

C. J. - Sunoco. Tuesday, Sept. 10, 1945.


The people of Washington in one day buried one of the nation's illustrious naval heroes and welcomed ^{home} the Army hero who survived the most terrible ~~and~~ ordeal that any General officer ^{has} ~~ever~~ sustained in ^{our} ~~modern~~ times. At Arlington cemetery, Vice-Admiral ~~John~~ McCain was laid to rest with full military honors. Admiral Ernest J. King, the Cincus, Admiral Leahy, The President's personal-Chief of Staff, General Alexander Vandergrift, Commander of the Marine Corps, and scores of high ranking officers stood by at the last rites for the ~~the~~ distinguished American ^{sailor, and} ~~soldier~~ ^{airman, who in many} ~~who in several~~ battles contributed ^{much to our} ~~to the devastating~~ victory over Japan. ~~victories of our fleets in the Pacific.~~

A Navy band, headed the funeral procession with two platoons of Marines and two platoons of sailors. In front of the caisson that bore his remains to the cemetery marched a guard of honor ^{with} ~~which carried~~ Admiral McCain's Flag, three white stars on navy blue draped with black. ~~crepe~~ General Vandergrift and seven

Admirals were the honorary pallbearers.

And, as the last note of taps faded on the air,
today
a plane flew over the national airport, bringing to the
capital the number one hero of Bataan and Corregidor,
General Wainwright -- bringing him to receive the
highest honor that our nation can award, the Congress^{ional}
Medal of Honor.

Few General Officers in all history have endured
more than the man whom officers and hundreds of
thousands of doughboys alike know and love as "Skinny"
Wainwright", hero of Bataan and Corregidor, the man who
stayed behind, to carry out that bitter surrender to
a sneering, scornful, uncivilized enemy. For three
and a half years in prison viciously treated by a
ruthless enemy. Starved, neglected, beaten, insulted,
and public^{ly} humiliated.



And he was gallant enough to say, today, that the affection and acknowledgment showed him today, officially, by the highest representatives of the nation made up for it all. In his words, "It was a welcome such as a man dreams of when locked away behind barbed wire, and the bayonets of cruel jailors."

Five hundred thousand people in Washington poured out to show what they thought of him. There were cries of "Hey Skinny! Welcome Skinny!" To the whole country, Lieutenant General Wainwright today is just "Skinny". He surely looked the part, limping, worn and haggard. For him the high point of the day came when he stepped out of his big four-motored plane from San Francisco and saw waiting for him Kitty Wainwright, the woman who had waited and suffered for him ~~nine almost four long~~ *for nearly four* years.

As he called out to her "Hello Darling", the bystanders could see that he was too deeply moved to say any more.

And then
~~As~~ he took her in his arms, ~~and kissed her, there were~~
~~tears in the eyes of both of them.~~

After the mass reception at the Washington Monument, ~~Gen.~~ ^{Gen.} Wainwright went to the capital, there to be ~~xxx~~ welcomed first by the Senators and then by the Representatives. When he appeared before the latter, Speaker Sam Rayburn introduced him as one of the outstanding heroes of the earth. In both ~~xxxx~~ ~~xxxx~~ Chambers of the House his speeches were constantly interrupted by applause from Senators and Representatives. ^{TP Gen. Wainwright} ~~he~~ showed no rancor, but ^{he did say} ~~said~~ that no humane person could desire that the Japs be forced to endure what many of our men went through. ^{However he} ~~But, he~~ ^{did} insist ^{that} these truculent men ~~must~~ be forced to realize the folly of their ambitions. In every speech ~~that~~ he made, and he had to talk wherever he stopped, ^{the Gen.} ~~the~~ ^{4 Bataan and Corregidor} emphasized the need of keeping America strong. He used these words: "In the name of all my comrades who ~~xx~~ suffered with me, I pray that this nation will never again neglect the strength of its defenses." And he added: "I hope that the story of what Americans suffered will always be remembered in its practical

significance -- as a lesson that almost lost for us this land we ~~xxxxxx~~ love."

It was apparent to everybody that General Wainwright spoke with considerable difficulty. This was partly because of his physical weakness and partly because of the intense emotion of the day.

After leaving the House of Representatives he went to the White House where President Truman pinned on his ^{breast}~~chest~~ the Congressional Medal of Honor.

That was by way of a surprise. As he did it, ~~tx~~ the President said: "It gives me more pleasure than most anything I have ever done to present General Wainwright with the Congressional Medal of Honor."

~~Pres.~~ Truman also declared: "The final stand on beleaguered Corregidor, for which he was in an important measure personally responsible, commanded the admiration of the nation's Allies. It reflected the high ~~xxx~~ morale of American arms in the fact of overwhelming odds. His courage and resolution were a vitally needed inspiration to the then sorely pressed

freedom-loving peoples of the world." To which the

~~General replied: "I am deeply grateful, Mr. President."~~

But that did not end the day for ~~Stinky~~

Wainwright. After leaving the White House, he ~~had to~~ ^{went}

~~go~~ to the Pentagon ~~Building~~ where ^{at} a Press Conference

~~had been arranged, and there he answered questions from~~ ^{he faced}

~~some~~ three hundred newspapermen ^{and answered}

^{their} questions.

OCCUPATION

Douglas MacArthur took two drastic steps today ^{to} ~~which will~~ remind the Japanese ^{that} ~~forcibly~~ they are a conquered nation. With one stroke he abolished Japanese Imperial General Headquarters, ^{and he} directed the Japanese Government to dissolve it by September Thirteenth. On top of that, he clamped down a strict censorship on Japanese newspapers and broadcasters, ^{putting} ~~to put~~ a stop to their propaganda against American Troops and information ~~about their movements.~~ Newspapers or radio stations who ^{disobey will} ~~infringe this order~~ [/] to be suspended.

In his order to the Japanese government, the General used these words: "The supreme Commander for the Allied Powers has directed that Japanese Imperial General Headquarters be abolished effective September Thirteenth." He ^{hadn't made} ~~did not make~~ this move before, because he needed the machinery of Imperial Headquarters for arranging the surrender of ^{more than} six million Japanese soldiers, all the way from Hokkaido to Singapore ^{and on to} the Solomons, ~~in the South.~~ Now that that ^{has} ~~has~~ been

accomplished, the Imperial High Command is no more.

Which
~~That~~ means that the Allied Forces can deal directly
 with local Commanders in the home islands and elsewhere.

~~And~~ *It* according to a spokesman for MacArthur, *this will*

help
 prevent ~~any~~ Japanese treachery, such as a plan to
 send the Imperial Army underground to ~~conspire~~ and
 make ready to come out ~~into daylight~~ again after the
 occupation *is over*, ~~has ended~~.

~~The story from Tokyo presumes that MacArthur's
 order included a demand for the records of the
 Japanese High Command, but there is no official word
 on that subject.~~

Japanese
 MacArthur's order to press and radio ~~to watch~~
~~their step~~ is for the purpose of stopping the
 propaganda campaign the Jap newspapers and broadcasters
 have been carrying on, ~~They~~ *by* accuse our occupation
 forces of ~~issuing~~, looting, robbery and rape. *even* ~~They~~
~~were also~~ conducting a propaganda campaign to ~~pr~~
 persuade the Japanese people that it was the
 benevolence of Emperor Hirohito that ended the war,

not Japanese defeat. The Nippon Times, for example,

^{ran} had an editorial saying the Japanese were amazed

because there were few cases of outrageous conduct

by American Troops. That was an improvement on the

American record, said the Nippon Times. ^{which} ~~that~~ gives us

^{some} an idea of ^{what} ~~the insidious methods used by~~ the Japs ^{have}

^{been up to.} At the same time the American Commanders under

MacArthur announce that within the next six weeks

they will have landed ten more Divisions of the Sixth

and Eighth Armies on Japanese soil. ~~That means~~ a

hundred and fifty thousand men. There are already

a hundred thousand in the islands. This quarter million

occupation army will be spread ^{over} ~~among~~ ten ~~of the main~~

~~biggest~~ Japanese ports and naval bases. Some of these

will be new units, ~~probably~~ straight from the United

States. ~~The Twenty-Seventh Division still is being~~

~~landed by air.~~

General MacArthur has also issued proclamations

^{to} ~~for~~ the people of Korea. One ~~ix~~ ~~of them~~ ^{day} orders the

government ⁱⁿ ~~at~~ Korea to ~~continue~~ carrying on for the

present. Another decrees^{my} death or other punishment for any violation of ~~his~~^{my} orders, and another establish^{my} a military currency for Korea.

The Headquarters of General ~~Robert~~ Eichelberger of the Eighth Army announced today that ~~xxxx~~ altogether nine thousand, three hundred and six allied war prisoners have been set free in the area around Tokyo and eight thousand, three hundred and twenty-four of them^{se} have been already evacuated from Japan.

A story from Singapore indicated⁵ that the Mikado's Commander-In-Chief in Southeast Asia^{has been} was trying to save face by refusing to attend the surrender ceremony tomorrow. Field Marshal Count Terauchi says he is ill, cannot come. Terauchi is noted for his arrogance and there was reason to believe this was nothing but a stall. However, Admiral Mountbatten's officers investigated and established the fact that the Field Marshal really is ill. ~~Smk~~ So, his deputy will be allowed to surrender in his place. However, Mountbatten is going to be sure that the arrogant fellow is not allowed to save face. He will have to

come in and surrender in person as soon as he recovers.

The physicians ^{say} ~~declared~~ that Terauchi ^{has} had a stroke,

~~followed by residual paralysis~~. The man who will take

his place at the surrender ceremony is General

Itagaki, ^a close ~~next~~ friend of the Former Premier ~~of~~ ^{Tojo}

~~Japan, General Tojo.~~

Troops of the Southeast Asia command have landed
on the West Coast of Malaya, British and Indian Troops.
Three hundred Japanese officers in Malaya committed
suicide with hand grenades when they learned about the
surrender.

QUISLING

Quisling to die , before a firing squad. The trial court, composed of seven of his Norwegian countrymen, found him guilty of every count brought by the state except a few minor ones, guilty of treason murder, embezzlement and theft. And the seven who sat in judgment over Quisling were unanimous about it.

In addition to being shot, he must pay back, to the state, every cent of salary he paid himself while he was Hitler's puppet at Oslo. This amounts to some two-hundred and eighty-thousand dollars.

Major Quisling's attorney announced at once that he would appeal to the Supreme Court of Norway. And if the court turns him down, he may also appeal to King Haakon.

Among other things, the court found that Quisling was responsible for the fate of more than a thousand Jews whom the Nazis took ■■ from Norway to torture camps in Poland. Over this point there was a slight division in the court. Some of the judges ■■ were not sure Quisling knew for certain that the Jews

were being sent to the gas chambers. The Chief Judge and one other believed that he must have known it. However, they all believed beyond reasonable doubt that Quisling knew the Jews were being sent out of Norway, although he swore that he did not.

They also found him guilty of stealing valuable chattels belonging to the state and from the Palace of King Haakon.

Quisling had to stand for more than an hour, while the presiding justice read the verdict, -- to die before the firing squad.

BIG FIVE

The international spotlight, for the next few days at least, will be on London. The scheduled conference of the council of Foreign Ministers of the Big Five powers will open tomorrow, and all of them, with their staffs, are already in the British capital. Foreign Commissar Molotov arrived by plane today. Georges Bidault of France and Wang Shih Chief of China have been there several days. Our ~~own~~ State Secretary, Jimmy Byrnes, arrived today at Southampton on the Queen Elizabeth, with Mrs. Byrnes.

The issues they will discuss, ~~of course~~, are numerous and of ^{much importance,} ~~tremendous moment~~, particularly the drafting of an Italian peace treaty. At the same time, we already know one question that will not be discussed, and that is the future control of the atomic bomb. It became known on the banks of the Thames that His Majesty's government is opposed to any discussion of that heavily loaded question. Foreign Secretary Ernest ^{est} ~~Ern~~ Bevin believes that matter is up to the United Nations organization.

~~There~~ ^{Now} ~~will not~~ ^{there} be many banquets and state functions in connection with the conference of the Ministers. After Potsdam there was a good deal of criticism because of the numerous ~~banquets and~~ ceremonies ^{al and} social affairs. So none of them have been planned except a reception for all ministers at the House of Lords on September thirteenth, and a state banquet at St. James's Palace September Seventeenth.

LASKI

Professor Harold Laski of England today had some pointed things to say. The Professor of course is still the Chairman of the executive board of the British Labor Party, which means he's pretty much the boss of the party, able even to tell the Prime Minister and the whole British Cabinet what's what, so far as party line is concerned.

In making an address to the annual conference of the Trades Union Congress, he said that the British Labor Party's job is to prove that socialism works. There are powerful interests, he continued, anxious to see the British Labor Party fail and also powerful interests willing to cooperate in that failure. Then he added: "We have to persuade big business in America to accept our full right to experiment in our own lives on our own ~~xxxxxx~~ terms".

As though, in some mysterious way business men in America, big or little, ~~ix~~ have been trying to interfere in the internal politics of Britain.

Laski said further that the age of capitalism

is drawing to a close, and that it's up to British Labor now to inaugurate, with the present government, an age of democratic socialism in Britain.

DEMOBILIZATION

Congressmen are already beginning to grumble about the slowness of demobilization. ^{One}~~Even~~ prominent Democrat, representative Eugene Cox of Georgia, told his colleagues in the House that the Armed Forces have bungled the demobilization job, and bungled it badly. Four Republican members chimed in, with ~~Cox~~ one of them proposing to offer a bill compelling the military establishment to release all men who have had more than two years' service. A western

Senator, Robertson of Wyoming, charged the administration with keeping the boys in uniform so that discharged war workers can get ~~the~~ jobs without having to compete with veteran job priorities which exist in many industries.

It seems that members of Congress are venting on the Army and the Navy their woes because of the tens of thousands of letters and telephone calls they receive asking them to intervene in favor of this, that, or the other individual. Senator Tydings of Maryland had to go on the air to explain to the people of the Free

State that Congressmen cannot get men out of the Army just because ~~his~~ parents vote the right way or because *so and so* ~~he~~ is a nice fellow.

Senator Wherry of Nebraska during his ten days' vacation at home, spent nine of them on the telephone, explaining to home town folks why he couldn't get their boys out of uniform. After long explanations, *about all he got in response was:* ~~the only result he got was the words~~ "Well, I want him to come home now".

Senator Robertson of Wyoming went home one evening and found his house full of people. Those whose menfolk were in the Army were in the dining room, relatives of Navy men filled the ~~the~~ kitchen, and Marine Corps families were in the living room.

These are days when you ~~are~~ *can be* glad you're not a Congressman, *Hugh!*