

NOMINATIONS

L.J. - *Seneca. Tuesday, Sept. 18, 1945.*

The new Secretary of ~~the~~ War is Robert P. Patterson. This was announced today by President Truman at ~~a~~ ^{his} news conference. Secretary Stimson has resigned, and is succeeded by Patterson, who has been Under-Secretary of the War Department.

The retirement of Stimson is still another step in the transformation of the Cabinet that President Truman inherited from President Roosevelt. Of the original Roosevelt Cabinet, only two members now remain - Secretary of Commerce Wallace and Secretary of ~~the~~ Interior Ickes.

And President Truman made another important move today when he consolidated ~~the~~ all the labor agencies of the government in the Department of Labor. These agencies include the war Labor Board, the ~~the~~ War Manpower Commission, and the United States Employment Service. Their jobs are now taken over by Secretary of Labor Schwollenbach and his department.

President Truman, in commenting on this, explained that the new consolidation would give ~~SECRET~~

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Secretary Schwollenbach the whole government job of dealing with strikes. And the Secretary states that he is prepared to intervene promptly in the strike situation in Detroit.

FOLLOW NOMINATIONS

The word from Detroit is that the automobile workers union is adopting a more moderate tone. The union demanded a thirty per cent boost in pay -- and threatened to call an immediate strike vote, if the increase was not granted.

Today union leaders indicated that they were willing to accept a much smaller increase -- for the time being. That is, they won't necessarily call a strike if thirty per cent is not granted right away. They suggest that, while negotiations are going on, there be what x they call "Even slight pay gains." Say -- five per cent.

DEMOBILIZATION

Selective Service announces that hereafter high school boys who are subject to the draft will be deferred for a long enough time to permit them to graduate -- before being taken into the army.

In Washington, Senator Wherry, of Nebraska demanded that Congress should end the draft as soon as possible. He based this on General MacArthur's statement that within six months only two hundred thousand troops will be needed in the occupation of Japan.

Senator Wherry states that the regular army has now four hundred thousand troops, not counting the men drafted. And he said: "The military affairs committee should read MacArthur's statement, and end the draft as soon as possible".

We hear the MacArthur declaration has produced perturbation in some quarters. Congress, which is getting an avalanche of demands that the boys be sent home, is pleased - while people who have been advocating a mass occupation of Japan for a long time, are annoyed.

There have been a series of attacks on General MacArthur. And maybe these can be explained most charitably by supposing that some people never guessed how great would be the success of MacArthur and his policy in the occupation of Japan. Anyway, our commander out there has made a telling reply to critics who were complaining about what they called "a soft policy". Apparently MacArthur knew all along what he was doing in using the Imperial Japanese government as an effective instrument in the ~~xxxx~~ surrender and occupation of Japan. 56

JAPAN

The Premier of Japan announces that the Tokyo Government is going to hold an inquiry on the subject of Pearl Harbor. ^{And, of course} We are to have ^{another} one ourselves -- ~~an investigation over here~~ to find out why the Japs were able to get away with their surprise ~~xxx~~ attack. The Tokyo inquiry will take up the Japanese angle -- why was the Pearl Harbor assault launched? Who was guilty of it? Who in the Japanese Government was responsible for starting the Pacific War? The Jap attitude in the matter is that the war was a mistake, Japan having lost it -- and that those guilty of it should be punished.

All this ^{so} ~~was~~ stated by Premier Prince Naruhiko Higashi-Kuni, cousin of the Emperor, ^{at} a news conference with American reporters today. He declared that Hirohito himself was not guilty of Pearl Harbor, was not a war criminal. "I firmly believe," stated the Premier, "That he was deceived by militarists who were close to him."

Did the Emperor know the attack was being launched? The Premier replied that he couldn't answer --

didn't know. He told the American newsmen that he would present that question to Hirohito himself.

The Premier, as a prominent military leader, denied knowledge on his own part -- and this is echoed by Shiginori Togo who was ~~Rxxxx~~ Prime Minister at the time of Pearl Harbor. He declares that he, though Prime Minister, was not in on the secret, and also that the peace envoy that he sent to Washington was ignorant of what was happening. Remember that peace envoy, Kurusu -- who went for a conference with Secretary of State Hull at the very time that Pearl Harbor was being assailed? We are now assured that he did not know what was going on -- a thing that we have heard before.

Today the Tokyo Premier blamed the whole thing on the militarists of the Tojo Cabinet. He stated that those found guilty would be punished -- by the Japs themselves. He took the attitude that the Japanese Government wants to exact justice -- and that includes the punishment of war criminals guilty of atrocities, said he. This announced Japanese intention to punish is,

of course, in addition to the war criminal trials that are to be held x by the Americans -- which ought to make it unanimous.

The Premier stated that the Japanese ministries of Army and Navy will soon be abolished -- as soon as they have completed the task of demobilizing the Japanese Armed Forces. Likewise, the Army Secret Police will be put out of business -- a notorious outfit of political spies.

Meanwhile, General MacArthur was slapping a suspension on Tokyo's big newspaper -- Asahi. That important daily was put on the shelf for forty-eight hours -- because it published articles in violation of the rules of censorship imposed by the Americans. One of these was an argument that the Atomic Bomb was a violation of International Law.

On the other hand, General MacArthur today authorized the Japanese Government to resume airport transport service. This ~~is to be~~ limited to planes operating on four air routes that radiate from Tokyo to other parts of Japan. *This to facilitate the American occupation.*

INDO-CHINA

Trouble in Indo-China -- rioting, ~~by the~~
Annamites
~~native people~~ against the French. It was disclosed today that in the city of Hanoi, in Anam, American Airborne Troops had to intervene to protect French residents against violent crowds. The mobs were protesting against the return of their country to French control.

The American Troops came in by plane to evacuate prisoners of war, and when they landed they found Hanoi in a turmoil - with street fighting all over the place. *Whereupon the Americans*
~~They~~ pitched in, and helped ~~to~~ restore order.

This is the first report of Indo-French rioting in Northern Indo-China, although the news had come through of an even more serious disturbance in the city of Saigon. There the attacks of native people against the French were suppressed by British and Japanese - Jap soldiers helping the British ~~to~~ put down the disturbance.

KOREA

President Truman assures us that the Japanese officials who are being kept in office are simply being utilized as, what the President called "Servants of the Korean People." The Japs are retained on their job because of their technical qualifications, explains the President. They will be removed as soon as they can be replaced by Koreans. And the President reaffirmed the decision of the Allies that Korea shall "Become Free and Independent."

TYPHOON

The Japanese Weather Bureau calls the Typhoon that hit Japan today -- a marauder of the sky. Which is not a bad name.

~~We may note that all through the last months of the Pacific War, military and naval operations were bedeviled by marauders of the sky. Then the moves of the American Forces for the occupation of Japan were delayed by a Typhoon. And now, once again, the savage blast of the tropical tempest. A Typhoon, brewed by the winds of the ocean off the Tropical Mariannas, went revolving to the northeast - for a raging sweep across southern Japan.~~

~~Dispatches from Tokyo tell of rain driven horizontally by the power of the wind. In the bomb ~~run~~ ruined capital of Japan, showers of burned wreckage ~~are~~ blown ^{about} like a barrage. Shacks of corrugated iron put up by homeless Japs ~~are~~ blown down. Fishing equipment smashed, making it hard for bombed-out hundreds of thousands who have been getting food by fishing.~~

American ships in Tokyo Bay are isolated from the shore. ^QAnd pity the poor First Cavalry. That

historic outfit, which served with Custer, ~~in the old Indian Wars, was the first American unit to enter Tokyo in the occupation of the Japanese capital. Since then the First Cavalry has been living in good old Army style --- in tents. They~~ put up a city of tents.

And you can imagine what the Typhoon has been doing to these. The tents ^{is} ~~of the First Cavalry~~ ^{ripped} turned into a nightmare of wind blasted canvas ripped and torn ~~and blown~~ to shreds by the "marauder of the sky."

Here's an oddity, ~~as~~ if memory serves me right. The big Typhoon of several weeks ago, the wind that delayed the occupation of Japan, had its counterpart over here -- a west Indian hurricane blowing at about the same time. And now, today's Typhoon in Japan occurs almost simultaneously with the hurricane that has been rampaging up along our own East Coast.

One is almost inclined to suspect that there may be a connection between typhoon-hurricane weather on ~~the~~ opposite sides of the world.

FOREIGN MINISTERS

In London the Council of Foreign Ministers is still in a snarl, on the subject of a peace treaty with Italy. Today the question of Trieste was foremost, the Italian port claimed by Jugoslavia. Both the Italians and Jugoslavs presented their arguments - and the Jugoslav claim to Trieste was supported by Soviet Foreign Commissar Molotov.

The Soviet view was expressed by Molotov in a news conference. Talking to the reporters, he made reference to a whole series of Soviet claims in the matter of a peace treaty with Italy. The Dodecanese Islands, in the Aegean Sea, have been an Italian possession, and the word has been that Soviet Russia would like to get a foothold in those islands - pushing Soviet power into the Mediterranean. Molotov today indicated - yes, the Soviets have an interest in the Dodecanese.

Then there are the ~~I~~Italian colonies in North Africa - Tripoli and Eritrea.

Molotov said that Russia is interested in these, too. He argued against an American contention that

the Italian North African colonies should be placed under a joint international trusteeship. Molotov thought the trusteeship should be exercised by individual nations which suggests the notion that the Soviets may want to acquire control of former Italian territory in North Africa.

The complications for the Foreign Ministers were increased today by a question of Armenia, ^{which} that much troubled country is partly in Turkey and partly in Soviet Russia -- ~~there is a~~ Soviet Armenia. And today the Armenian Socialist Party demanded that all of Armenia be transferred from Turkey to the Soviets.

Into the argument they dragged the name of President Wilson. They phrased their demand in these words: "All rights and title over territories assigned to Armenia by President Wilson."

This takes us back to the last war, in which the Armenian Christians were brutally treated by Mohammedan Turks. The idea of President Wilson was to redeem these Christians from Moslem oppression. Now the

demand is that Armenians be transferred from ^{the} Turks to ^{the} ~~Reds~~ --- ~~the Soviet~~ ~~Soviets~~ which is not exactly the idea of redeeming ^{the} Armenian Christians.

HAW HAW

In London, the defense of Lord Haw Haw closed its case today -- suddenly and unexpectedly. The attorneys for William Joyce, who was Hitler's number one propaganda voice in English, sought to establish just one contention -- that the Traitor Lord Haw Haw was an American citizen, and therefore owed no British allegiance and could not be legally guilty of treason to Great Britain.

The voice which in wartime had both angered and amused the British people was not heard in court.

Mr Joyce did not take the stand. (The evidence presented, was, first, a birth certificate intended to prove he was born in the United States, Brooklyn. And then) a couple of witnesses took the stand and gave testimony to indicate that Joyce is an American citizen.

One witness was his brother, Edwin Quentin Joyce, who stated an ironical thing. He told how their family home in England has been destroyed by German Air Raids -- at the same time that Lord Haw Haw, on the German radio, was taking the propaganda line that the

Nazis were bombing only military objectives.

The brother testified that their father had stated that he was an American - having immigrated to the United States and become an American citizen. Thereafter the Joyces had gone to live in England.

The prosecuting attorney for the crown did not oppose the claim that Lord Haw Haw is a citizen of the United States. The contention of the prosecution is that he used a British passport and that made him subject to British law and allegiance.

ROMANCE

Now let's all arise and sing -- "Home, Home on the Range, where the Deer and the Antelope play". That was the refrain which rang in the ears of a lady down in Tennessee, who saw a matrimonial advertisement in a magazine. The ad told of a Western Rancher who sought a wife. He signed himself -- "Lonely Heart". His address was - Lost Cabin, Wyoming. She wrote to him and he wrote back that he had a fifteen hundred acre ranch and great herds of cattle. He offered her what he called - "A happy Western style marriage."

The lady, a mature ^{wench of} forty-seven was beguiled, caught with the vision of the great open spaces. Home, Home on the Range.

Today she stated: "I love horses and cattle; so, I sold my furniture and used the money to buy a one-way ticket to Wyoming." "There she found "Lonely Heart". He turned out to be a lonely sixty-seven. She also found "Lost Cabin", which was exactly correct. The fifteen hundred acre ranch was a tumbledown one-room shack out in the hills. Home, Home on the Range.

"Lonely Heart" the romantic plainsman turned out to be a caveman. "He would parade around with no clothes on" says the lady, "And beat his chest just like an ape". Home, Home on the Range. "He would get mad" she goes on, "And throw rocks at me. I still have a bruise on my leg where he hit me with a rock. He thought he was funny."

She didn't think it funny, particularly when she mentioned marriage - as promised in the advertisement. ^{He} said - well, he might get around to that, some time. Meanwhile - Home, Home on the Range.

He kept a close watch on her. "He would point to the mountains around the cabin," says she, "And tell me how people had disappeared up there and never been seen again":-

↳ "Where never is heard, a discouraging ~~is~~ word, ~~is~~

↳ "And skies are not cloudy or gray".

She finally managed to escape, driving away in an old battered jallopy that was the sole vehicle on

the ranch. She got as far as Denver, and there was arrested, charged with stealing the auto.

Tonight the lady says all she wants to do is ~~to~~ get back to Tennessee, and never again ^{does she} want to hear that sighing tune -- "Home, Home on the Range."

And so long until tomorrow.