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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Japs Guard Against Uprising; Plan to Demobilize 7,000,000; Nation Shifts to Peace Economy

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Following the joyous news of Japan's capitulation, many persons the country over reverently made their way to church to offer prayers in gratitude for the cessation of hostilities.



PEACE: Tighten Imperial Grip

Even as General MacArthur arranged the complicated procedure for Japanese surrender and occupation, the U. S. prepared for the major readjustments looming ahead before the nation once again could tread the path of peace.

With the Japanese government anxious to bring about a cessation of firing before the preliminary surrender parley in Manila, the conference was postponed to permit members of the imperial household to fly to the far-flung Asiatic battlefronts to enforce the emperor's orders to lay down arms.

Appointment of tough and able 57-year-old Prince Higashi-Kuni as Jap premier disclosed an effort to bring all of the weight of the imperial family behind the surrender acceptance to avert any outbreak of diehards which might upset the internal situation.

While it was expected that some fanatical officers may try to fight on, or commit hara-kiri, the great mass of Japanese were expected to give up peacefully.

Approximately 261,000 enlisted men and 40,000 officers are eligible for release under the navy's newly announced discharge plan requiring 44 points for the enlisted men and 49 for the officers.

Designed to relieve men with the longest service, the navy program will permit release of about 2,000,000 men within the next 12 to 18 months, which, with the army's plan for discharging 5,000,000 G.I.s within a year, will result in a total demobilization of 7,000,000 by 1947.

Except for four categories of specialists, all army personnel with 35 points or more will be immediately released, along with men 38 years of age or over. Until such a time as the size of the occupation force needed in Japan can be determined, however, there will be no reduction in the present point system, it was indicated.

With G.I.s in the Pacific eligible for discharge due to be released, men with low-point scores in the U. S. or with only brief European

LABORITE BRITAIN

With Great Britain and all the rest of the world awaiting the pattern of postwar life in the United Kingdom, King George VI presented the victorious Labor party's legislative program, with nationalization of the Bank of England and the coal mines heading the agenda.

At the same time, the king revealed that the war's end would not bring about a release of wartime restrictions, with the Laborites seeking power during the reconversion period to maintain control over materials and services to assure proper distribution at fair prices.

WORLD RELIEF: Needs Boosted

With the termination of the war in the Pacific expected to multiply its problems, the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration Director Herbert Lehman declared that more than two billion dollars in additional funds would be needed to help stricken countries before their restoration of stable economies.

Speaking at the third international conference of UNRRA at London, Lehman revealed plans for coping with the Asiatic relief problem, disclosing that plans already have been formulated for the shipment of supplies to China over the Stillwell road and through coastal ports.

The London meeting was enlivened by Australia's demand to broaden the UNRRA control council to nine members instead of the present Big Four to provide smaller nations with greater representation in the allocation of funds.

FRANCE: Break Marshal

Leader of France's liberation movement, Gen. Charles de Gaulle spared the life of Marshal Henri Petain by commuting his death sentence for plotting against the internal safety of the country to life imprisonment.

Nevertheless, the jury's additional sentence of national indignity stood, imposed even after Petain's final assertion: "My thought, my only thought, was to remain with the people of France as I promised instead of abandoning them in their agony. . . My honor belongs to your country. . ."

Most controversial vench case of the century, Petain's trial found the country sharply divided, with charges on the one hand that the old marshal had delivered the state up to the Germans, and counter-charges on the other that prewar politicians were using the proceedings to whitewash themselves.

CONSUMER BACKLOG: Big Order

The American people bought nearly 23 billion dollars less of automobiles and parts, and furniture and house furnishings in the three years, 1942-44, than they would have had if these goods had been available in prewar volume, the department of commerce estimates.

In automobiles and parts actual expenditures totaled 1.8 billions, with expected expenditures under normal conditions, 18.3 billions and the deficiency in purchases, 14.4 billions.

CROPS: Another Good Year

Owing to record yields of wheat, oats, peanuts, rice, peaches, pecans and commercial truck crops; near record prospects for hay, tobacco, soybeans, sugar cane, and large production for potatoes, sorghum grain and flaxseed, the department of agriculture, predicted the 1945 harvest would be the third best in history.

With the wheat crop estimated at a record 1,146,283,000 bushels on the basis of conditions as of August 1, and with oats at 1,546,032,000 bushels, feed grain production was at a high level despite the estimated drop in the corn harvest to 2,944,478,000 bushels.

One of the bright spots in the picture was the estimated increase in sugar cane production to 6,976,000 tons, and rise in sugar beet output to 2,32,000 tons, promising to relieve the tight supply in the commodity.

Conservation Needed

After the most extensive study of farmland resources ever undertaken by any nation, the soil conservation service reported that more than 90 per cent of the country's farmland was in need of treatment to protect it from erosion and maintain fertility.

More than 3,600,000 man years of labor would be required for the huge task, the service said, along with 3,741 years of motor equipment; 3,889,978 years of horse-drawn facilities, and 2,544,106 tons of seed.

Of the 417,561,000 acres of farmland now under actual cultivation, the service said that 43,000,000 should be retired because of steepness, erosion, wetness and stone.

HARD FACTS AND SOFT THINKING

Soft thinking may be able to gloss over some unpleasant situations for a time but always, in the end, it's the hard facts of reality that mankind has to face.

President Harry S. Truman realized this when, in those first jubilant moments following his announcement of Japanese surrender, he said:

"We are faced with the greatest task we have ever faced. The emergency today is as great as it was on Dec. 7."

The victory celebration is over. The cold grey "morning after" facts are that we face the greatest economic crisis in our history.

Unemployment is mounting. It may reach 5,000,000 by the end of September. A reservoir of 8,000,000 unemployed has been predicted for next Spring.

Of course, it takes time for industry to reconvert from war to peacetime operations. When new products finally start to roll off great assembly lines it will make

a difference. And if industry gets going "full blast", the unemployment problem is bound to shrink to nothingness.

An important danger in the months ahead rests in the fact that industry will not produce any more of its products than can be distributed. And there may be a serious shortage of paper and paperboard for boxes, cartons, containers, wadding, packaging and wrapping, with out which there can be no adequate distribution.

In fact, estimated paper requirements call for more pulpwood than has ever been produced in this nation in any single peacetime year.

Failure to produce this pulpwood could make our paper supply the "bottleneck" of reemployment.

In a real sense it may be said that our nation's economic future depends in large part upon this and other pulpwood producing areas. The time for soft thinking is past. The hard facts are that mills must have more top quality pulpwood NOW.

In the words of Mr. Truman: "We are going to meet it (the unemployment problem) -- and it will take the help of all of you to do it."

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Advertisement for A. J. Cavenaugh Jeweler, Wallace, N. C. services include watch and jewelry repairing and engraving.

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Large advertisement for Wallace Livestock Yards, featuring an auction sale every Thursday.

Advertisement titled 'Army Teaches G.I.s Virtues of Thrift', detailing financial and economic education for returning soldiers.

Advertisement for TYNDALI FUNERAL HOME IN MOUNT OLIVE, a burial association with funeral directors and embalmers.

Advertisement for Improved Uniform International SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

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Lesson for September 2

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JOSEPH'S PLACE IN GOD'S PLAN

LESSON TEXT—Genesis 39:20-23; 41:16-18, 25, 41-43. GOLDEN TEXT—Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings.—Proverbs 22:29.

Does it pay to trust God? Does He know about the sorrows and the troubles of His people? Does He have anything to do with the affairs of the world? Men are asking such questions in our day, and we have the answer in God's dealings with men in the past.

The story of Joseph is fascinating from almost any angle, but it holds no more important truth than that the man who honors God in his life will be honored by God (I Sam. 2:30), even in the hardest place, yes, and in the highest position.

Joseph appears before us in our lesson as I. A Prisoner Prospered by God (39:20-23).

It is surprising how often one finds God's men in the Scriptures in prison. Their determination to live upright and honorable lives ran so counter to the plans of the world that in the inevitable clash there came persecution.

The story of how Joseph became the object of his brother's jealousy and was sold as a slave into Egypt; how he prospered there only to be disgraced and imprisoned because of the lying accusation of an angry woman—all these are in the background of our lesson.

II. A Prophet Prepared by God (41:14-18, 25)

The hour had come when a man was needed who had a word from God. In preparation for the awful years of famine the Lord wanted to use the land of Egypt as His granary. He wanted thus to preserve the chosen nation of Israel, as well as to meet the needs of others.

The vision of the king, plain as it seemed when interpreted, was unintelligible without the key from God, and He had his man prepared. Joseph was ready to be called from prison to speak the right word at the right time.

How important it is that the Lord's messengers be prepared and ready to respond in the hour of His blessing and opportunity! Many eager Christians look forward to the months and years just ahead of us as the greatest opportunity the Church has had to spread the gospel.

Notice that Joseph gave God the glory (vv. 16-25). The one who really knows what is going on in the world is quick to recognize that only the wisdom and the grace of God are sufficient for man's need. Let the voice of boasting mankind be silenced and let the voice of God speak!

Joseph's prophetic word marked him as God's man to carry out God's plan, so we see him now as III. A Premier Promoted by God (41:41-43).

"I have set thee over all the land," said Pharaoh, and so he had, but in reality it was God who had planned the whole matter. He wanted Joseph there at this time, and there he was.

It may be well to stress the fact that God is interested in government and in the men who hold public office. In fact, the only true foundation for government is found in God. We are told to "be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God" (Rom. 13:1).

A COSTLY RIDE

Los Angeles. — Delighted when two men stopped and offered him a ride in their automobile at a street-car stop, Paul E. Rivers found the experience anything but delightful. His hosts slugged him into unconsciousness and robbed him of \$16 and a \$300 ring.

RATIONING GUIDE

(NOTE: The Raleigh District Office of Price Administration compiles this thumbnail ration guide from official sources each week for the Duplin Times as a public service feature.)

MEATS & FATS: A1, B1, C1, D1, E1, now valid, expire Oct. 31.

F1, G1, H1, J1, K1, now valid, expire Nov. 30.

V2, W2, X2, Y2, Z2, expire on Sept. 30.

Q2, R2, S2, T2, U2, now valid expire August 31.

SUGAR: Sugar stamp No. 36 expires Aug. 31.

SHOES: Airplane stamps No. 1, and No 2, 3, and 4 now valid.

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