



Solons Want To Shift Burden Of Demobilization

Gets Promotion



LEAVING HER ASSIGNMENT as WAC director of the 6888 Central Postal Directory, Lt. Col. Helen Hamilton Woods (above) of Washington, D. C., was assigned to the post of Deputy Director of the Women's Army Corps, since was assistant to Col. Cecelia Culp Holly, former WAC director, in the early days of the organization. (International)

Middle Belt Leaf Brings 43 1/2 Cents

Inferior to Fair Quality Offered Throughout Belt

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EX-ENEMY MINISTER OF WAR A SUICIDE

San Francisco, Sept. 12.—(AP)—Field Marshal Sanyama, former Japanese war minister, committed suicide today, the Tokyo radio said. The broadcast, received by the Federal Communications Commission, did not say where or how the field marshal took his life. Sanyama was formerly chief of the army general staff, and was relieved of his post in February, 1944. He was made inspector general of military education later and became minister of war in Premier Kooyos's cabinet in July, 1944.

LINT FUTURES GAIN 35 to 70c A BALE

New York, Sept. 12.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 10 to 20 cents per bale higher today and noon prices were 35 to 70 cents per bale higher. October futures were 22.85, December 22.90 and March 22.65. P. V. Open Close October 22.79 22.81-82 December 22.83 22.85-86 March 22.70 22.82-83 May 22.72 22.74 July 22.42 22.43

Secretary of War Stimson Summoned For Explanation

Washington, Sept. 12.—(AP)—Congress asked the War and Navy departments today to lift the load of demobilization criticism off its shoulders.

The Senate Military Committee called Secretary of War Stimson and some of his aides to explain publicly why men aren't donning army uniforms faster. It sent to the same kind of invitation to Secretary of the Navy Forrestal and Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King.

But there was evident disappointment that General of the Army George C. Marshall couldn't be on hand. The chief of staff was out of town.

Exceedingly Hot Spot

Some committee members made no secret of the fact that they think Marshall is the only man who can take them off an exceedingly hot spot.

Senator Gurney of South Dakota put it into words. He said: "General Marshall is the only man the country will listen to on this matter. We want him to tell the people just what is being done to demobilize the Army and what the plans are for maintaining sufficient occupation forces in Europe and Asia."

Gurney, who always has been counted on the side of the generals in any argument with civilians over war matters, said he isn't going to be satisfied until the Army is turning out 20,000 men a day. The War Department informed the committee yesterday that releases were running 11,000 a day early this month. He said it hopes to get them up to 22,000 but didn't say how soon.

Truman Declares U. S. Criticism Of Britain Is "Silly"

Washington, Sept. 12.—(AP)—President Truman said today he thought it "perfectly silly" to suggest that American financial assistance to Great Britain was intended to finance socialization of that country.

Authorizing direct quotation, the President told reporters: "I think that's a perfectly silly conclusion. Great Britain is entitled to the type of government that Great Britain wants."

The question arose as a result of criticism by some members of Congress of administration plans to give Britain a multi-billion dollar post-war loan.

Some Republican members of Congress already are voicing sharp criticism of the project, even before it takes definite shape. They contend that American dollars would be used to underwrite the Labor government's "socialization" of Britain.

British negotiators are cool to the idea of a loan. The present word is that they want an outright grant.

Negotiations are under way between an American delegation headed by Assistant Secretary of State Will Clayton and Britain's veteran ambassador here, Lord Halifax.

President Silent On Future Course Of Administration

Washington, Sept. 12.—(AP)—President Truman today laughed off attempts of reporters to get him to specify whether his administration is leaning either to the left or to the right. He told questioners at his news conference that they would have to judge the direction in which he was heading by his acts.

RISE IN FOOD COST CONTINUED UPWARD

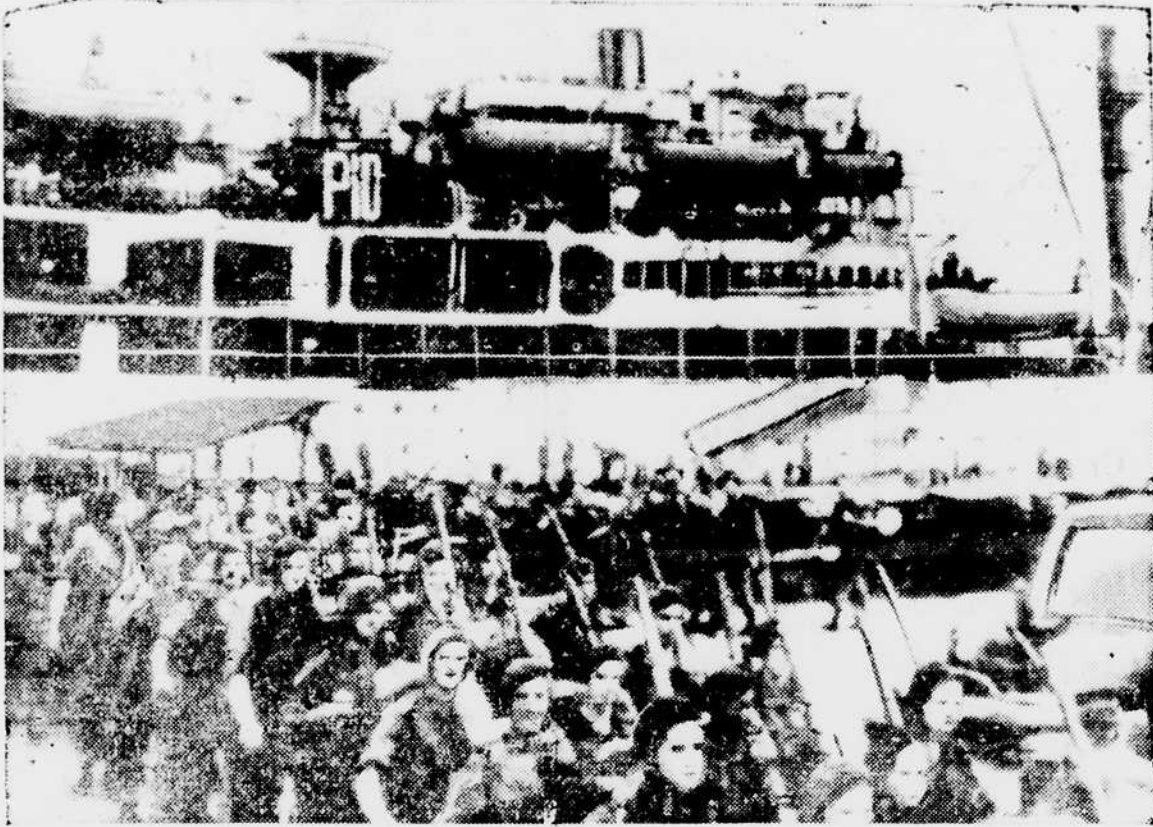
Raleigh, Sept. 12.—(AP)—Food prices continued upward. The state agriculture department reported today that the August 15 price of wheat was up two cents over July; rice, up one cent; eggs, up 43 cents a dozen; butter, up two cents a pound; Irish potatoes, up 20 cents a bushel.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Fair with mild temperatures today, followed by increasing cloudiness and slightly warmer tonight and Thursday; scattered thundershowers over west portion Thursday, beginning in mountains tonight.

Jap Criminals Sought

BRITISH TROOPS RETURN TO SINGAPORE



MOVING ASHORE FROM THE DOCKSIDE at Singapore, once considered an impregnable fortress of the Far East, British troops of the RAF division start for the Kalang airport, where ground defense installation work was their first assignment. Evacuation of some 40,000 prisoners-of-war was reported well under way and Admiral Mountbatten's arrival expected. British Official Radiophoto. (International Soundphoto)

Parker Named Alternate Member Of Crimes Court

Time Resolution Passed By House; Senate O. K. Seen

Washington, Sept. 12.—(AP)—The House today passed without opposition a resolution to return the nation to standard time September 30. The measure would abolish daylight saving or war time. It would mean that clocks would be turned back one hour at 2 a. m. on September 30. The legislation now goes to the Senate, where speedy action is expected. Action by the President is not required.

Mountbatten Takes Over From Enemy

Japanese Give-up Richest Conquest In Asia, Indies

Singapore, Sept. 12.—(AP)—Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten received the surrender of all Japanese forces in southeast Asia and the East Indies today from General Ragami, representing the aging commander of the Japanese southern armies, Marshal Genji Tojo.

Promptly after this ceremony, the Allied southeast Asia commander announced he would tolerate no armistice from the Japanese, and told his troops in an order of the day that they would have his support in taking the sternest measures against any Japanese attempt at "insincerity, impudency or non-cooperation."

The surrender involved about 65,000 Japanese troops in the Singapore area, and some 500,000 soldiers and sailors in "the southern region"—southeast Asia and the East Indies.

By the instrument, Japanese gave up the richest and most expansive conquest of their long campaign of aggression, an area stretching 4,500 miles from the Arabian Sea to Hollandia, embracing 1,500,000 square miles, and populated by 123,000,000 people.

HOSPITAL AT LEJEUNE IS EXPANDED BY NAVY

Camp Lejeune, Sept. 12.—The United States naval hospital, located at this camp, has recently added two new ward sections which bring the normal bed capacity to over 2,600. In an emergency the hospital can accommodate approximately 2,400 bed patients.

One of the new ward sections, which will accommodate 160 patients, was opened September 1. The other, complete except for a few last minute details, will be put into service by the end of this month.

Biddle Appointed To Tribunal Post; OWI Head Resigns

Washington, Sept. 12.—(AP)—President Truman announced today the appointment of Frances Biddle, former United States attorney general, as American member of the Allied Military Tribunal to try Axis war criminals. Judge John J. Parker, of North Carolina, was named as alternate.

At a news conference in which he cleared his desk of a long series of appointments, the President disclosed the resignation of Elmer Davis as director of the Office of War Information and the assignment of Neil Dalton, of Louisville, to succeed him for the purpose of liquidating that agency.

The President announced the appointment of former Senator Champ Clark of Missouri to be an associate justice of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, succeeding Thurman Arnold. The President said he had not yet decided on a successor to Justice Owen J. Roberts, who retired from the Supreme Court.

Legislators Open Fight Over Taxes

Washington, Sept. 12.—(AP)—Congressional machinery went into gear today to grind down wartime taxes.

Reductions in Federal assessments against individuals, partnerships and corporate firms were regarded as essential by the House Ways and Means Committee voted unanimously to start work at once on the first post-war revenue bill.

Views on size and manner of the cuts clashed. It appeared Congress would have about as big a battle on how to reduce taxes in peacetime as it did over the hiking process in wartime.

Two camps showed signs of reorganization. Those subscribing to a proposal by Representative Knutson, ways and means Republican leader, that individual burdens "but cut a flat 20 percent on using the board."

Those who contend any such horizontal cutting plan would be unfair to the small tax-payer. They propose, instead, that the three percent "normal tax" be erased. This would remove as tax payers some ten million people in the smaller income bracket.

Way and Means Chairman Doughton said, "I hope we can give some relief to individuals and corporations both, but I can't say in detail just what we will do."

N. C. STATE REGISTRATION

Raleigh, Sept. 12.—(AP)—Freshmen will register for the Fall term at N. C. State College on Sept. 18. Indications are that from 1,000 to 1,100 students in all will register for the term. The college's pre-war enrollment was approximately 2,600.

Congress Is In Mood For Questioning

Curiosity Terrific As Solons Inquire About Many Issues

Washington, Sept. 12.—(AP)—Congress worked itself up into a questioning mood today.

Its curiosity was terrific. The Army and Navy were more on the defensive than at any time since D-Day and Guadalcanal.

Congress asked questions about many things, some military, some not. For example, the law-makers wanted to know about:

- 1. Army-Navy discharges. 4
- 2. Pearl Harbor.
- 3. Un-American activities.
- 4. UNRRA.

The Senate Military Committee summoned Army-Navy bosses today to ask why men won't be released faster. Congress hopes that the edge back home would listen to the answers—and stop writing "all those letters."

A congressional investigation of the Pearl Harbor attack was all set. Both the Senate and House voted for it unanimously.

Un-American activities pointed back into the news when the House committee to investigate them held its normal meeting under the new chairman, Representative John S. Wood, of Georgia. This used to be the Dies committee.

Herbert H. Lehman, boss of UNRRA—the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration—came before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for stiff questioning.

So much for quizzing. There also was debating.

The House considered a bill to end "wartime" and turn America's clocks back an hour on September 30. There wasn't much argument about this. The bill is expected to sail breezily through the House, Senate and the White House.

U. S. Forces Seeking 47 War Leaders

Tojo's Life Saved By American Blood; General Homa Flees

Tokyo, Sept. 12.—(AP)—The Japanese cabinet was called into special session today to discuss General MacArthur's demand for members of former Premier Tojo's Pearl Harbor cabinet as among those to be taken into custody.

Premier Hiroshi Kuni previously had reported to Emperor Hirohito on MacArthur's list of wanted men. Well informed sources said the session might presage a "purge" and that the premier was reviewing the present cabinet to determine if "all members are acceptable to the American forces."

Tokyo, Sept. 12.—(AP)—American occupation authorities tonight pressed the roundup of 47 Japanese war leaders and renegade Occidentals as a gift of blood from a Pennsylvania sergeant probably saved the life of Hideki Tojo, principal architect of the Pearl Harbor assault.

General MacArthur extending his list of "wanted" men to include some of the notorious Black Dragon society's top terrorists, ordered dissolution of that "right" secret organization, which the Japanese claimed had disbanded more than a month ago.

While the roundup bag increased one of the most badly wanted, Lt. Gen. Homa, who smothered the numerous death march of Bataan to his island home, off the north-west coast.

Tojo Rattles Strongly Tojo, who attempted suicide yesterday, avowedly to escape trial, is the main Japanese war criminal, but whose pistol bullet missed his heart rallied strongly after the transfusion of white blood and injection of penicillin.

Doctors who had said he had a better than even chance to live, declared his condition now was "very satisfactory." Tojo himself was strong enough to think them out, till a Japanese government representative, Sugita, who visited him at the American evacuation hospital in Yokohama, that he appreciated the care he was getting.

The blood donation came from Sergeant John A. Archinal, a veteran of New Guinea and the Philippines who said, "In doing this so he can get his first dose and suffer for the 17 months he made me spend in New Guinea."

The Senate Military Committee summoned Colonel Roger Echeberger, resident to Tojo's bedside to join in the fight for his life. Lt. Gen. Brent L. Echeberger, commander of a eighth army occupation force, said that the best possible nursing care had been ordered, adding "We want the Japanese government to know that."

Echeberger said Tojo shot himself with a United States Army Air Corps pilot's pistol. Tojo was asked where he obtained the gun and replied, "from the Japanese war department."

"I believe the pistol was taken from an American aviator shot down during the war," Echeberger concluded. He has the pistol, together with the hand-knife and unsheathed ceremonial sword found near Tojo.

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Jap to Boss Korea



PRESENT Japanese Governor General of Korea, Gen. Nobuyuki Abe (above) will retain that office and head the Japanese personnel continuing to administer Korea under U. S. supervision. This set-up was announced by Lt. Gen. John R. Hodge, commander of the U. S. 24th Corps, who will rule Korea through Abe and his staff. Koreans called the arrangement a "plan in the face" after their underground opposition through 40 years of Jap domination. (International)

French Give Italy Peace Pact Views

Reparations Plan Is Insisted Upon At London Parley

London, Sept. 12.—(AP)—France presented to the conference of foreign ministers of the world's five big powers her views on a proposed peace treaty for Italy, insisting at least on the principle of reparations.

Outlines of a German and British views indicate both governments have opposed condition of reparations that Italy insist they were eager to get the Italian economy back on a sound basis.

The French view, it was learned, were these: France wants a small rectification of her border with Italy, mainly on the Alpine frontier, and would like complete control over the Roya valley, on the frontier north of the Mediterranean.

2. France would like any desire to annex the city of Aosta, in northern Italy, but wants guarantees either in the treaty or by joint international program that the French population in the area will be given home rule by Rome.

3. The French are inclined to side with the British and Americans to have the city of Trieste in Italian hands but establish an international authority to oversee Yugoslavia and Austria area, and the port.

4. The French are prepared to accept the British and American plan to place the bulk of Italian colonies under British trusteeship. This would remove Rome's sovereignty and return Italy's empire.

5. The French demand all the East African area known as Sozzan.

6. The French insist on border rectifications on Tunisia's inland front with Italian colonies, seeking certain areas which are important on the desert front.

7. France wants "satisfaction" for goods stolen by the Italians during the war, such as locomotives and machine tools.

8. France is insistent on at least the principle of Italian reparations. The French say they are not seeking any large sum for the general war damage, but that they are anxious to get a small sum as a matter of principle.

It appeared likely that France would be satisfied on most of her territorial demands, although there probably will be some debate over eastern Libya and Italian Eritrea, which the British are reluctant to turn back to British control. The British wish to give part of Libya to Egypt, and Eritrea to Ethiopia, and the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan.

The big question mark on the Italian treaty is Russia. So far there has been no indication that the Soviet has any particular demands on Italy, although Moscow is expected to support Yugoslavia's claim to Trieste, at least as a bargaining lever to pry out compensation on other points, especially in the Balkans.

TEDDER PROMOTED. London, Sept. 12.—(AP)—Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder, who was General Eisenhower's deputy supreme commander of Allied forces, has been promoted to marshal of the Royal Air Force. This is the highest rank in the RAF. Only six others hold it.