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#### Powerful Dictatorship Established By Roxas In Philippine Islands

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That iron curtain closing us off from the Philippines has been reading so much about it, is not the only drapery in existence. An excellent example of the barrier to the free circulation of news is the situation around the Philippine Islands. Indeed it is the more ominous because it is partially self-imposed. The American press has not told the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth as regards the Philippines.

It all started several weeks ago when Philippine President-Elect Roxas visited the United States. Few visiting potentates have ever been accorded a warmer reception than that which President-Elect Roxas received here. His official biography and a careful deletion of any reference to his activities during the period of Japanese occupation of the islands is the only record that President-Elect Roxas while wearing the uniform of an American brigadier general, had supported a declaration of war against the United States. The declaration had been drafted and approved by the Japanese puppet, Laurel, of course you know. And this same record continues to do so. Behind the iron curtain of the Philippine press, the people are being misled by a dictatorship. The same avowedly pro-American press placed the Japanese as nois in power before laboring their people. And we are being misled by the press.

### WAR RAGES ON LUZON

A civil war is in progress. The situation in Central Luzon is particularly grim. The Japanese are taking battle stations with tanks, armored cars, bazookas and machine-guns. Casualties are heavy on both sides. Because of the wholesale persecution of the peaceful guerrilla bands are giving battle to the Roxas forces.

The Roxas party has eliminated all opposition in this new "democratic" government by the Roxas men. The seven Democratic Alliance men and three opposition leaders have been removed from the government by a simple majority instead of two-thirds.

Legislation relating to foreign affairs. The latest move is to give the President authority to remove any official or employee of the Government by simply naming his name. This is a move which would strip the Philippine Constitution of its most important protection.

### ROMAN FOES PURGED

Under a new law rushed through Congress, Roxas can now issue of itself permits to radio stations. This is a move which is anything but complimentary to the administration. It is a move which is anything but complimentary to the administration.

### Paper Says Identity Of Mobsters Known

WASHINGTON—The Washington Post says today that it has learned that the FBI has identified some of the members of the Chicago mob. The mobsters are being identified as follows: Alvin Karpis, George Barker, and Alvin Karpis.

### Woman Leaps To Death From Golden Gate Bridge

San Francisco—A woman leaped to her death from the Golden Gate Bridge last night. The woman was identified as Mrs. Marie C. Perry of San Anselmo, Calif.

### Brush With Death

There are 90,000 American troops in the Philippines. The Philippine Scouts are being recruited. For what reason does the United States maintain 120,000 troops in the Philippines? The standing Army of the United States in 1935 consisted of less than 138,000 soldiers.

### Plane Crashes Off Oahu Island

HONOLULU—A Navy PBV with eight aboard crashed into the sea off Oahu yesterday. The plane was carrying 14th Naval District personnel. The plane, which had just taken off from Kaneohe Naval Air Station, caught fire at 500 feet and plummeted into the ocean a quarter of a mile from shore. Two boats sped to the scene but found only scattered wreckage.

# President Signs Enlisted Men's Pay Measure

## 20,000 Homeless New Quakes Rock Badly Shattered Caribbean Island

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, Dominican Republic — (AP) — Two slight earth tremors shook the Dominican Republic today in the wake of violent earthquakes and devastating tidal waves which have killed 52 persons and made 20,000 homeless since they began Sunday.

The tidal waves of yesterday, being created by violent earthquakes at the bottom of the Atlantic at its deepest point near Puerto Plata and spread destruction and terror along the northern coast of the island.

Huge waves crashed dwellings, overflowing rivers and flooded the damage in the north. The government organized special relief and rescue services. Red Cross and Army trucks hastened to the stricken area, loaded with food medicine and doctors.

Haft, which shares Hispaniola with the Dominican Republic, and Puerto Rico also felt the quakes but damage there placed appeared less pronounced.

The new tremors were felt at 3:20 and 8:05 A. M. No damage was reported.

## 'Nothing Definite' Lying Probe Proceeds Slowly

ATLANTA — (AP) — Governor Ellis Arnall said today that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is making very slow progress and has nothing definite as yet.

## Employment At New High

WASHINGTON — The Census Bureau said today that employment passed the record of 60,000,000 jobs during July.

## Other Bills

Increase by 20 per cent, effective Sept. 1, the pensions of 2,400,000 veterans and 11 veterans and their dependents.

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## 15,000,000 Veterans to Get Terminal Pay Ceremony Held At White House

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman today signed into law a bill giving some 15,000,000 veterans the right to collect terminal leave pay.

The measure authorizes the payment of an estimated \$2,700,000,000 in cash and five-year bonds to non-commissioned members of the armed forces who did not receive all their terminal leave pay when they were discharged.

It was signed by Mr. Truman at the White House ceremony. This was attended by Gen. Omar Bradley, Veterans Administrator; representatives of the American Legion; and other officials.

## Soviet Actions Hit

## Britain Rejects Reparations Plan

LONDON — (AP) — Russia's claim for \$10,000,000,000 in reparations from Germany has been rejected by Britain, which has urged the Soviet Government to join other occupying powers in administering Germany as an economic whole.

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## Four Steps Necessary Procedure Outlined For Getting GI Leave Money

WASHINGTON — Four steps to be followed by discharged veterans in applying for terminal leave pay were outlined officially today as President Truman signed the legislation authorizing the \$2,700,000,000 outlay.

The steps as listed by the Treasury, War and Navy Department are:

1. Obtain from any post office a form entitled "Claim for Settlement, Unused Leave," and an accompanying instruction sheet.
2. Fill out this form. Help may be obtained at any of 3,000 odd veterans' community information or advisory centers, or at the office of any state or county veterans service officer.
3. Sign the statements made on the form before a notary public or other authorized civil officer.
4. Mail the completed form, together with a discharge certificate or certificate of service to the appropriate Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard paying officer listed on the reverse side of the claim form.

## 5 Convicts Buried Alive

COLUMBIA, S. C. — Five Negro convicts at the State Prison Farm near Boykin in Kershaw County lost their lives about 5:30 p. m. yesterday when deep gravel pit in which they were digging caved in on them.

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"We haven't fought to dictate to a free world, or to have one of our Allies dictate to us," Byrnes said. "We are not going to gang up against any nation. We will make concessions—but we will not make all the concessions."

The conference voted down the Russian move to require two-thirds vote for adoption of all conference recommendations. The Rules Committee had rejected the two-thirds proposal by the same vote, but Russia yesterday reopened the issue before the full conference.

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