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## JAPANESE FEUDAL SYSTEM ABOLISHED

The Japanese Government was ordered Sunday by General MacArthur to take steps to free Japanese farmers from economic bondage to feudal absentee landlords, from discriminatory taxes and other centuries-old restrictions. The directive, described by headquarters in Tokyo as one of the most far-reaching of the occupation, in line with the principles of the Potsdam Declaration ordered basic reforms intended to favor the development of democratic tendencies, and to give the farmer a chance to enjoy a fair part of his labor. The Supreme Commander ordered the directive to be carried out by March 15th.

## TRUMAN'S LABOR PROPOSALS BEFORE CONGRESS

In Washington the House Labor Committee is considering legislation proposed last week by President Truman. The proposal was to establish "fact-finding boards" to settle major industrial disputes. Attempting to get the bill up for a vote before Christmas in accordance with the President's wishes, it was desired to limit the number of people to be called for testimony, but this was defeated in a vote. Most of the legislators are said to be in favor of the proposal, but Labor is opposed, especially to the provision that strikes be outlawed for thirty days while the fact-finding board is being established. The first witness yesterday was John L. Lewis, head of the powerful United Mine Workers Union, who told the committee that the plan would be to the advantage of the rich and powerful and those who would oppress labor. Referring to the 30-day strike ban clause, Lewis said it would restrict the privilege of free labor and neutralize labor's strength.

## BYRNES LEAVES SOON FOR MOSCOW

As the Secretary of State James Byrnes prepared to leave for the talks with Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and Foreign Commissar Molotov in Moscow, the world speculated as to what the representatives of the Big Three would discuss. It was known for certain that the atomic bomb will be the main question. The Iranian Ambassador in Washington said yesterday that he will see Byrnes before he leaves to urge that he oppose, on behalf of the U. S., any plan to make another Munich of the Iran matter. With the recent announcement that a division each of Russian and British troops will land in Japan in January, it is believed that occupation policies there will also be up for discussion.

## GERMANS PLANNED TO STRIP RUSSIA

Alfred Rosenberg, leading Nazi theorist, was implicated directly in evidence presented before the Nurnberg War Crimes Trial by the U. S. prosecution. It was shown that he had formulated the plans to destroy the Russian political system and to colonize the country with Germans. The prosecution charged that it was the Nazi policy to strip those eastern territories of their raw materials and leave the inhabitants to starve. Evidence showed that in orders to the Wehrmacht as early as Dec. 1940, Hitler had told army leaders to be prepared to attack the Soviet Union. They were confident that their 125 divisions and three air fleets would quickly bring about a Russian collapse. It was termed by the American prosecutor as one "of the most cold-blooded aggressions against a friendly neighbor in history."

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## GENERAL PATTON PARTIALLY PARALYZED, CONDITION "SATISFACTORY"

General George S. Patton Jr. lies partially paralyzed today in an Army hospital in Heidelberg, Germany. A medical bulletin describes his condition as satisfactory and declares that the general is completely rational and rested comfortably Sunday night. He suffered spinal injuries Sunday when an Army truck reportedly turned off a side road onto an autobahn near Mannheim and crashed into the general's sedan. Patton and his chief of staff Major General Hobart R. Gay had left Fifteenth Army headquarters to go pheasant hunting. Gay and the driver, Pfc. Horace Woodring, were not hurt. Mrs. Patton and a neuro-surgery expert are rushing to the general's bedside from the United States in an Army transport plane.

## JAP MOVES INTO THAILAND SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT U. S. INTERVENTION SAYS MARSHALL

General George C. Marshall testified yesterday it was his personal opinion a month before Pearl Harbor that whenever the Japanese moved into Thailand the United States and Britain would be forced into war. The former Chief of Staff, appearing before the Pearl Harbor Investigating Committee for the fourth day, answered questions put by Senator Ferguson, Michigan Republican. Ferguson noted that Marshall and Admiral Harold R. Stark, then Chief of Naval Operations, had sent a memorandum to the late President Roosevelt on Nov. 5, 1941, saying that further Japanese aggressive moves should bring retaliation if the Japs moved west of 100 degrees east or south of 10 degrees North in Thailand.

## Winant Message Disclosed

The Michigan Senator brought out that on Nov. 6th Ambassador John G. Winant had messaged Washington from London that the Japanese were on the move. Ferguson asked, "That message that they were on the move meant more didn't it?" Marshall replied, "I was of the opinion at the time that the Government would be forced to accept a condition of hostilities." He said he thought that Admiral Stark concurred with him in the belief that to permit the Japanese to enter the Gulf of Siam would put them on the back door of Singapore.

## GIANT CYCLOTRON TO OPEN NEW REALM

A four thousand-ton cyclotron, five or six times as powerful as any in existence, will be completed next summer. Continued on page 2



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mer at the University of California, Nobel prize winner and cyclotron inventor Professor Ernest O. Lawrence announced at Berkeley on Sunday. Dr. Lawrence and his associates predicted the new cyclotron will open a new realm of atomic energy possibilities exceeding the fields opened by the atomic bomb invention.

#### More Powerful Bombs

Dr. Lawrence, in announcing the University's peacetime program of nuclear research, said he hopes eventually to split elements lighter than uranium and to produce fragments of atoms more powerful than the activities of neutron, which was used to set off atomic bombs over Japan.

The new cyclotron is being completed in the hills of the Univ. of California campus. It was started just before World War II but the building was halted so that its huge magnet could be employed to split the explosive from ordinary uranium in atomic bomb research. Revealing details of the new cyclotron with the Army's approval, Dr. Lawrence said the new machine will make "practical the hitherto impossible testing of many of the parts of the atomic structure."

#### U. S. WANTS COMMERCIAL USE OF AIR BASES LEASED FROM BRITAIN

A State Department source disclosed yesterday that the United States had presented a plan to Britain for commercial use of airfields in Newfoundland, Bermuda and the Caribbean which were leased to the U. S. in 1940 for military use, in exchange for 50 over-age destroyers. These bases were acquired in 99-year leases "as essential to the maintenance of our peace and safety."

The opening of bases to commercial use would be accomplished, according to the American proposal, through a new British and American aviation agreement covering services between the U. S. and all parts of the British Empire.

The U. P. said the United States reportedly has proposed application to the bases of the five freedoms of the air framed at Chicago. These would give U. S. planes rights, first, to fly over the bases; second, to land for refueling; third, to debark traffic; fourth, to embark traffic for the U. S. and fifth, to embark traffic for other countries, all without restrictions.

#### LINZ LEAGUE MONDAY RESULTS

25 Reg Sta 33  
83rd QM 25  
735 ROB 35  
83rd Hq 20

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Austrian Ernst Kaltenbrunner joined the other defendants yesterday, having been absent since the beginning of the trials owing to a cranial hemorrhage. He was a high-ranking Gestapo leader.

#### NAVY OPPOSES MERGER OF SERVICES

Following his chief, Admiral Ernest J. King, retiring as Chief of Naval Operations, who over the weekend expressed strongly his opposition to a merger of the forces of the United States, Rear Admiral Luis DeFlorez yesterday told the Senate Military Committee that a merger of the Army and Navy might slow down the U. S.'s scientific development. He said that he considered competition between the services as the single factor that did the most to bring forth radar, the atomic bomb and other wartime inventions. Admitting the feasibility of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, King said in his last official report that this war had produced no one man could competently have directed all the services.

#### BRITAIN WANTS INDIAN SELF-RULE

Speaking in Calcutta yesterday, Lord Wavell, Viceroy of India appealed to the Indian people for "goodwill and understanding" in India so that the country may assume its rightful place in the world. Wavell said that Britain wishes to have political freedom and self-government but these aims will not be accomplished through violence and disorders. In his talk the Viceroy covered most of the urgent issues of the day. In closing he praised those soldiers of the Indian Army who did not join the Jap-puppet Indian National Army while captives of the Japanese. He explained to his listeners that the tasks of the Indian Army in Java today was not to suppress the Indonesians, but to disarm the Japs and bring order to that country.

#### SENATE DISCUSSES PAY INCREASES

The Senate was yesterday considering the bill presented by Senator Downey of California, calling for increases in pay for members of Congress and civil servants. He proposed a blanket 20% increase for all in the civil service, an increase from 10- to 15,000 dollars for members of Congress and an additional 25,000 for the Presidential expense allowance. Most Senators are believed in favor of some sort of compromise to this proposal. Sen. Downey said that the Government must raise its pay scales or else lose high caliber personnel to private business. Should the proposal go through unchanged, it would mean an increased tax burden of 40,000,000 dollars.

#### UAW CONTINUES TALKS WITH FORD, GM

In an effort to solve the 20-day-old strike of 200,000 General Motors workers, representatives of both the Union and the Corporation resumed talks in Detroit yesterday. In reply to the Union demand for a 30% wage increase, GM countered on Saturday with a 10% increase which the UAW rejected. This is only part of the Union's plan to ultimately realize these aims from the "Big Three" manufacturers. In connection with this talks are also going on with representatives of the Ford Motor Co. On Sunday UAW delegates announced that they have a so-called company security plan to offer management which is "nothing short of revolutionary."

#### TODAY'S ENTERTAINMENT

Central — 1315, 1815, 2015 — "Keep Your Powder Dry," with Lana Turner and Laraine Day (Tue. and Wed).

Cleveland — 1315, 1815, 2015 — "I Love a Bandleader," with Phil Harris and Rochester (last day today).

Volks (Steyr) — "George White's Scandals," with Jack Haley and Joan Davis Landes — "Hi Yank," a variety show 1930-2130 (Tue. and Wed). Adm. price 5 sch. and tickets may be purchased at box-office which is open daily 0900-1130 and 1300-1700. Civilians invited.

Linz Red Cross — Choral group meets at 2000 tonight. Bingo game also at 2000. Club hours: 1400-2230. Doughnut bar opens 1030.