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Demobilization Wails

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As you know, the AIN-KATIS NEWS, after a short life, died yesterday. In its place, we are publishing a daily two page news sheet, the KINKAID NEWS. We plan to carry no features in the paper, but merely to keep you abreast of the news.

Wails of high-point GI's marooned around the world are reaching Washington in increasing volume. A spokesman for the War Shipping Administration, which transports most of the troops, acknowledged today the heat is getting hotter to bring home all men eligible for discharge. But he said that too many factors enter into the situation for an overnight solution.. This official, who asked

his name not to be used, told reporters he merely follows orders from the joint Chiefs of Staff

"picking up troops when and where we are told." He insisted they were meeting all schedules of the Joint Chiefs of Staffs. There was no comment from the joint Chiefs, but an army spokesman said the scarcity of seamen is an important factor in troop movement. This spokesman said that on the west coast, for example, lack of men for crews is so severe the Army has assigned 280 soldiers to mess duties and 200 others to radio work on troop carriers working out of San Francisco. The Army expects to be only seven days behind its overall troop return schedule by January first. Roughly 500 thousand men are being brought home each month. WSA hopes to be out of the Pacific by the end of June, and of Europe by the end of January.

Indonese Continue Resistance

The Netherlands News Agency said today that British-Indian forces have gained control of virtually all of the Soerabaja Naval Base in Java. British tank crews turned back fanatical charges by the Indonesian Nationalists. The Dutch dispatch said many Indonesians were killed in the charges, but there still were no indications that the natives were preparing to give up the fight. British authorities placed three top-ranking Japanese generals under arrest on charges of violating Allied surrender orders by turning Japanese tanks, armored cars, guns and ammunition over to the Indonesians.

LABOR DISPUTES

A break in the nation's cloudy labor horizon appeared over the weekend, but 272,000 workers continued idle in labor disputes. The break came when 2,500 CIO electrical workers in New Jersey returned to work today at the Kearney, Belleville, and West Orange plants of Thomas A. Edison, Incorporated. But several times as many workers were affected by the CIO Electrical Workers request that the War Labor Board conduct a strike vote among 270,000 employees of the three big manufacturers of electrical equipment - General Electric, Westinghouse, and General Motors Electrical Division. Benjamin Fairless, president of U.S. Steel, promised after a careful consideration of the government appeal, that the company will resume collective bargaining conferences with CIO steel workers.

VIEWS OF THE NEWS

WASHINGTON - The National Maritime Union, CIO, announced today that, as the result of its campaign to speed the return of the GI's from abroad, the War Shipping Administration has removed nine Liberty ships from anchorage.

Joseph Curren, president of the union, said these ships will be repaired and used as troop carriers. He said the union received thousands of telegrams and letters in support of its decision not to provide crews, after December the first, to vessels other than troop ships, unless additional facilities were allocated for troop transport.

WASHINGTON - Approximately one third of 2,500,000 American fighting men deployed in the Pacific for the invasion of Japan, have been returned to the States aboard Navy vessels, the Navy announced today. During the first two months of peace, the Navy said, 835,000 service men were moved homeward via naval transportation and thousands of others went by air, or aboard Army or WSA vessels.

JAPAN - In Japan, the Japanese Communist Party has announced it will conduct its final investigation of war criminals, and said further it had placed Emperor Hirohito's name on top of the list. They also started a campaign for distribution of farmlands to peasants and for workers control of important industries.

WASHINGTON - Senate Democratic Leader Barkley, of Kentucky, told reporters he will decline to discuss any plans for a holiday adjournment for Congress until some sort of a job guarantee bill is ready for President Truman's signature. "It is my position that we can't afford to talk about any sort of recess until this and other important matters are disposed of", Barkley said. In essence, the idea is to pledge the government to take up the slack with a public works program, should private industry fail to provide jobs for those able and willing to work.

CHINA - The Chinese Communists announced today that they and Chiang Kai Shek's Central Government have agreed to allow a proposed political consultative council settle "all outstanding issues" of China's undeclared civil war. The Council will be called into session about November the 20th. The decision to entrust the disputed issues to the new Council was reached at a peace talk arranged by an increasingly influential liberal Democratic League. Chinese Communist's spokesman, however, said the final issue of peace or all-out civil war rests with Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek. The Central Government called China's National Assembly to meet May 5th.

NEW YORK - At Beacon New York a high municipal official said that the body of Commador Dixie Kiefer, Pacific war hero, had been identified as one of six men killed in the crash of a Navy plane on Mount Beacon, three miles northeast of the town. Commador Keifer was widely known as "Captain Dixie" of the documentary film "Fighting Lady".

WASHINGTON - In the Capital the Administration added steam, today, to its drive to get a full employment bill through Congress before Christmas.