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HOMEWARD BOUND
(AT 0800 TODAY)

3340 MILES FROM OKINAWA - 700 MILES TO PEARL HARBOR

0800 FLASH NEWS

WASHINGTON: World War II cost the United States Navy 701 vessels of all types including 157 first line warships. The final Navy accounting reveals these combatant craft losses: 2 battleships, the ARIZONA and the OKLAHOMA, both at Pearl Harbor, 5 carriers, 6 escort carriers; 7 heavy cruisers, 3 light cruisers, 71 destroyers, 11 destroyer escorts, and 52 submarines. Other losses included 3 minelayers, 24 minesweepers, 18 subchasers, 12 gunboats, 3 sea-plane tenders, 69 motor torpedo boats, 6 tankers, 21 troop transports, 4 cargo vessels and numerous smaller craft.

President Truman today by an executive order has directed a broad re-organization of the U. S. Navy, so that improvements learned by war-time experiences can be incorporated. The re-shuffle includes the abolition of the position of Commander-in-Chief of the U. S. Fleet, whose functions are transferred to the Chief of Naval Operations. By special Navy order, Admiral Ernest J. King, will continue to hold both positions during a brief transitional period until the new organization is fully effected. The White House announces a special Navy board, headed by Under-Secretary Bard, will recommend specific plans of the organization based on new executive order. The statement says that changes are made by executive order so that they may be tested before the President recommends to Congress any statutory changes to be effected.

President Truman made an unprecedented visit to the Supreme Court on Monday to see his first appointee, Republican Senator Harold Burton, sworn in. It was the first time in the 155 year history that a Chief Executive had appeared in the courtroom.

TOKYO: The Navy also reports finding official Japanese figures saying some 9,000,000 gross tons enemy shipping sunk during the war, more than half by U. S. submarines. Japanese merchant fleet dwindled from over 10,000,000 gross tons to about 1,500,000 tons, by the war's end.

The Bank of Japan today received official permission to re-open on Tuesday, providing that officials quit stalling and help crack down on Japan's foreign riches and stolen riches. Small Japanese depositors surrounded the bank all day Monday fearing that their savings might be lost but were dispersed on American assurances that their money was safe. U. S. troops searching the vaults have found two huge stores of treasure, looted by the Japanese from overseas conquests. One store was gold taken from Indo-China, and the other was Siamese gold and silver stock. Bank records show that 55 per cent of the stock was owned by the Imperial Government, 25 per cent by the Emperor, and 20 per cent by individuals.

The United States provost marshal has placed Japanese houses of prostitution off limits for U. S. military personnel. General Hugh Hoffman, who is the provost marshal, said the action resulted when investigation showed that practically 100 per cent of the Japanese prostitutes were infected with venereal diseases.

The Japanese capital will be the scene of the first murder case involving U. S. soldiers since the occupation began. The military court will be set up here to try an Eighth Army sergeant who is charged with killing an American officer last month in a fight over possession of a Japanese souvenir.

WASHINGTON: Illinois' Senator Brooks thinks that the enlisted men haven't shared enough in parades, glamor, and glory that has been given to returning military leaders; and he will introduce a bill calling for the Army, Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard each to pick one enlisted man to be a guest at an official Congressional welcome.

Congress today released sharply conflicting opinions on the role of the late President, Franklin Roosevelt, in the financial transactions of his son, Elliott. The House Ways and Means Committee Republicans declared today that Elliott denied that young Roosevelt's father played "an important part" in the \$200,000 loan that Elliott got from John Hartford, of the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, and that the late President "initiated" a settlement of the loan by former Secretary of Commerce, Jesse Jones. The Democratic majority report did not discuss the role played by the late president, and merely recommended that Hartford be allowed a tax reduction on his over \$196,000 loss. The Republicans disagreed with that, saying that if Hartford was allowed the loss, then steps should be taken to collect from Elliott and his former wife.

NEW YORK: Technical Sergeant Joe Louis, the world's heavyweight boxing champion, was given his honorable discharge here on Monday. After leaving Camp Shanks in the late afternoon, he journeyed into the city to attend an evening fight at St. Nicholas Arena, and said he would return to his home town, Detroit, to rest up for a while, but that he will attend the World Series.

RABAU: The Australian Army on New Britain has issued an order commanding every Japanese officer from a General on down to salute even the most junior Australian officer. The Australian commander told the Japanese that they are inferior in rank and every other way to any and every Australian officer.

TOKYO: The Tokyo Newspaper, Mainichi, announced yesterday in an extra edition that it will set up a loudspeaker and scoreboard in front of its downtown office. It will provide occupation troops and Japanese civilians with a shortwave play-by-play of the 1945 World Series Baseball Games. Last fall, the Japs used jamming instruments to produce faulty reception of the series for Pacific G.I.'s. Over in Detroit, it still keeps raining and has been for the past week. However, the weather man announced that the weather forecast for Wednesday, when the first game is scheduled for Briggs Stadium, is "cloudy and cooler". Meanwhile, Lew Fonseca, head of the American League Special Service Department, announced that motion pictures of the 1945 World Series will be taken for distribution to occupational forces in Japan, and Europe, and to veterans' convalescent hospitals. From 18 to 25,000 feet of film will be used to produce a finished product of about 2 reels.

American Military Police in the Tokyo area have been forbidden to carry side-arms. A captain of the military police, who declined to be named, said that the order came from Provost Marshal Brigadier General Hugh Hoffman. It applies to all personnel except those guarding prisoners or money, and sentries at various occupied buildings. The captain declared that similar action was taken in the Yokohama area, and probably will be taken in other districts where the carrying of arms is not regarded as essential.

The first American wedding in the Japanese capital since the American Occupation Forces arrived in the home islands will take place tonight. The bride is 26 year old First Lieutenant Margaret Kennedy, of Catyville, New York, and the groom is Major Frederick Vollmer, also 26, of Baltimore, Maryland. The couple are two original members of the 42nd General Hospital Detachment, and have been overseas 3 years and 5 months.

YOKOHAMA: The 1303rd Engineer General Service Regiment which reached here from Manila on September 13th claims to be the first European theatre unit to become part of the occupational forces of Japan. The regiment, activated at Camp Ellis, Illinois, on July 15, 1943, has traveled 30,000 miles. It participated in five major campaigns in Europe.

KOREA: Koreans are steadily replacing Japanese in government positions but it is necessarily a slow process because of the low wages and the lack of experience. Japs refused to hire any Korean who expressed nationalist feelings. Therefore well ambitious Koreans who would normally have filled semi-top jobs in the government, do not know the practical side. A Military Government Personnel Officer said, "We have kicked out the Jap jobholder, appointed a Korean in his place, but have kept the Jap until he has trained replacement."

SAIGON: In Indo-China fighting between the Annamese and British and French forces entered its second week today. The Associated Press says that there are indications that rebellious natives are massing on the outskirts of Saigon for a concerted attack when 1,000 French reinforcements disembark on Wednesday. Known casualties for the first week of fighting were 319 dead and 234 wounded.

BOMBAY: Violence is spreading to new districts in week-long Hindu-Moslem disturbances in Bombay. Tension is increasing throughout the city. A battalion of British soldiers is being held ready for an emergency.

LONDON: The Big Five Council of Foreign Ministers met again last night in the hope of completing their task. Prior to the meeting, the five powers spent 17 hours in drafting, editing, and re-writing the protocols of procedure and their final communique. So far as is known no decision has been made on time and place of the next council meeting. Incidentally, the bargaining power which the atomic bomb leave the U. S. council, is underlined in this story told by a delegate. At a dinner party, Soviet Foreign Commisar Molotov remarked that Secretary of State Byrnes, "Doesn't need to persuade anyone. He just has to hold up a little bomb!" And the delegate added: Molotov never makes jokes just to be funny.

CAIRO: Iraq Government addressed an unfriendly protest to the U. S. regarding Truman's recent request to Britain that 100,000 Jews be admitted to Palestine. Iraqs Premier Hamdi Elpachachi said, "Iraq rejects formation of the Zionist State because the first result would be the entry into Palestine of 2,000,000 Jews." "Second result would be the creation of a well trained Jewish Army of 300,000 men with a powerful airforce which would be a menace to neighboring Arab States."

MUNICH: Willard Hoegner appointed Saturday as Head of Civil Government in Bavaria promised complete elimination of Nazi influence from his sector of U. S. occupation zone. Hoegner who succeeded Friedrich Schaeffer as Minister President of Bavaria estimated at press conference that there were some 470,000 Nazis in minor offices. He said it would take several months to dismiss all of them. He said some 50,000 Nazis already have been removed from office in Bavaria and that he intends to eliminate even those holding smallest posts. Hoegner said that he intended to divorce the church from politics in Bavaria which is predominately Catholic with first step elimination of "confessional schools" from public school system. Immediate task ahead of us is to punish Nazis who have thus far escaped prosecution and to endeavor to alleviate harm and hardships done to Hitler's victims and to draw the people into greater participation in their government. He reported that communists would receive posts in his government explaining "there is pronounced tendency felt in Bavaria".

NEWS FROM HOME

NAVY TO HONOR MEN LOST AT SEA IN OCT. 25TH CEREMONIES

WASHINGTON: Commodore Shelton Clark announced that the Navy plans to honor men of all services who died at sea by scattering flowers upon the water on October 25th. The flowers will be accumulated by United States Navy Bases throughout the world and placed aboard all types of vessels which will take the flowers to sea and toss them upon the water following an appropriate ceremony.

The announcement said, "Reaching the enemy ahead of his squad, Sigler successfully surprised the enemy with a furious one-man assault and, severely wounded, returned to his position to continue fighting and evacuating other wounded men to safety. The medal will be presented at White House ceremonies in connection with Washington's celebration of "Nimitz Day" when the capitol will honor the Commander in Chief of the United States Pacific Fleet.

WASHINGTON: The Marine Corps announced tonight that flight training is now open to all men with the rank of Pfc. or above. Previously the aviation program was open only to sergeants and above, except for highly exceptional corporals, who had at least 6 months experience in aviation.

The week-end deadline set by the government for settlement of nations crippling oil strike passed today. While the over-all labor picture brightened somewhat with the number of strike idle dropping to around 368,000 labor and industry struggled to end work stoppages in oil, coal, and lumber fields. In Washington, Labor Secretary Schwollenbach said the strike of 30,000 workers in three big refining areas was not settled. He added that he hoped an agreement would be reached today. Previously Schwollenbach had warned that the Army and Navy gasoline and fuel needs made settlement mandatory by the weekend.

The soft coal strike remains deadlocked. John L. Lewis has asked coal operators to meet with him to discuss recognition of the Foremen's Union. For the second time the operators said no. Operators say Lewis should first get coal foremen back to work, then they will discuss things. A brief demonstration strike of 200,000 telephone workers across the country is said to be a definite possibility. This would come about as a result of reports by the National Labor Relations Board calling for immediate dissolution of the Western Electric Employees Association. The association is accused of being dominated by the Western Electric Company, officials said.

Federal Officials estimate that selling and disposing of America's surplus war goods will bring a loss of \$50,000,000,000. Meanwhile, Congress is trying to figure out how to get rid of part of 55,000,000,000 ton merchant marine. Shipping valued at \$17,000,000,000 will be declared a surplus.

President Truman's nomination of Raymond McKaough, former Democratic House Member from Illinois, to the U. S. Maritime Commission, was disapproved by the Senate Commerce Committee. The vote was 10 to 7. The adverse vote was said to have been due to intense rivalry among factions of the seamen's union.

However, the Senate Judiciary Committee did approve one of Mr. Truman's nominations, when it confirmed the appointment of Rhode Island's Governor, Harold R. McGrath, to be Solicitor General of the United States.

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differences is a reconversion must. Also he said Congress should act promptly on the four points in the president's program calling for full employment, transitional tax adjustments, broadening and raising unemployment compensation, and raising minimum wages. Snyder said that the executive branch must and will be as vigorous in policies and programs to solve peacetime problems as it was in solving wartime problems.

WASHINGTON: The Administration today asked Congress to repeal the 3% Normal Income Tax in proposing that a cut of \$5,000,000,000 in taxes be made for 1946. The proposal would make 12,000,000 low income people tax free, and it would mean less taxes for all individuals. Secretary of the Treasury Fred Vinson made the appeal on behalf of the White House.

Senate members today called for a first hand report from Ambassador Braden on the American policy towards Argentina. Chairman Tom Connally, Democrat of Texas, said that the foreign relations committee has called Braden to appear on Wednesday to make an explanation of conditions in Argentina, at that time. He will also be questioned on his proposed Latin-American policy. Pending is confirmation of his appointment as Assistant Secretary of State in charge of Inter-American Affairs.

NEWYORK: Governor Thomas E. Dewey in rousing rally in Madison Square Garden last night called on British Prime Minister Clement Atlee Labor Party to open Palestine to tens to thousands of non-repatriate Jews still in camps in Germany. Dewey said our own government and people are still deeply involved. It was the common victory of ourselves and our allies in World War I which made possible the British mandate of Palestine. Dewey added "We call tonight for action in accordance with our own tradition of justice and humanity. We speak on behalf of survivors of Nazi terror who still live in misery. We call in their name that they must not be left to die in camps".

England and United States should prevent Germany from using expropriated Jewish property for payment of reparations to Allies, Leon Kubowitzki Secretary General of World Jewish Congress said. Kubowitzki arrived here by plane after two month trip to England, Belgium, France, and Italy. He said, "6,000,000 Jews who were slain left billions of dollars worth of property. He explained that under present laws heirless property reverts to state. Unless something is done German reparations will be paid to large extent out of property of exterminated Jews. It should be used to rehabilitate Jews within each country or help others who are suffering."

Tuesday Morning, October 2nd

By Jack Miller, RM2c

Baseball's blue ribbon classic, the World Series, will start on Wednesday, October 3rd, with the first three games being played at Briggs Stadium, in Detroit. At the present time, fans, I don't have all the statistics available which are always part of the color and background to the annual fall drama, so, therefore, I can only pass on to you what information I have on hand. Tomorrow, possibly, I will receive more data, such as batting averages, and if so, you can be sure that I will make every effort to get them across to you before game time.

As things stand tonight, the National League representatives, the Chicago Cubs, are quoted at 8 1/2 to 5 to romp home with the 1945 World championship. However, the odds may, and probably will, change at any moment. Nevertheless, regardless, of what the price on them will be, the Cubs will definitely be established as the favorites.

The American league representatives, the Detroit Tigers, will be the underdogs since the boys who "claim to know" say that they are slower in the field, weaker in batting, and have less pitching. Yet die-hard Tiger fans (such as myself, incidentally--I don't claim to be non-prejudiced) still think that one mighty blow in each game by Detroit's "long ball hitters" will carry the American Leaguers through to victory.

Whatever the outcome of the Series may be there is no doubt that there will be plenty of people witnessing it. 300,000 people applied for the Tigers' supply of tickets, and all you can get into Briggs Stadium is 55,000; even with the help of a shoe-horn and a top sergeant. Hotel facilities are acute alos, and houseboats and excursion craft on Lake Michigan have been turned into boarding-houses.

It has been raining in Detroit for the past six days, and it is still raining. Briggs Stadium is a literal mud-hole. But the weatherman predicts that it will be "slightly cloudy and cooler" on Wednesday, and groundkeepers expect to have the field in fairly good shape.

The starting pitchers for the opening game have been announced by the rival managers. Charley Grimm, of the Cubs, says that he will start the man who has a lifetime record of 11 won and 3 lost against the Detroit Tigers. He is ex-American leaguer Hank Borowy, whose complete 1945 record was 21 victories and 7 setbacks. After Borowy came to the Cubs from the Yankees in mid-season he won 11 and dropped 2 in National League competition.

Detroit pilot Steve O'Neill says he will counter with the skinny left hander who has won 54 games for his team over the past two seasons. That slender southpaw is young Hal Newhouser, whose record of 25 triumphs and 9 reversals was the best in either major league this season. Despite that fact, Newhouser, and the Tigers will be the underdogs in the first contest as well as in the entire series. Chicago has been quoted at 4 to 3 to take the opener.

The claim that even though Chicago has its Borowy, Phil Cavaretta, Bill Nicholson, and Stan Hack; and Detroit, their Hank Greenberg, Nowhouser, and Rudy York, the two men who were highly instrumental in leading their teams to the pennant were Detroit second baseman, Eddie Mayo, and Chicago centerfielder, Andy Pafko.

Mayo, a 33 year old veteran of a half dozen major league seasons, had the highest batting average of all the Detroit regulars with a .285 mark. That cannot be considered as puny when you realize that only four men in the entire league hit over .300. The Clifton, New Jersey, drugstore owner is not a fast man in the field yet he made up for this fact by an uncanny knowledge of knowing just where to play for each batter. He won many a game for the Tigers with timely blows as his 10 homers will testify, and he started a good many rallies. In brief it was Mayo's all-around spirit and vigor that put life into the Bangals, and drove them on to the flag. A chest injury bothered him at various times during the season, and when he had to drop out of the line-up, Detroit minus his chatter and spark in the infield, fell into a slump.

As for Pafko, many a man will tell you that he is the mightiest of the Cubs with a bat in his hand. And they have good reason to believe so. The 24 year old "Pounding Pole", from Milwaukee, was the National League's most dangerous clutch-hitter this year, driving home 111 runs, only a dozen or so less than league leader, "Dixie" Walker, of Brooklyn. True, Pafko, had a batting average of only an even .300 for the season, but, brothers, he hit when it counted!

If you don't think he did, ask Manager Billy Southworth of the Cardinals; who found out it was no sweet trick to pass Phil Cavaretta, the major leagues leading hitter, to get at Andy. After the Redbirds had lost the first game of their crucial 2 game series at Chicago last week, Southworth sat glumly on a stool in the clubhouse and muttered, "There goes the pennant. If Pafko hadn't hit that double with two out and the bases loaded in the seventh, we might have gone on to capture the flag. But that blow was the death knell to our team."

On the preceding day, Pafko had set the Cubs ready for that two game test when he led his teammates to a 6 to 2 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates, by slamming his 9th homerun of the year with the bases loaded to capacity and the Cubs trailing.

Well, mates, that's all the "dope" there is right now concerning the series, but tomorrow I'll list for you the probably starting line-ups, and also the season's batting average for each player if I should receive them.