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HURRICANE HEADS FOR FLORIDA

JAP OCCUPATION MAY BE BRIEF

Second Month Of Peace

Reconversion In Full Stride Over Country

By STERLING F. GREEN

WASHINGTON — (AP) — America today sped into its second month of peace.

The new phase of reconversion is here. Businessmen and working men are taking the reins from Government. In kitchen, store and factory, the wartime squeeze is gone or slated to go.

All rations but sugar may end this year. Scarce clothes are due back in 60 days or so. Most travel curbs are off this week-end.

The War Production Board reports reconversion running two to three weeks ahead of schedule, after the one month of peace.

The makers of washers, refrigerators, autos and such aids to good living are still sending optimistic reports to Washington. But they say OPA's rigid price policy hampers them.

They already have reported: By December a production rate 12 per cent higher than the pre-war average, in terms of pre-war dollars. By next June, 87 per cent higher.

Re-employment doesn't climb that fast. Perhaps 6,200,000 persons will be idle by mid-December.

Many will just be "between jobs." But by then 800,000 veterans will be discharged monthly into the labor market.

Not nearly all the millions of laid-off war workers will be rehired that soon, either.

To encourage business expansion, higher living standards, and more jobs—quickly—is the new Government drive.

CONTROLS GO

The first phase was getting rid of controls. That is well under way.

For the country at large, this is the outlook in the next few months:

The kitchen prospects:

Meat rationing may be eased further by October 1, lifted entirely soon after.

Fats and oils — very scarce now, may be ration-free by the turn of the year.

Sugar prospects are dim until 1946.

If official guesses are good, all food rationing except sugar thus will end by the holidays. Canned foods, canned milk, and this stark threat, have been rubbed off the ration list.

So have gasoline, fuel oil and stoves. Three remaining rationed items have this outlook:

Shoes—off by October 1 if the request of WPB's leather bureau is heeded.

Tires—Rubber companies think you'll get them rationing-free by the end of the year.

Trucks—all rationing ceases December 1.

WAR AGENCIES SLASHED

Washington is becoming a city of job-jumpers as the war agencies deflate and the regular agencies add more help to handle new peace-time responsibilities.

The Office of Censorship is gone. Out of business tomorrow is the

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Might Be 'Washed Up' Within Year

No 'Kid Glove' Treatment

TOKYO — (AP) — The occupation of Japan "may be washed up" within a year, Lt. Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger predicted today, while General MacArthur promised there would be no "kid glove" enforcement of surrender terms and ordered complete suspension of all operations of the Domei news agency.

Eichelberger expressed his views at a press conference in his Eighth Army headquarters, where he observed that "when an insular country loses its land, sea and air power and is without raw materials and has the countries sitting on its flanks, it can't be much of a threat."

"If the Japs continue acting as they are now," he said in answer to a question, "within a year this thing should be washed up."

He estimated the occupation would necessitate the use of about 400,000 American troops, but disclosed that orders for some substantially railroad troops and engineer shore parties, already had been cancelled when it was discovered that Japanese installations were in better shape than expected.

YANKS STRENGTH

At present the Eighth Army has between 20,000 and 100,000 men in Japan and more are arriving, Eichelberger said. Continued study of specialized needs, he added, may result in additional cancellations before all scheduled occupation forces arrive.

Eichelberger said Maj Gen Oscar W. Griswold would establish occupation headquarters for the 14th Corps at Semiai today and that a full division would follow him by train tomorrow.

The 27th Division, he said, would occupy Nagaoka in northern Honshu within a few days.

Gen MacArthur ordered complete suspension of activities of the Domei agency heretofore Japan's greatest propaganda outlet.

The Allied Supreme Commander, noting impatience in the so-called "soft" approach to the occupation of Japan, issued a lengthy statement, explaining his position and declaring:

"It is extraordinarily difficult for me at times to exercise that degree of patience which is unquestionably demanded if the long-time policies which have been decreed are to be successfully accomplished without repercussions which would be detrimental to the well-being of the world, but I am restraining myself to the best of my ability, and I am generally satisfied with the progress being made.

IMPATIENCE NATURAL

The Supreme Commander observed that, in view of the atrocities committed by the enemy, impatience on the part of the Allied peoples to have the surrender terms rapidly carried out was but a natural impulse.

Fulfillment of that desire can be accomplished only through careful procedure, he asserted, but promised:

"The surrender terms aren't soft and they won't be applied in kid glove fashion."

MacArthur explained that the "paramount consideration of withdrawing and evacuating former prisoners of war and internees, plus the necessity of getting occupation troops into position without the precipitation of "calamity," prompted the methods taken.

The demobilization of Japan, withdrawal of prisoners and placing of occupation troops, he said will be complete by the middle of October, but "during this interval of time, safety and complete security must be assured."

Meanwhile, the Japanese Government reported to Eighth Army Headquarters that most of the former Nipponese leaders on the MacArthur "wanted" list were in custody.

HARA KIRI

Another former Government official, Lt. Gen. Chikahiko Koiso, Welfare Minister in the Japanese "Pearl Harbor Cabinet," took his life by the traditional hara kiri method. His former Premier, Gen. Hideki Tojo, continued to improve in a U. S. Army hospital from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Koizumi was on the list of more

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Jap Premier's Request

Americans Asked To Forget Attack On Pearl Harbor

By RUSSELL BRINES

TOKYO—(AP)—Premier Prince Higashi-Kuni called upon the people of America to forget Pearl Harbor as Japan builds "a completely new, peaceful" nation, in an exclusive statement today to the Associated Press.

"America has won and Japan has lost," the Premier wrote in answer to a letter from the Associated Press. "The war is ended. Let us now bury hate. This has been my policy since organization of the present Cabinet.

"People of America—won't you forget Pearl Harbor; we Japanese people will forget the picture of devastation wrought by the atomic bomb and will start entirely anew as a peace-loving nation."

The Premier, whose entire public life heretofore has been spent in the Army promised that "the Japanese people will for the first time enjoy freedom by oppression of the militarist clique" as the freedom of speech and of the press are gradually extended.

The Prince recently publicly rejected a letter of criticism and suggestion from the people and promised an answer whenever possible—an unprecedented promise in Japan's history.

The Associated Press took him at his word and sent a letter containing ten questions and received a nine-page letter of reply within 24 hours.

Higashi-Kuni stretched a long and difficult period ahead in building a "new Japan." He listed these major immediate problems:

"First, how to carry out faithfully the provisions of Potsdam declaration in orderly and systematic fashion while maintaining general order and

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Egypt Bids For Italian Colony Rule

Foreign Ministers Receive Request

LONDON — (AP) — Foreign Ministers of the five leading Allied nations resumed drafting of a peace treaty for Italy today as Egypt dispatched notes asking control of the greater part of the adjoining Italian colony of Cirenaica.

The Balkans continued as the main point of tension.

A slightly better atmosphere was created with the disclosure that the Russian-Romanian agreement paring down Romanian reparations was negotiated with knowledge of the Allied Control Commission in Bucharest. Concern had been expressed that Russia had acted alone.

King Peter of Yugoslavia was reported encouraged by his talk with Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, in which he urged the United States to help broaden the Yugoslav government and assure democratic elections.

GREEK KING RETURNS

Another Balkan monarch in exile, George II of Greece, hustled back from a vacation in Scotland to confer with Greek regent, Archbishop Damaskinos. The regent talked to Byrnes yesterday.

A heavy working day was before the ministers of the United States, Russia, Great Britain, France and China. A heavy volume of diplomatic communications flowed to and from them in their labors to conclude peace treaties.

British Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin has presented a proposal for an Italian peace treaty which is being studied by the other foreign secretaries, and the British and Americans are pressing for consideration of an Italian treaty immediately.

RUSSIANS ARGUE

The Russians, who have agreed to consider the Italian treaty first, now are reported arguing that the treaties with the former Axis satellite states in the Balkans—Romania, Bulgaria and Hungary, should be given just as prompt attention.

The British and Americans were said to hold that they should discuss the Balkan treaties so long as these nations are ruled by governments unrecognized by London and Washington.

In the rush of preliminaries to the work of writing the peace, all interested countries are busily preparing their views and presenting claims.

Storm Blasts Turk's Island And Whirls On

Hurricane About 500 Miles Southeast Of Miami At 2 P. M.

MIAMI, Fla. — (AP) — Winds estimated at 150 M.P.H. were reported to have struck Turk's Island in the British West Indies today as a great hurricane whirled toward the Florida coast.

The Weather Bureau observer at Turk's Island said the center of the hurricane blasted the island about 2:30 A. M. (EWT) today with 150 M.P.H winds at the height of the storm.

STATION WAS OFF AIR

The Turk's Island station had previously been off the air for nearly eleven hours before re-establishing communication with the U. S. Weather Bureau in Miami.

At 2 P. M. it was estimated that the storm was about 500 miles southeast of Miami.

As the storm approached, all Army transport command planes were sped away from Miami airfields to safer zones in Alabama and Tennessee. Navy planes had already left.

In addition, the ATC ordered all troops to be ready for evacuation to safer quarters by noon tomorrow.

SHOULD HIT TOMORROW

At 11 A. M. Coast Guard Headquarters here sent out an order to all Coast Guard group commanders at Key West, Miami, Fort Everglades, Fort Pierce and Tampa to notify all residents of outlying points of the approaching storm and to aid in any evacuation considered necessary.

Over 2,000 Coast Guardsmey and 200 vessels were put on the alert by the order.

At its present rate of movement, averaging seventeen miles per hour, the storm may be expected to strike the Florida coast about 7 P. M. (EWT) Saturday.

Nearly 1,000 troops in the Miami area were set to work this morning clearing away debris, signs and other loose objects which might be swept away and transformed into death-dealing missiles by the storm.

TENTS STRUCK

Over 120 tents in the ATC's "Green City", where aerial returnees from Europe's battlefields awaited redistribution in Miami, were taken down, and wooden frames were anchored securely.

Field kitchens were made ready for a possible emergency, and the Red Cross had 5,000 volunteers standing by.

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Work Bill Argued

Hot Fight Looms Over Jobless Pay

By J. W. DAVIS

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Two big measures wrapping up the biggest postwar problem of all — jobs — moved through Senate machinery today. Both are headed for contests involving basic theories of Government.

Here is the situation:

I. Jobless Pay — The Finance Committee arranged to send to the full Senate today a bill for emergency unemployment compensation. It carries provisions geared to make it cost more than full time workers get. State payments — at present rates — for as long as 26 weeks if they are out of work that long. But the bill is shy the guarantee of a top figure of $25 a week asked by President Truman. Further it eases a state can stay in or out of the new Federal aid program, as it desires.

Employment Guarantees — The Banking and Currency committee was called to meet Tuesday to consider a subcommittee-approved draft of the so-called Full Employment Bill. This draft declares it to be the responsibility of the Federal Government to see that all Americans able and wanting to work shall have jobs.

ACTION IS SPEEDED

The stage for further action on both measures was set late yesterday when the Finance Committee voted to send the revised jobless pay bill to the floor and when the Banking Subcommittee completed its controversial work.

Action on the jobless pay bill cannot come in the Senate until

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Senators Pleased

Army Will Free 6,000,000 By July

By WILLIAM T. PEACOCK

WASHINGTON — (AP) — With three out of four men now in the Army already assured of release by July 1, military leaders held out the possibility today of a still faster demobilization speed-up.

The Senate Military Committee was advised by Maj Gen. J. H. Edwards, assistant chief-of-staff, that estimates of occupation troops needed in Japan may be scaled down.

If so, this would permit a reduction below the Army's planned strength of 2,500,000 by next July 1.

Edwards said General Staff officers now are reviewing the matter with Gen. Douglas MacArthur and that the Supreme Commander's estimates are "very fluid."

Any change probably would be downward, he added.

The plans for an Army of 2,500,000 by mid-Summer of next year are based on a division of troops in this manner: In the Pacific, 900,000; in Europe and Atlantic bases, 500,000, and in the United States, 1,100,000.

NEEDS DECREASING

Maj Gen S G Henry, also an assistant chief-of-staff, gave it as his personal opinion that needs would work out to fewer than 2,500,000 troops.

The plans for a reduction to that figure contemplate release of about 6,000,000 of the present Army of 8,000,000, or about three out of every four men. They are due induction, meantime, of 500,000 additional men. The Army hopes also to enlist a Regular Army of 200,000 volunteers, but the majority of these may come from men already in uniform.

Bearing out previous testimony before the committee that demobilization is ahead of schedule, the War Department announced that five divisions previously set up later returned from Europe will be home by month's end. They are the 9th and 16th Armored and

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Barkley Is Probe Chief

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Senate Majority Leader Barkley, Democrat, Kentucky, today headed a group of five Senators named to a joint congressional committee which will investigate the Pearl Harbor disaster.

Presumably he will be designated chairman of the committee, which also includes five House members.

In addition to Barkley, President Officer McKellar, Democrat, Tennessee, named the following Senators: George, Democrat, Georgia; Lucas, Democrat, Illinois; Brewster, Republican, Maine and Ferguson, Republican, Michigan.

HOUSE MEMBERS

Speaker Rayburn appointed the following House members:

Representatives Cooper, Democrat, Tennessee; Clark, Democrat, North Carolina; Murphy, Democrat, Pennsylvania; Keefe, Republican, Wisconsin, and Gearhart, Republican, California. All are lawyers.

Barkley was author of the resolution creating the investigating group.

George is chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and ranking Democrat on the Foreign Relations Committee next to Chairman Connally, Democrat, Texas.

McKellar followed the recommendations of the Republicans in naming Brewster and Ferguson.

The latter had been urging a congressional probe of the sneak Japanese attack long before Barkley offered his resolution.

Domei Ends Operations

TOKYO —(AP)— General MacArthur today ordered complete suspension of the Japanese Domei news agency.

Suspension of the agency came without apparent warning and without explanation.

Domei has served approximately 65 papers in Japan and every daily in the Islands was a subscriber.

Domei formally ended operations at 3:29 P. M., when American officers delivered at its headquarters the order that "no further news will be disseminated from this building" and established a guard at all exits.

NO LOCAL NEWS

Japanese sources said that the Americans also called on Inosuke Furuno, president of Domei, and told him that the agency was prohibited from disseminating any news, even locally.

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Wolf's Whistle at Wac Is Embarrassing

CAMP LEE, Va. — A Camp Lee soldier offers this advice to GIs everywhere who whistle:

"If you feel the urge to give the wolf call to a Wac, look sharp, soldier. That Wac may be your mama!"

Cpl. Paul V. Kelly of Philadelphia, says he was strolling along the Boule Michte in Paris where she was spending a furlough, when he saw a smartly uniformed Wac coming toward him — a whistle — a "wupp-sa-da".

The Wac turned around. It was his mother, Mrs. Georgette Kelly, whom he hadn't seen in three years.

Flight Made By Truman

WASHINGTON —(AP)— President Truman took off from the National Airport at 1:37 P. M. EWT today on a flight to Missouri for a week-end with his home folks.

The President and Mrs. Truman boarded the big presidential C-54, the "Sacred Cow" with Senate Majority Leader Barkley, who planned to ride with them as far as Paducah, Ky., where he will disembark for a home state speech.

Upon arrival at Kansas City about 6:25 P. M., C. W. T., the President and Mrs. Truman will drive to their old white frame home at Independence, a dozen miles away.

They will spend Friday and Saturday nights there and make at least one trip to nearby rural Grand View for a visit with the President's mother, 92-year-old Mrs. Martha Truman.

The President plans to return to Washington at 6:30 P. M. E. W. T. Sunday. Mrs. Truman will remain in Independence for several days.

Thousands By July 1

Doctors, Nurses And Dentists To Get Out

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The Army will release at least 30,000 doctors, 10,000 dentists and more than 40,000 nurses by next July 1, the War Department announced today.

This will represent, the department said, approximately 20 per cent of the peak strength of the Medical Corps at V-E Day.

By next July 1, the overall strength of the Army will be cut to 2,500,000.

Under a new discharge system 13,000 physicians, 25,000 nurses, 3,500 dentists and a "large number" of other medical department officers will be returned to civilian life by January 1. This new system for medical department officers no longer needed by the Army involves a combination of lower point scores, age and length of service.

The department said that medical and dental corps officers will be considered surplus and released if they had 60 points Sept. 2, 1945.

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Allied Liberees Puzzled

MacArthur's 'Kid Glove' Policy In Japan Is Bitterly Protested

By FRED HAMPSON

MANILA —(AP)— Allied liberees tunneling through Manila enroute home are variously baffled, disappointed and hilicinant over what they described as "kid glove" treatment of the Japanese.

In ten days I have visited 2,300 of them on ships, docks, replacement centers, hospitals and offices' quarters. Some openly are critical of early occupation policies, particularly the enlisted men and civilians. Officers are more cautious. But all warn that many Japanese do not realize that they were defeated and view the peace as a temporary recess ordered by the Emperor.

It is understandable that these, of all people, should resent soft treatment of the suddenly pacific Japanese. They were sick, starved and beaten. Negligence, brutality, torture, humiliation and hunger have been their lot. They saw friends killed or die by inches. They don't think the Japanese are getting what's coming to them.

One enlisted man at a replacement depot crudely read a Domei dispatch and growled "what the hell's going on up in Tokyo? Who won this war, anyway?"

One general from Manchuria said the Russians convinced the Manchurian Japanese of their defeat, but three other generals and several colonels disagreed. One colonel from a Mukden camp talked to a roomful of Japanese officers who said they felt the home front had sold them out.

JAPS UNBEATEN

Liberees at ramps from Singapore to Mukden were worried about hundreds of thousands of

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Charlotte Returnees

Fourteen Charlotte soldiers are scheduled to dock in New York today on the Aquitania.

Pfc. Jesse W. Morris Jr. 410 Kenilworth Ave.

Pfc. Gilbert Flannery, 1309 West Boulevard.

Pvt. Irvin Abernathy, Rt. 8.

Pfc. Ellis L. Freeman, 220 Woodlawn Ave.

S/Sgt. Dennis O. Scruggs, 2010 Wood Dale Terrace.

T/5 John W. Estridge, 201 E. Vance St.

Pfc. Robert Lucken, 3032 Commonwealth Ave.

S/Sgt. Hoyle M. Mullis, 419 Selwyn Ave.

Cpl. Kenneth L. Williams, 1506 Ivey Drive.

Pfc. Thomas W. Moore, 415 E. Park Ave.

Pfc. Boyd Mullis, 1908 Pegram St.

S/Sgt. Major G. Lee, 1405 Merrimon Ave.

T/4 Jasper B. Hutchinson, 334 E. Kingston Ave.

Pfc. Claude H. Benfield, 818 N. Brevard St.

WEATHER

Cloudy with showers and cooling Saturday, clearing.

Temperature at 2:30 Today 85
High and Low Last 24 Hours 89, 75
Sunset Today 6:39
Sunrise Tomorrow 5:48