

Issues Statement On Demobilization

President Truman Declares There Will Be "No Padding In Our Armed Forces;" Rate of Demobilization Will Rise Steadily Between Now and Christmas

Washington, Sept. 19.—President Truman declared today that there will be "no padding in our armed forces" and that "no one is going to be held in the service a day longer than is necessary."

The President said in a statement that no one can accurately forecast at this time the future military needs and noted that General Douglas MacArthur had revised his own estimates of the number of troops necessary for the occupation of Japan and Korea.

MacArthur first estimated that he required a force of 500,000, but cut this to 400,000 and then to 200,000.

"The army's plans call for the return to their homes of more than 2,000,000 soldiers between V-J Day and Christmas, 1945," the President's statement said.

"Between now and Christmas the discharge rate will steadily rise from the present daily figure of 15,200 to not less than 22,000 per day and by January, 1946, to more than 25,000 per day."

Meanwhile Press Secretary Ross told reporters they would have to put their own interpretation on the president's news conference remarks yesterday on MacArthur's occupation force statement.

The President had observed that MacArthur reduced his preliminary estimates and commented that he was pleased to know that MacArthur thought he could get along with fewer men.

"The President said he wanted to make one thing clear—that the speed of demobilization is not governed by our future needs for occupation and other forces."

The services, he added, are carrying on demobilization as rapidly as they can and "we shall not really face the problem of the size or makeup of the occupation forces until next spring."

By that time, he said, "we ought to know how many men we shall need for occupation and to what extent that need can be met through volunteers."

The President said that the army has given "all of us" good reason for the same confidence in its ability "to win the battle of demobilization" as it did in its "ability to win the war."

Saying soldiers are being returned to civilian life at a rate in excess of "650 per hour, 24 hours per day," he added that "such a performance justifies full confidence."

"The army and navy mean to do the task set for them with the minimum number of men," the President continued.

"There will be no padding in our armed forces. America is going to keep the full strength she needs for her national commitments. But the rest of the men are coming back home and coming as fast as the services can get them out."

SERVICE MEN'S CENTER

Visiting Service Men at the Center the past week were: Cpl. Lonnie G. Matthews, Farmville and Fort Jackson, S. C., who returned to the states on V-J Day after eleven months in Italy.

Lt. (jg) A. L. Blenvenut, Ocracoke and Mapleswood, La.

Cherry Point, S/Sgt. B. J. Bohn, St. Louis, Mo.; Cpl. Jimmie Gestros, Baltimore, Md.; Cpl. Jerry A. Peck, Lake Placid, N. Y.

Camp Lejeune, Pfc. T. E. Drake, Jr., Coffeeville, Kansas, overnight guest of Miss Tabitha M. DeVicenti; Sgt. Douglas H. Howard, Houston, Texas.

The menu consisted of fried chicken, potatoes, lettuce, tomatoes, chocolate cake, tea and coffee.

Milk and flowers were donated by Mrs. B. A. Norman, Mrs. Bob Joyner prepared nuts, J. W. Munden presented V. Mail stationery from Belk-Tyler's, and Mrs. E. C. Carr gave magazines.

KIWANIS CLUB

A most entertaining program was presented at the Kiwanis meeting this week under the direction of Jack Lewis. The first part consisted of a series of negro spirituals, sung by a colored quartet.

The harmony they rendered was excellent. Following, the Reverend Charlie "King" Solomon of Wilson and Texas, and a former Kiwanian, was introduced.

The speaker's subject was "Cattle Ranching in the West." He had with him extracts of a thousand or more brand marks used by the ranchers for many years back.

In displaying these marks the speaker told the stories in connection with their organization, and as these extracts, many of which were burnt in wood by use of the branding iron, were passed around the table it was evident that a variety of interest existed.

The information which the Reverend Solomon related was certainly something new to the group and the manner in which he dramatized the whole story, even down to himself donning the western rancher's complete outfit, was unique.

A steering committee consisting of Jim Joyner, Frank Allen, Ted Albritton, Bob Fiser, and Dick Harris, was appointed to supervise the organization and training of the new junior safety patrol.

J. H. Moore, Principal of the Farmville schools, and Chief of Police, L. T. Lucas, will assist in getting the training program immediately underway and the patrol system in operation.

Next week's program will be under the direction of Owen H. Lemon, Chairman public affairs.

Check Classing Card For Value of Cotton

Farmers who are taking advantage of the Smith-Doxey Act to have their cotton sampled and classed in the Government classing office at Raleigh should not sell their cotton before the small green card is returned, giving the grade, staple, and loan value of the cotton.

Dan F. Holler, Extension cotton marketing specialist at State College says that during the last two years farmers have, in many instances, sold their cotton at from one-half to six cents below the Government loan, or purchase price.

"No grower should ever sell his cotton below the price stamped on the green card because this price represents the floor the government is guaranteeing the cotton producer," Holler says.

The price stamped on the Smith-Doxey classing card this year is for the gross weight of the bale of cotton, and not for the net weight, as it was last year.

Rotary Club Hears Judge Dink James

Dr. Charles Fitzgerald Welcomed As New Member

At the regular Tuesday evening meeting, the Rotary Club had as its speaker Hon. Dink James, popular Judge of Pitt County's Recorder's Court.

In his address, the speaker said "everyone has a theory or an idea regarding the solution of certain world problems and if given the chance to speak many different plans and ideas would be presented, some entirely foreign to anything we might have thought about."

Judge James gave his reaction to current news items and events. He pointed out that much to his surprise, in a recent news picture released from a bombed city in Japan he saw amidst the ruins of the city, a church spire still standing and that in a recent conversation with a returned soldier from Germany he learned that some of the farmers of Germany were more interested in agricultural problems than the problems of war.

The speaker made it clear that certainly these were isolated cases, yet if we would look far enough we would find fundamentals in all nations, upon which we can build a lasting peace, a peace based on the fundamentals of truth, love, and understanding.

In conclusion he said that he did not believe the common man of any nation desired war and strife, but only to live for his home and family, just as we in this country.

The club welcomed its Baby member, Dr. Charles Fitzgerald. Visiting Rotarians were Herbert Acton and Joe Jordan. Out of town guests were A. C. Tadlock, Greenville, and W. L. Dupree, Scout Executive, from Kinston.

In the business period, President Frank Williams appointed Walter Jones, as the club's official reporter, enlargement and rebuilding program at Camp Charles, council encampment near here. A drive to raise \$19,000 to improve the encampment is being carried on in Eastern Carolina.

Heavy Rains Cause Considerable Damage

Heavy damage to cotton, corn, hay, beans and peanuts has been reported by farmers of this section caused by the torrential rains, which fell throughout the State during the week end and were augmented Monday by those following the wake of the West Indian storm.

With the exception of high winds and the heavy rains, that caused swollen streams in most sections of the state and blocked highways, in some instances, North Carolina was fortunate in escaping the brunt of the tropical storm that raged through Florida and spent its fury Monday after striking in lower South Carolina.

Torrential rains were general over the Eastern area and upstate and U. S. Weather Bureau in Raleigh reported that a major flood, potentially "one of the worst we have ever had," caused the rampage of four rivers this week, the Tar, the Cape Fear, the Neuse and the Roanoke.

The Tar had risen Wednesday from the 7 1/2-foot level last Sunday to beyond the 14-foot stage, and is expected to reach the 16-foot stage by Saturday night or Sunday morning, according to Mrs. B. T. Clark, river observer for the U. S. Department of Commerce.

The Tar at Tarboro is expected to reach the 22-foot stage by Saturday. The Norfolk and Southern passenger trains between Farmville and Raleigh and Norfolk resumed regular schedules, Wednesday, after being held up Monday and Tuesday by washouts.

T. B. CLINIC

The local Health Officer wishes to call attention to the fact that a free Tuberculosis Clinic will be held in Dr. Fitzgerald's office in Farmville on Friday, September 21st, 2 to 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Clinic will be conducted by Dr. Charles E. Fitzgerald. Patients, both white and colored, from any part of Pitt County are eligible to attend the Clinic.

Haw Haw Draws Death Sentence

London, Sept. 19.—William Joyce, Lord Haw Haw of the German radio, was convicted of treason in Old Bailey today and sentenced to hang.

A jury of 10 men and 2 women required less than 25 minutes to arrive at a verdict after Justice Tucker had ruled that Haw Haw had left this country in 1939 "wrapped up in the Union Jack" in order to carry on German propaganda.

His conviction was a great triumph during the coming year, says Prof. Roy Davenport, head of the Forestry Department, State College.

Carrier Force To Bring Boys Back From the Pacific

More Jap Criminals Due For Early Arrests and Hearings

Tokyo, Sept. 20.—For conquered Japan, a new and long list of suspected war criminals is to be issued shortly, according to an AP report.

For victorious America, the largest carrier task force ever assembled is being formed into special "carrier division 24" to speed the boys home.

These were latest developments in the two big simultaneous jobs of bringing the war guilty in Nippon to strict accountability and to demobilize the thousands of soldiers not needed for the smoothly operating occupation.

Brig. Gen. Elliot Thorpe, chief of American intelligence, said the new list of Japanese wanted for questioning will be much larger than the original one of 47 which began with Hideki Tojo and ranged down thru his cabinet.

All but two men of that infamous Japanese cabinet which started the war were on the first list and General Thorpe said their omission "was a clerical error."

The next list is expected to bulge with names of Japanese wanted for interrogation concerning the tortures of Allied prisoners in Nipponese war camps, where mistreatment was heaped alike on generals and privates in the ranks.

Tokyo newspapers said Premier Higashi-Kuni will send an "apology" to China because of war crimes committed against that republic.

The task of demobilization will be carried out in part by at least 26 carriers.

Sarasota To Lead

At Pearl Harbor, the Navy announced the Sarasota, 25 escort carriers and a seaplane tender, capable of taking 20,000 or more service men home monthly, will operate for that purpose under Rear Adm. Henry Kendall. If that means a demobilization program so vast that mainland railroads can't handle the task, the task force will even pack some of the men through the Panama canal all the way to east coast ports.

And, said Admiral Kendall, he'll get more ships if they are needed. Even so, the admiral estimated a year would be required to finish the work.

Another suicide of a high ranking Japanese military leader was reported Wednesday by Domei news agency. The agency said that Gen. Shikuchi Tanaka, who succeeded Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma as commander in the Philippines, shot himself August 24 because American air raids damaged one of the imperial palaces while he was responsible for the aerial defense of Tokyo. Homma is in prison at Yokohama.

The "English language" Nippon Times editorialized that "too many of the old type of bureaucrats and sycophantic hangers on who tagged along with the military still are in positions of authority."

Averages Are Steady On The Farmville Mart

Generally steady averages have prevailed on the local tobacco market this week, with sales continuing extremely heavy and all grades in strong demand.

The majority of offerings have been made up of low and common leaf, good legs and low cutters with good considerable spoilage being noted, due to the prevailing warm damp weather, which has prevailed throughout the past week.

The low grades of leaf have been selling higher than they have in the history of the market, according to observers here, with the differential between the common and good to-acco continuing slight.

The Farmville market has sold through Wednesday 11,799,636 pounds for \$5,132,486.54, at an average of \$43.49.

Prospects for clearing of sales blocks are reported by tobaccoists as brighter, as the surplus graded leaf is being gradually cut down, and deliveries are expected to be normal by next week.

Purchased poultry shows for 4-F club members will be held at Asheville, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Goldsboro, and Wilmington. The last three will be district shows with four counties competing.

Tax Group Asks 50 Per Cent Cut

Magill's Committee Reports on Federal Study; Big Firms Would Benefit

New York, Sept. 19.—An ultimate over-all reduction of more than 50 per cent in Federal taxes was recommended today by the Committee on Postwar Tax Policy after 16 months of study.

Immediate elimination of the three per cent normal tax on individual incomes was proposed by the group headed by Roswell Magill, former Undersecretary of the Treasury, in a 278-page report submitted to Congress and the Treasury.

This would reduce Federal revenue by around \$2,000,000,000 and would free more than 9,000,000 present taxpayers from this levy on their small incomes.

The committee also recommended immediate repeal of the excess profits tax on corporations, repeal of the capital stock tax and the declared value excess profits tax and a gradual reduction in the corporate normal tax and surtax.

By 1947 or 1948, if Federal spending is sharply curtailed, the committee envisioned a graduate individual income tax starting at 12 and 15 and 20 per cent, and a single corporate tax of around the same percentage.

The group departed radically from previous tax proposals by suggesting that estate and gift taxes as well as gasoline taxes be returned to the states.

Magill conceded, in a verbal statement, that this might open the way for a race between the states to attract great wealth by lowering their gift and estate levies. In any event, he said, most states probably would lower these taxes from their present high Federal levels.

On an over-all basis, the committee proposed that after a two or three year transition period, in which the national budget could be pared down from its swollen war proportions, Federal taxes should be reduced to between \$18,000,000,000 and \$22,000,000,000. This would compare with the wartime peak of \$47,000,000,000 reached during the fiscal year ended last June.

State Club Leader L. R. Harrill of State College says that 4-H dairy production contests will be held in conjunction with the Junior Dairy Cattle Shows to save time and travel.

Training Begins For School Safety Patrol

A committee from the Kiwanis Club, consisting of Jim Joyner, Dick Harris, Frank Allen, Ted Albritton and Bob Fiser met with Chief Lucas and Supt. Moore Tuesday to complete plans for and discuss problems involved in beginning the School Safety Patrol.

It was decided for Supt. Moore with the assistance of the teachers to pick the boys to serve on the Patrol, according to their grades, character, ability to shoulder responsibility and general attitude.

Corners to be patrolled are Main & Wilson, Belcher & Main, Grimmerburg & Main, Horta & Main, Walnut & Belcher. If it is found later that other places should be patrolled, they will of course be added.

Uniforms include a cap with badge, lapel badge, Sam Brown belt, rain coat with cap cover, galoshes and hand sign. Each uniform will cost about \$25.

The boys are being given a course of training in how to perform duties expected of them and as soon as this is completed and the uniforms issued, the Safety Program will begin. The boys will be expected to report to Chief Lucas on school mornings at 8:15 and be at their posts by 8:20.

It is generally felt that this program will be of great value and protection to the small school children in Farmville and community. It will also be a good training for the boys who are honored by being chosen to serve. The fact remains that every one will have to cooperate to help make it a success. It will be of great assistance if each mother and father will endeavor to impress the value of the School Safety Patrol on their children and the importance of obeying the signals and requests of the patrol boys.

The Kiwanis Club is sponsoring the patrol but wishes that every one will feel it is Farmville's patrol and take an interest in it.

The five boys chosen by Mr. Moore and the teachers are John Barrett, John Russell Joyner, Harry Albritton, Zeb Whitehurst and Cedric Davis. Another will be chosen in a day or two to serve as alternate.

A man for every farm home in North Carolina—a steam pressure canner and a tresser locker—according to Mrs. Alvie Clark of Route 1, Clinton, Sampson County.

SENATE REBUFFS TRUMAN ON PLAN TO PAY JOBLESS

NEWS OF OUR BOYS IN SERVICE

In States

Cpl. Lonnie G. Matthews, son of Mrs. W. L. Matthews, of Newport News, Va., formerly of Farmville, arrested by plane in Miami, Fla., on V-J Day from Pisa, Italy. He was overseas eleven months with the forces which crossed the Po river and was in one major battle. After the German surrender he served in the transportation corps transferring prisoners and supplies during which time he visited France, Germany, Switzerland and Austria. He has a thirty day furlough which he is spending in Newport News with his mother, in Baltimore, Md., with a buddy and in Farmville with relatives and friends. He will go to Fort Jackson, S. C., for reassignment.

Visits Mother Here

Bill Bundy, of Chester, S. C., who was a S/Sgt. in the U. S. Army prior to his release September 8, spent several days of this week with his mother, Mrs. S. Herbert Bundy. Mr. Bundy, a former citizen of Farmville, returned to the States, June 17, after serving his country for a period of six years and four months. He was in the third invasion wave on Normandy on D-Day. He was stationed in England six months prior to D-Day and saw action afterwards in France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia and Poland.

Visiting Parents

Pfc. Walter Lee Tugwell is spending a 30 day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Tugwell, of Farmville. Pfc. Tugwell recently returned from Germany.

Decorated On Luzon

1st Lt. Charles T. Greene, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Greene of Farmville, has been presented the Bronze Star Medal. Lt. Greene won the medal for meritorious achievement with the 38th Division's 149th Infantry Regiment during the smashing of the strong Jap Shimbu Line northeast of Manila in the Sierra Madre Mountains of Luzon.

In Private Practice

Friends here will be interested to learn that Dr. Leon Lang, Jr., is back in private practice in his home city, Concord, after being in the Army for the last several years.

RECEIVES DISCHARGE

Sgt. Carl Beaman, who arrived in the States last Thursday after 28 months service in England, has recently received his honorable discharge and arrived at his home here, Wednesday.

More Oils and Soap

Washington, Sept. 19.—More oils and soap will be available to civilians in the last quarter of 1945, but sugar supplies will be shorter for the next six months.

Secretary of Agriculture Anderson's estimates:

Vegetable oil shortening, cooking and salad oils, up 11 per cent.

Household and bar soaps, up 54 per cent.

GIRL SCOUTS MEET

The first meeting of the newly organized Girl Scouts held Thursday of last week was marked by 100 per cent membership attendance and enthusiasm.

Mrs. D. D. Fields, Walsenburg Girl Scout leader, and three members of her troop, Evelyn Florida Emogene Riddick and Doris Wheeler, were in charge and the program opened with all repeating the Girl Scout Motto, Promise and Laws.

Dora Mae Barrett was elected troop treasurer and assistant to the leaders while working for her badges, and Elsie May, secretary.

Bill To Pay \$25 Per Week Crushed; Senate Favors USES Return To States

Washington, Sept. 19.—President Truman's \$25-a-week jobless pay plan was crushed by the Senate today under a top-heavy 51 to 28 vote.

Overriding another of his recommendations, the Senate also voted to return the Employment Service from Federal to State supervision.

That cleared the way for a probable final vote tomorrow on a whittled-down Administration bill which would lead Federal aid to extend the duration of state unemployment compensation payments.

But it faces a further fight first. Just before the Senate recessed for the day, Senator McClellan (D-Ark) proposed an amendment to strike out a provision for Federal aid—up to a maximum of \$200—to help migratory war workers return home or to places of new employment.

Democratic Leader Barkley (Ky) took over from Senator Kilgore (D-WVa) the leadership of a fight to save the program for \$25 a week maximum pay to the jobless.

But he could not keep his party in line. Nineteen Democrats, most of them from the cotton states, left him to join 33 Republicans in piling up 51 votes against the plan. Three Republicans—Aiken, Langer and Tobey—voted with 25 Democrats and Senator LaFollette (Prog-Wis) for it.

Barkley had opened his fight by offering an amendment to the bill as reported out of the Senate finance committee. This amendment, embodying the President's recommendations, would have let the states have Federal funds, if they wanted them, to supplement payments to jobless workers.

"By any amount which, together with his weekly benefit amount under the state law, does not exceed \$25 and does not exceed two-thirds of his previous weekly wage," Barkley argued to his colleagues that the government "owed an obligation" to increase the state maximum payments which vary from \$15 to \$28 a week.

But Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich) on the other side, contended that the obligation was to extend the duration rather than the amount.

Senator George (D-Ga) told the Senate that as chairman of the finance committee he "felt bound" to report that 28 states has advised their laws would not permit acceptance of Federal funds.

Pared Down

McClellan's amendment was the first move to pare down the measure reported by the committee. Heretofore, the fight has all been over adding to its main provisions which include:

- 1. Federal aid to extend the duration of payments in all states to 26 weeks.
- 2. Unemployment compensation for all Federal employes and maritime workers.
- 3. Travel payments.

Little opposition is in prospect to points one and two.

The Senate's mood was apparent when the Administration lost its first test.

It came on a 56 to 23 vote which wrote into the measure an amendment by Senator Lucas (D-Ill) returning the unemployment service to the states. The service was taken over by the Federal government after Pearl Harbor.

Discharge Proposal

Washington, Sept. 19.—The House Republican steering committee today endorsed proposals to discharge fathers and two-year veterans from the armed forces immediately.

Minority Leader Martin of Massachusetts told newsmen that it "is the general sentiment of the committee" that such action be taken. Martin also said the committee favored:

- 1. Putting "a little more spur" on the Army and Navy to speed the demobilization program.
- 2. Use of Chinese and Philippine forces to help occupy Japan. Such action would "make it possible for more American boys to come home sooner," he commented.

Questioned as to the committee's views about ending the draft, Martin said "we feel we ought to know more about the objectives of the Army before we make a decision on this matter."