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B-29's FAIL TO SET NEW MON-STOP RECORD

An attempt of three Army B-29's to fly non-stop from Japan to Washington, D.C. ended in failure yesterday when strong headwinds forced the trio of bombers to land at Chicago to refuel. After completing 5,995 miles of the projected 6,500 mile trip from Mazutain airfield in Sapporo, the capital of Hokkaido, the flight in command of Brigadier General Barney M. Giles, Chief of U.S. Strategic Air Forces in the Pacific, radioed the War Department in Washington by radio as they passed over Duluth, Minnesota, that they would have to land at Chicago because of lack of gasoline. Giles piloted one of the bombers and the other two were flown by Brigadier General Emmett O'Donnell and Major General Curtis LeMay, Chief of Staff of the 20th Air Force. The elapsed time of the three planes in their flight from Hokkaido to Chicago Wheels up to Wheels down" - was as follows: 26 hours, 24 minutes, 55 seconds for O'Donnell; 26 hours 37 minutes 12 seconds for Giles; and 27 hours 1 minute 30 seconds for LeMay. The flight of the 3 superforts that attempted to spen one quarter of the distance around the world in a single hop, coming by way of the great circle route, fell short by three hundred miles of the Russian non-stop flight record from Moscow to California in 1937; and 1,100 miles of the world record set by two British planes in a flight from Egypt to Australia in 1938. The flight of the B-29's had been sponsored by the War Department to "investigate the current and future potentialities of air power".

SHANGHAI: A.P. Correspondent John Litchfield reported today from aboard Admiral Thomas C. Kinkaid's Seventh Fleet flagship, the "Rocky Mount" that the U.S. Navy for the first time in eight years had returned to the city of Shanghai. Thousands of Chinese lined the banks of the Mangpoo river to welcome the fleet composed of the U.S.S. Light Cruiser NASHVILLE, British cruisers, GLASGOW and BELFAST, and several other destroyers and auxiliaries attached to the Seventh Fleet. By the first of October, over 100 ships will steam up the Whangpoo river, which only resterday was declared free of mines, and occupy the docks of Shanghai.

MACARTHUR LIDENS CONTROL OF JAPAN

TOKYO: General MacArthur today moves to take control of Japan's industrial, economic, financial, and scientific life. His headquarters announced the formation of an economic and scientific section which will look into every aspect of Japanese business and science and make recomendations for allied. action. Among the duties of the new section will be that of advising MacArthur which war industries the Japa can save which will be permitted to reconvert to peace-time production. MacArthur's approval will be necessary before the Japanese will be permitted to dismantle any industrial plant or move machinery, equipment, or industrial records. The Japanese government itself took these steps today: 1 - the formation of a cabinet committee to investigate atrocities and maltreatment of allied prisoners of war. 2 - Jap government decided upon extraordinary imperial decree by which all measures taken by the government at MacArthur's orders automatically become law. 3 - Enemy government approved plan to manufacture and encourage the sale of all wave radios which will permit the Jap people to hear foreign broadcasts. During the war, the use of all wave radios was prohibited.

A spokesman of the allied reparation committee declared today that capun will be stripped of all its gold reserve which amounts to somewhere between \$300,000,000 and \$2,000,000. The spokesman also said that Japan's great Mitsubishi Empire will be broken off. Mitsubishi now controls the greatest portion of the country's manufacturing plants.

MANILA: As more and more prisoners are liberated from Japanese prison camps, atrocity stories continue to flood the news. An American Army Colonel said here that he had to amoutate the infected arm of a marine private with just a dull knife and no anesthetics because the Japs stood by and refused to give him any hospital equipment. The medical corps officer said this occurred on a Japanese prison ship on which only 300 men survived of an original number of 1,500 prisoners.

The largest carrier task force ever assembled was placed under command of Rear Admiral Henry Kendall. It will expedite return home of Pacific war veterans. Big carrier Saratoga, 25 escort carriers and a seaplane tender constitute the force. It is capable of taking some 20,000 service men home monthly. After movement of occupation troops to Japan is completed, additional vessels probably will be added to the force if not needed for other assignments. Arrangements have been made in forward areas to expedite demobilization. Ships will return men to San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego areas. If mainland railroads are unable to handle transdous job of moving men, some ships may be sent to the east coast by way of the Panama Canal. Admiral Kendall estimated that about one year will be required to complete the job.

TOKYO: Los Angeles born, raised, and educated Iva Toguri, 29 known to all Pacific G.I.'S as "Tokyo Rose" was released into custody of her Portuguese husband in the Tokyo area. However, she is subject to immediate recall if the Eighth Army officials decide they want her. Meanwhile, the officials said they will deny the plea of California attorney Charles Carr that he be allowed to try "Rose" in the city that is her "Home Town".

LONDON: Prime Minister of Great Britain, Clement Atlee, declared today that India will be given the self-rule it long has compaigned for. Atlee said positive steps will be taken immediately after the elections there next week, to insure India it's own government.

LONDON: A jury of 10 men and 2 women took only 25 minutes yesterday to decide the fate of William Joyce. The convicted the "Lord Haw-Haw" of the German propaganda radio of high treason and sentenced him to hang. Joyce's attorney, who in the first place, tried to have the case thrown out of court because he contended that Joyce was not a British Citizen, declared that he will make an immediate appeal.

BERLIN: Screen actress Marlene Dietrich arrived back in Berlin today. She hasn't been in the German capital since back in 1938. The 40 year old movie star will entertain American troops here for one week and will then return to Paris.

Salzsurg, Greatly: Blonde polish Countess Therese Platerzyber, 23, facing charges of stealing art and furnishings from Hermann Goering's summer home appealed to an American paratroop Colonel - "The man I love", to get her out of her jam. Arrested a month ago, the countess and her 41 year old husband Count Henry, are charged with taking several thousand dollars worth of Goering's belongings. Her lover, the American officer, has so far been unidentified publicly, and her trial is being delayed as military government authorities try to locate the officer from the 101st Airborne Division whom the countess described as "my colonel, the man I planned to marry and the man who can explain I was not stealing". The countess pleaded at her arraignment that though, "I'm a naughty girl", she really wasn't stealing but only recovering for Poland some loot which "The Goerings stole from our country homes.

LONDON: The foreign ministers of the big 5 nations made a great attempt to settle the Yugoslav-Italian border dispute by recommending that the boundary between those two countries be changed and Trieste be declared an international port. The big 5 also hoped that an election for a provisional parliament in Greace be held as soon as possible.

STATE DEPT. ANSWERS MACARTHUR ON JAP QUESTION

In Washington acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson made a statement regarding the views of General MacArthur on occupation of Japan. Acheson is the directing head of the State Department in absense of Secretary Byrnes in Europe, Acheson said "I have no comment to make on the military aspects of what General Macarthur stated. That is a purely military matter with which the State Department is not properly concerned. I think I can say that I am surprised that any body can forsee at this time the number of forces which will be necessary in Japan. That may come from my inedequate knowledge of the military field, however, and it is not very important. The important thing is that the policy in regard to Japan is the same policy which has always been held by this government and is still held so far as I know and I think I know. In carrying out that policy the occupation forces are the instruments of the policy and not the determinants of policy and the policy is and has been that the surrender of Japan will be carried out that Japan will be put in position where it cannot renew agressive warfare; that the present economic and social system of Japan which makes for a will to war be changed so that that will to war will not continue. And whatever it takes to carry this out will be used to carry it out".

Earlier public relations office of General MacArthur headquarters in Tokyo said General MacArthur is allowing his statement to stand without further comment. His public relations office discribed the 200,000 occupation force statement as "quite clear and explanatory".

In Washington, President Truman issued a statement regarding demobilization which says therewill be "no pading in our Armed Forces". The statement says "No one is going to be held in the service a day longer than is neccessary". The President said No one can accurately forcast at this time the future military needs. He noted that General MacArthur had revised his own estimates of number of men needed to occupy Japan and Korea. General MacArthur first estimated he needed a force of 500,000 men. Later this was cut to 400,000 and then to 200,000". Presidents statement says "Army plans call for the return to their homes of more than two million soldiers between VJ day and Christmas 1945. Between now and Christmas the discharge rate will steadily rise from 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. The Army and Navy mean to do the task set for them with the minimum number of men. 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 back as fast as the services can get them out".

Senator Lucas said in Congress today that he wanted the War Department to investigate the situation of the 640th Tank Eattalion of the 40th Division in the Philippines. Lucas said he had received letters from a number of men in the Battalion, including a notable one from Lt. Louis St.Pierre, stating that their request for short furloughs home, now that the war is over, were vehemently refused by their commanding officer. St. Pierre wrote that the men were told they could not go home unless they were willing to accept one specification - that they sign a form saying they were willing to return to the Philippines for a two-year period. All of the men had at least 30 months overseas, some having over 3 years duty outside the continental limits of the United States.

The House expenditures committee today approved a bill giving President Truman broad powers to re-organize the government. The measure grants the President authority to group, co-ordinate, and consolidate nearly 100 Federal agencies and their functions. Less than two weeks ago President Truman had urged Congress to delay shifting the United States Employment Service from Federal to State control. But the Senate, by 56 to 23 vote returned the U.S. E.S. to control of the separate states. Mr. Truman said that State control would slow down the entire process of reconversion.

Senate unanimously confired nomination of Senator Harold Burton Onio Republican to be a Supreme Court Justice. Senate Judiciary committee suspended its rules and approved appointment less than 24 hours after President Truman sent it in. Two other major nominations remain to be acted upon. Senate military committee will act on appointment of Robert Patterson to be Secretary of War. Another committee must vote on appointment of Stuart Symington to be surplus property administrator.

Committee on legislation to determine the size of the peace-time Navy said Key of the future freedom of America lay in control of the seas and of the skins above them by a Navy capable of delivering Atomic-Bomb attacks. He recommended 1. An active battle fleet of 300 modern combat vessels. 2. A fleet made up reserves of nearly 700 other combat and supporting craft and 3. A ready reserve of 100 additional major ships. The laid up reserve would include ships out of commission and with only care-taker crews aboard. The ready reserve vessels would be in commission and available for active service on 30 days notice. For restal estimated that something less than 12,000 planes and between 500,000 and 600,000 officers and men, not counting marines could man the Navy he planned.

President Truman today also signed an executive order giving Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach the authority to deal with labor problems. The President promised Schwellenbach that power during his press conference yesterday. Meanwhile, Detroit reported no new developments today in the threat of United Auto Workers 010 to seek strike votes among 500,000 workers if their demands for a 30% wage increase are not met.

DETROIT: The Vice President of the United Automobile Workers Union, Richard Frankenstein, said today that there is no possibility of a general strike in the auto industry for at least 6 more weeks and probably not before the end of the year. Frankenstein made this statement to quiet the storm clouds that have been hovering over the Detroit area concerning labor strife.

NEW YORK: Will Hays is out of office! The man who had more to do with what the public saw of a movie production at their local theatres than the producers themselves, was succeeded yesterday by Eric Johnston; 48. The new head of the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, Inc. was formally President of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. It is reported that his salary will be \$150,000 per year. Hays, however, will continue in an advisory post. He will receive \$100,000 per year.

"BUNTS AND BASEHITS"

Here's a recapitulation on what happened in the major leagues on Tuesday, Fans. As you noticed, of course, there was no sports news in your daily press news yesterday morning, as yours truly was wandering around in Yeko-hama, so I'll try to give you a brief review of Tuesday's action on the diamond.

The St. Louis Cardinals and the Washington Senators refuse to believe they are out of the pennent fight. They prolonged the agony of those fans who are impatiently waiting for the Detroit Tigers and Chicago Cubs to clinch the flags, by both trimming the pace-setters in their leagues, on Tuesday afternoon, to cut down the first place margins over themselves.

In the National League, the Chicago Cubs met the runner up St. Louis Cardinals for the 18th time this season and for the 14th time they were beaten. The saw their lead cut to 2 games as the courageous Redbirds who still think the pennant will be theirs handed them a 3 to 2 setback behind the 6 hit pitching of Charley "Red" Barrett, who was hanging up his 22nd win. George Kurowski was the man who provided the Redbirds with their triumph. After the Chicagoans had scored their 2 runs in the first inning on Lowrey's single, an error on a double play ball by second baseman Al Schoendienst, and Pafko's double; Kurowski singled with the bases loaded in the fifth to knot the score. Then in the seventh George singled again to send home Johnny Hopp, who had doubled, with the games deciding tally.

Literally playing in a mud puddle at the nation's capital, the Washington Senators paid no respect to the Tigers over-worked rightanded hurler Paul "Dizzy" Trout and batted him out of the box in the first inning with four runs. The tired Trout was starting his sixth game in two weeks.

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A\$4,000,000 fund will be raised by American Jews to finance non-sectarian medical school in Palestine to meet the doctor shortage there. The announcement made by the fund raising committee said plans call for three main buildings ith provision for future expansion.

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PITTSWIRCH: Corporal Billy Conn, the leading contender for Joe Louis's world neavyweight Championship will be released from the Army on September 25th. Conn during most of his time in the Army, toured Army bases abroad entertaining troops.

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Here is the latest "dope" on those hot Major League pennant races. On Nednesday afternoon, ex-navy CPO Bob Feller, of the Cleveland Indians, made sure the Washington Senators stayed in the American League pennant race. The Senators were idle, but Bobby wasn't. He turned in his first shutout, and his fourth win as he hurled the Indians to a 2 to 0 win over the league leading Detroit Tigers and cut their first place margin down to one game. And Feller just missed entering the Hall of Fame for the second time in doing it, for he pitched a one-hitter. The only safety against him was a blooper over first baseman Les Fleming's head that dropped in safe territory along the right field foul line off the bat of third baseman Jimmy Outlawin the fifthirming.

Tomorrow afternoon the Tigers will again meet Cleveland and the runner-up Senators, now only one game behind will play the New York Yankees. Washington now has 5 games left to play and must win as many of them as Detroit wins of her 7 in order to gain at least a tie for the pennant.

Over in the National League, the die-hard Cardinals almost moved to within one game of the Chicago Cubs, but instead tonight found themselves three games off the pace. Leading 1 to 0 with one out in the ninth, the Cards had just about shaved another game from Chicago's two game league lead when it happened. Outfielder Buster Adams trying to make a shoestring catch on a flyball played it into a triple, and then Harry Peanuts Lowrey drove home the tying marker with a long fly. Then came the tenth inning. The Cubs bashed out 3 hits and 3 runs, took the ball game, 4 to 1, and pushed the Cards 3 games away from the top spot on the National League ladder.

In other major league contests, the Brooklyn Dodgers bounced the New York Giants, 5 to 4, by scering the winning 3 run rally in the 7th inning on Goody Rosen's homer, his 11th of the season. Over in the American, the St. Louis Browns clinched third place from the New York Yankees by bouncing them in both ends of a doubleheader, 6 to 5, and 4 to 3, with both games going 10 innings. And the Boston Red Sox gave the tail-end Philadelphia Athletics a double dose of defeat, 11 to 10, and 3 to 0, with Otis Clark hurling the shutout.

THE POSTSCRIPT (continued)

CAN YOU ATTEND SCHOOL PART-TIME UNDER THE GI BILL? HOW DO THE TUITION AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES WORK CUT?

If you wish to follow a part-time course, you may do so, and the time you are allowed is increased to give you the equivalent of the full-time course permitted by law. Example: a veteran going to school half-time is entitled to tuition and subsistence only at the half-time rate, but may continue the course twice as long.

IS THERE ANY TIME LIMIT WIT IN WHICH A VETERAN MUST APPLY FOR EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS FOLLOWING HIS DISCHARGE?

Courses must begin not later than two years after discharge or after the termination of thewar, whichever date is the later, and must be completed within seven years after the war ends.

CAN YOU GET ANY BENEFITS UNDER THE GI BILL HILE YOU ARE STILL IN SERVICE?

No; benefits of the bill are available only to veterans.

IS A NAVY MAN .HO INTENDS TO REMAIN IN THE SERVICE EXCLUDED FROM THE BENEFITS OF THE GI BILL UNLESS HE LLAVES THE SERVICE WITHIN A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS AFTER THE WAR?

No; note that the time provision of the law above says you must start your course of education or training within two years of (a) your discharge or (b) the end of the war, whichever date is later. However, since no course under the law can extend more than seven years after the termination of the war, you can figure how long you could stay in and still be eligible. (Maximum four-year course, for example, would have to be started three years after the war ended to be completed within seven years).

Incidentally, Navy men who remain in the service are not exactly cut off from educational possibilities, as they will probably be able to take off-duty courses and correspondence courses, valuable in themselves or in preparation for any later training they may want to take in school, college or industry. And that is in addition, of course, to any training they get in their ratings.

A RLGULAR NAVY MAN'S TERM OF ENLISTMENT MAY EXPIRE A YEAR OR MORE FOLLOWING RELEASE OF USNR PERSONNEL. DOES HE STILL GET THE SAME GI BILL OPPORTUNITIES?

Yes, if he meets the time limit described above.

SUPPOSE A MAN ENTERS THE NAVY A MONTH AFTER HIS GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL AND GOES IMPLDIATELY INTO V-12 TRAINING. IF HE BILGES OUT OF V-12 BUT REMAINS IN THE NAVY, IS HE STILL LLIGIBLE FOR EDUC TIONAL BENEFITS UNDER THE GIBIL.?

Yes, and in computing his time spend in active service, he could then include the time spend in V-12, as the course was not "pursued to completion" (see previous question on this angle).

ARE MEMBERS OF FLEET RESERVE AND RETIRED FEGULAR NAVY, WHO ARE RECEIVING RETIREMENT PAY, ELIGIBLE FOR EDUCATION BENEFITS?

Yes, they are eligible for tuition payments and subsistence allowance in addition to retired pay - but they are not eligible for subsistence allowance if they are receiving veteran's pension. All veterans of the present war who meet the service and other general qualifications stated earlier are eligible for GI benefits, regulars and reserves of all classes alike.

IF THERE'S A "BONUS" FOR SERVICEMEN LATER, WILL THAT AFFECT OUR GI BILL BENE-FITS, AND IF SO, HOW?

It will. The GI Bill provides that if there is hereafter authorized any adjusted compensation, or "bonus", any benefits received by or paid for a veteran under the GI Bill must be deducted first.