a point or so today, although demand was on the timid side and here and there selling proved a handicap. Ahead most of the time, some at eight-year peaks, were Lockheed, Douglas Aircraft, Boeing, Great Northern, American Telephone and U. S. Rubber. A boosted dividend buoyed Electric Autolite. Hesitant were Santa Fe and Owens Illinois. Rye futures again exhibited strength. Bonds were steady.

WEATHER
FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Fair weather with little change in temperatures tonight and Saturday.

HIGHLIGHTS IN PACIFIC AREA



AS THE OCCUPATION of the Tokyo area got well under way, other events cast their shadows on many sections of the Far East. The above map provides highlights on several important developments. As indicated, the Russians have occupied all of Sakhalin and virtually all of the Kuriles. Gen. Stilwell has cracked down on the Japanese in the Ryukyus and early settlement awaits all of the unfinished surrender business in the Carolines and Marianas. (International)

If Courtmartials Denied, Congress Plans Inquiry

Wainwright To See Japs In Surrender

Manila, Aug. 31.—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright, acclaimed on every hand as a hero here, so close by Corregidor where he had to surrender to the Japanese in May, 1942, will leave by plane today for Japan to witness the surrender Sunday of that beaten country.

The general and a group of fellow officers who flew here from Chungking after their recent release from a prison in Manchuria, have had in Manila a sample of what is in store for them in the future. With complete modesty, they still are unable to realize they are regarded as heroes. Their rooms have been swarming with people into the early hours of the morning. Supply officers have brought them new uniforms, shirts and jackets. They have been given equipment completely new to them. It waxes them. A common sight is for officers to be following one of them around taller stands trying to adjust a new pair of trousers. Telephones ring constantly.

Yanks Take Additional Territory

Every Precaution Taken To Prevent Nippon Treachery
Tokyo, Aug. 31.—(AP)—American Marines took over the Tateyama naval base and air station guarding the mouth of Tokyo bay today as the occupation forces hourly increased their holdings preparatory to Sunday's (Saturday night U. S. time) historic surrender of the Japanese empire. In contrast to the clear, beautiful weather which marked yesterday's airborne landing at Atsugi and occupation of Yokosuka naval base up and across the bay from Tateyama, the leathernecks took possession of the vital naval installation in a driving rainstorm.

The Marines, under the command of Major Wallace Crawford of Wilmette, Ill., will reconnoiter the beaches and defenses, and in general prepare for the Army occupation to follow. Already, while plans for the final surrender ceremonies still were under way, naval occupation forces at Yokosuka had started development of the great base for the use of Allied shipping.

The time for the Sunday ceremonies still was not announced, and it was uncertain whether Admiral Halsey's flagship Missouri, aboard which the formal capitulation will be made, will remain at its present anchorage several miles off Yokosuka, or will move in closer to give the population of the Tokyo-Yokohama area a close-up look at the mighty 45,000-ton symbol of American seapower.

The flood tide of American military power rolled in by air in a stream that will continue at least until mid-September, when a half million troops will be billeted in this conquered country. To bolster the first forces of more than 18,000, the United States 8th army, under Lt. Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger, was due to start landing tomorrow at Yokohama and Tateyama, guardian of Tokyo bay. A new unidentified division was scheduled to land Sunday at Tokyo's Atsugi airfield. Smoothly, the American at Yokosuka naval base, at the Atsugi field and at Yokohama linked up and spread throughout an area of more than 200 miles, with more territory to be taken in quickly from Tokyo all over the far-reaching East Asian front down to Truk and Indo-China, the Japanese surrender grew without a single reported hitch. General MacArthur, Allied supreme commander for Japan established his temporary headquarters in the new Grand hotel in Yokohama, Tokyo's port city. The American Embassy in Tokyo, its roof

Both Parties Are Demanding Speedy Pearl Harbor Probe

Washington, Aug. 31.—(AP)—Capitol Hill resounded today with clamor for further official investigation of Pearl Harbor. Legislative leaders of both party faiths declared flatly that if court-martials are not ordered for those censured in Army-Navy findings, Congress will conduct its own hearing.

Those leaders, speaking privately for the most part, said the people want and should be given more facts than were made public on documents released by President Truman Wednesday. No committee chairman would promise an inquiry initiated by his own group, but several told a reporter there was no doubt Congress would insist on the full story. Meanwhile, the State Department released a letter written by former Secretary Hull September 8, 1944, in which Hull staunchly denied that his pre-war computer proposals to Japan constituted an ultimatum that provoked the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor. The Army board's report on the disaster had said Hull "touched the button" that started the war. Typical of today's congressional assertions was this comment made by House Republican Whip Arendt: "The people are entitled to the full story. If they don't get it from the armed forces, they'll ask us to dig it out. Naturally, we do what the public wants."

Another Thousand Prisoners, Almost Starved, Are Free

Aboard the U. S. Ancon, Off Yokosuka, Aug. 31.—(AP)—Emaciated and starving, 1,000 more Allied prisoners of war reached this rescue ship today. Some said they had spent months in solitary confinement under constant threat of death. Thus far, 1,490 prisoners have been freed from seven camps. Many of the gallant survivors of Wake and Bataan were among them. Every one reported was starving or was suffering from malnutrition. Navy Commander Harold Stassen, former Michigan governor, reported, and eighty percent of them showed "serious deterioration." The worst cases were of Stassen himself. "They were all in a hospital, call it a hellhole. The fifth was indescribable." A few of the prisoners had gained fingers, evidently the result of Japanese torture.

Edda Mussolini Held On Charges Of Fascist Crime

Rome, Aug. 31.—(AP)—Countess Edda Ciano, favorite child of Mussolini, was in custody of the Italian Ministry of Interior today, to face possible charges of Fascist crimes. Allied headquarters announced that the widow of Count Galeazzo Ciano, now in her middle 30s, was received from Swiss authorities at Chiasso yesterday, and turned over to Italian authorities by the Allies in Rome. The countess, who sought refuge in Switzerland in the days of collapsing Fascism, and became a patient of a nerve hospital there, was driven to Milan in the pre-dawn hours, and from there flown to Grosseto airport near Rome. The Ministry of the Interior said she would be interned on an island near Naples or off Sicily pending decision of her future. The once beautiful Edda and the "aching Count Ciano" are credited with having played an important behind-the-scenes role in Fascist politics and diplomacy.

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