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## Truman Signs Bretton Woods, Export-Import And Agriculture Bills

### United States Will Invest 6 Billion To Stabilize Economy

Washington—(AP)—Presidential signature of three major measures providing for American participation in international economic and monetary operations was announced today.

The measures are the Bretton Woods bill providing for a huge monetary fund to stabilize postwar exchange rates; the measure increasing the lending authority of the export-import bank from \$700,000,000 to \$3,500,000,000 to aid in postwar reconstruction and that providing for American membership in the food and agriculture organization of the United Nations.

The White House made the announcement that President Truman had approved the three pieces of legislation.

**Invest Six Billion**  
With the president's signature to the Bretton Woods agreements, the United States committed itself to invest nearly \$6,000,000,000 in a program to stabilize the world's economy and promote international trade.

The agreements worked out at a conference of monetary experts from 44 nations at Bretton Woods, N.H., last summer, provide for establishment of a \$9,100,000,000 international bank and an \$8,800,000,000 international monetary stabilization fund.

The United States is the first country to ratify them. The bank and fund are not to be established until countries representing 65 per cent of the total fund have approved.

Under the agreement, the United States is to put up \$3,175,000,000 of the bank's funds and \$2,750,000,000 of the monetary fund.

The stabilization fund is intended primarily to promote international trade by facilitating exchange of currencies.

**Resounding Approval**  
Despite misgivings voiced by critics, the program received resounding approval in congress. It passed the house 345 to 18 and was approved by the senate 61 to 16.

The legislation boosting the lending authority of the export-import bank is intended to bridge the gap between lend-lease and the Bretton Woods plan for a world bank. It will serve as the administration vehicle to prime the pump of foreign trade immediately after the war.

A companion measure, permitting private financial trading between this country and nations which defaulted their first world war debts, still is pending in both branches of congress.

The United Nations food membership proposal is an outgrowth of the International conference at Hot Springs, Va.

It commits this country to contribute \$25,000 to the organization's first year budget of \$2,500,000 and up to \$1,125,000 annually thereafter.

Twenty-three other nations already have approved the food organization, which is to make studies and means to improve world nutrition.

## Chinese Aim New Drive at Railway

Chungking—(AP)—Chinese troops have launched a drive apparently aimed at cutting the Hunan-Kwangsi railroad in Hunan province and blocking the main avenue of the Japanese withdrawal from Kwangsi province, the high command indicated today.

The Chinese, after recapturing the important Japanese stronghold of Sining, a Hunan province stronghold safeguarding the enemy's western flank, smashed ahead in the direction of the important rail town of Tungan in pursuit of the enemy.

Tungan, in Hunan, is roughly midway between Kweilin and the Japanese bastion of Hengyang, where the Hunan-Kwangsi railroad meets the Canton-Hankow line.

## Hold Everything



"It says here there's a civilian transportation shortage—why, I never saw so many freights in any life!"

## Robert Bell, Missing, Now Declared Dead



ROBERT K. BELL

T/Sgt. Robert K. Bell, 28, missing in action since July 18, 1944, has been declared officially dead by the war department, according to word received by the serviceman's wife, Joyce, who resides in Port Edwards with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hamlett.

On July 18, 1944, Sergeant Bell, radio operator and gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress, was participating in a raid on Memmingen, Germany, with the 483rd bomb squadron in the Fifteenth Airforce. His bomber was hit and exploded in mid-air, according to one of his crewmen, T/Sgt. Ted Solomon of Chicago.

Solomon told Bell's wife that the bomber was mortally wounded over Kempton, Germany. Solomon himself was hurt in the attack but was helped off the stricken aircraft by Bell. The plane exploded before Bell was able to bail out, the Chicago airman stated. Two others of the crew were killed, while Solomon was taken prisoner by the Germans and held for 11 months.

**Consolidated Employee**  
Bell was born in Milwaukee, August 19, 1915 and he resided in Wisconsin Rapids since he was 10 years old. He was graduated from Lincoln High school with the class of 1934 and was employed at Consolidated Water Power and Paper company until June 19, 1941 when he entered military service at Milwaukee.

Bell received training at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., and Scott Field, Ill., then served as an instructor in the technical training command at the Stevens hotel, Chicago. Next he was transferred to Harlingen, Texas, where he received his gunner's wings in October, 1942. Advanced training followed at Rapid City, S. D., and McDill Field, Tampa, Fla. Goes Overseas

In March, 1944, Bell flew overseas from Savannah, Ga., to North Africa. Later he moved to an advanced air base at Foggia, Italy. He was on his 38th mission when he lost his life.

Bell had won a Presidential unit citation with an oak leaf cluster, the air medal with cluster, good conduct medal, pre-World War ribbon, Mediterranean Theater ribbon and the Purple Heart.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his father, Clifton J. Bell, 1040 Sixteenth street north.

## Three Accidents Reported in City

Three accidents were reported to city police yesterday. None of the vehicles were badly damaged and nobody was injured.

About 1:10 yesterday afternoon, a car driven by Richard Gerzmehle, 17, 611 Thirteenth avenue north, collided with a tower owned by the Warsinske Motor company and driven by Walter W. Nystrom, 41, 1331 Russell street, at the intersection of West Grand avenue and Canal street.

Cars driven by Mrs. Joe Pirczynski, 631 Fourteenth street north, and Mrs. Margaret Boles, 1050 First street north, collided 4 o'clock. Mrs. Pirczynski was driving from a parking space at 131 First street north when the cars collided.

About 10 o'clock last night, cars driven by Walter Brink, 53, 520 Lee street, and William Powell, 59, 1311 Sixteenth street south, collided at the intersection of Sixth street and East Grand avenue.

**ARREST 1,000 WOMEN**  
Manila—(AP)—Army directed police have arrested nearly 1,000 prostitutes in Manila during the last two days in a determined effort to reduce the rate of venereal disease among soldiers and sailors.

## 80,000 WORKERS ARE IDLE IN 47 VARIOUS PLANTS

By the Associated Press

Another walkout of B-29 Superfortress engine makers at the giant Wright Aeronautical corporation plant, Cincinnati, Ohio, by upwards of 4,000 workers virtually closed the entire plant employing 23,000 persons today and pushed the nation's idle labor total beyond the 80,000 mark.

A plant spokesman said there were between 4,000 and 4,500 absentees, while representatives of Local 647, United Automobile workers (CIO), the bargaining agent, set the figure at 10,000.

A union spokesman said the stoppage, which started yesterday with a walkout of 800 workers, arose from a number of grievances, including a layoff of 14 aluminum foundry workers. The statement claimed this was a contract violation.

The new Flare-up at Wright's came on the heels of an announcement in Washington that despite recent Wright labor troubles and similar ones at the Dodge Chicago plant, also makers of B-29 engines, production of the bombers is "on schedule."

Chairman J. A. Krug of the war production board said July was the second consecutive month in which airplane production as a whole had fallen behind schedule, but that "the one bright spot in the picture was the fact that all plants producing the long range B-29 bomber were on schedule."

**To Return Monday**  
In Louisville, an AFL Aluminum Workers union spokesman said approximately 3,500 employees at 10 Reynolds metals plants would go back to their jobs Monday, ending an almost week-long stoppage. The workers voted to return to work pending further negotiations with the company on a 1945-46 contract.

Disputes in the company's plants in three other cities, New York, Richmond, Va., and Glendale, N. Y., have idled 3,000 workers.

Detroit reported five new disputes in the last 24 hours, idling approximately 7,000 workers. One of the controversies involving 700 workers in 12 lumber yards resulted in closing of 200 yards in the Detroit area.

**Protest Failure**  
Management said the shutdown was in protest of the failure of the regional war labor board to take action in the dispute over a new contract embodying a closed shop and wage increases, demanded by the Carpenters District Council (AFL). The other four walkouts in Detroit involved 6,200 CIO-United Automobile workers.

In Cleveland, the regional WLB ordered strike leaders of the Steelworkers union to appear at a hearing Tuesday to show cause why a five-day walkout at the Youngstown (O.) Sheet & Tube company's Brier Hill plant had not been ended. Union members voted to defy a WLB back-to-work directive and virtually all of the plant's 8,000 workers were off their jobs.

**TRAITOR IS EXECUTED**  
Paris—(AP)—Paul Ferdinand, "traitor of Stuttgart" recently condemned to death by the high court of justice on charges of making Nazi propaganda broadcasts to France over the Stuttgart radio, was executed today by a firing squad at Fort de Montrouge.

**Shipping-Paralyzed Japan Watches Rail Systems Mangled By Airforce**

Guam—(AP)—Shipping-paralyzed Japan, her ports mined, 2,846,822 tons of her ships sunk or damaged this year by the Far East air forces alone, now is seeing her railroad system torn up by American planes, latest official reports disclosed today.

Only 10 enemy interceptors showed up against 97 Mustangs from Iwo yesterday over the Tokyo area where the raiders destroyed 14 locomotives, damaged six more and 50 railroad cars.

General Spaatz' U.S. army strategic air forces headquarters, reporting the action today, said the Mustangs shot down two, hit a third and destroyed or damaged 14 grounded enemy planes at a cost of six raiders.

**Effective Blows**  
Reports for the first three days of August both by Spaatz and by Gen. George C. Kenney for the Far East air forces have listed effective blows



LAVAL TESTIFIES AT PETAIN TRIAL—Pierre Laval, former premier of Vichy France, testifies in court at the treason trial of Marshal Henri Philippe Petain, in Paris. The aged marshal listens to the testimony at right.

## Laval Says He and Petain Were Coerced by Nazis

BY LOUIS NEVIN

Paris—(AP)—Pierre Laval testified today that he and Marshal Henri Philippe Petain were coerced by the Nazis to sign the armistice with Germany in 1940.

Reminded by the judge Petain's treason trial that the old marshal "sent certain messages which he ought not to have sent," Laval said: "Petain was not free. He was ordered by the Germans to send those messages. I also was instructed to speak publicly on the subject. The Germans... told me it was no real protest."

Petain's defense contends he made every effort to see that French commanders in North Africa did not oppose the landings.

**"Had to Collaborate"**  
Giving a preview of part of the defense at his own forthcoming trial, Laval said: "It would have been impossible for France to survive without collaboration."

France, he contended, fared better under occupation than Belgium, and obtained the lease of 50,000 prisoners in return for 150,000 French workers sent to Germany.

At the start of today's trial session Laval resumed his story of the 1942 broadcast in which he expressed hope for German victory. He said:

**Honest Attitude**  
Laval said Marshal Petain's attitude toward the Maquis was that of "an honest man."

"He protested, and like me, was indignant," Laval testified. Judge Mongibeaux said if Laval had raised his voice against laws based on racial discrimination.

"We in the government protested these laws vigorously," Laval replied. A much-discussed telegram, allegedly sent by Petain to Hitler after the raid on Dieppe by Canadian Commandos who crossed the channel from England, was read by the court. The telegram offered French participation in her own defense against this "aggression."

Petain has denied sending such a message. Laval said he never had known of any such telegram.

**Announces Dates For Tin And Paper Drives**  
A tin can pickup will be held in Wisconsin Rapids, Iron, Nelsons, and Port Edwards the morning of August 11, Phil Nobles, chairman of the South Wood county scrap drive committee, announced today. Scrap paper will be collected in the South Wood county territory on the following Saturday morning, August 18.

**Nuernberg Will Be Site For War Crime Trials To Begin September 1**  
Nuernberg, Germany—(AP)—The former German palace of justice at Nuernberg, one-time Nazi shrine city, has been chosen for the trials of arch war criminals which will begin September 1, a spokesman for Robert H. Jackson, chief U.S. counsel on the Allied War Crimes Commission, announced yesterday.

Major defendants such as Reichsmarshal Herman Goerring and Joachim von Ribbentrop will be held in the Nuernberg municipal jail during the trials, which are expected to last several weeks, the spokesman said.

**OLD RESIDENT DIES**  
West Bend—(AP)—Henry B. Kaempfer, 74, a lifelong resident of West Bend and owner of the Pilot, weekly newspaper, died yesterday after a long illness. He was postmaster for eight years, after his appointment by President Wilson.

Further darkening the shipping picture for Japan, officials of the 20th Airforce said that the Superfortresses have mined every major Japanese harbor, reducing shipping to a trickle.

## Invasion Force To Smash Japs Is Being Grouped In Ryukyus

### Stanley H. Shugart Perishes at Beach

Stanley H. Shugart, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis G. Shugart, 330 Fifth street north, died about 6:30 last night while swimming at the south beach at Lake Wazeecha. The death was the second to be reported this season at the lake in which heart failure figured.

Dr. H. G. Pomainville, Wood county coroner, was called to the scene and the lad was pronounced dead after efforts of the Wisconsin Rapids firemen and a companion to revive him proved futile. The coroner said this morning that his investigation showed Shugart's death was due to a combination of drowning and a heart attack. There was evidence of water in the lungs and the coroner felt that the youth may have swallowed some water and that shock affected his heart.

**Aware Of Condition**  
According to the youth's parents, they were aware of the heart condition, as the youth had been troubled from the time he was a child. Just recently he was examined at Rochester, Minn., and was told the condition was considered negligible. However, the youth was given a medical discharge from the Marines after serving two months and later, while attending the California Institute of Technology, had to leave because of the condition. It was stated. It was learned that the youth had played golf during the afternoon but the parents said that the youth was aware of his condition and always exercised in moderation.

Stanley was swimming with a companion, Thomas Andrews, 130 Fourteenth street south, also a veteran, and had been in the water about 10 minutes when the pair decided to swim under a log in the water. As Andrews came to the surface, his companion was missing and he immediately dove to the bottom where he found the youth. The water was about 10 feet deep. Andrews dragged the youth onto a raft

and began applying artificial respiration, while others called the fire department. Efforts of the firemen failed and the coroner pronounced the youth dead.

**High School Graduate**  
Shugart was born at Sterling, Neb., June 1, 1923, coming to Wisconsin Rapids four years later with his parents. He graduated from Lincoln High school in 1941. He enlisted in the Marines in 1942. His father is manager of the F. W. Woolworth company store at 264 West Grand avenue.

The only survivors are his parents, four grandparents and a great-grandmother.

**Funeral Services** will be held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon from the Baker Chapel with the Rev. A. W. Triggs officiating. Burial will be in Forest Hill cemetery.

## Hospital Ship Carrying Arms Seized By U.S.

Manila—(AP)—A Japanese hospital ship carrying contraband arms and apparently fake patients has been seized in the Banda sea north of Dutch-Portuguese Timor and is being brought into an Allied port today for investigation, General MacArthur's headquarters announced.

A boarding party from the blockading Allied Seventh fleet found machine guns, 75 millimeter shells and other ammunition packed in boxes marked "medical supplies," MacArthur said.

The accosted vessel was clearly marked with safe-conduct red crosses on its sides and upright on the superstructure.

There were approximately 1,500 men aboard listed as patients. When bandages were removed from some of them no wounds were found, the announcement said.

The ship's route was not disclosed. The Banda sea is roughly 400 miles north of Australia. The hospital ship could have been transferring men and arms among the blockaded island outposts.

Boarding of the vessel by the party from the Allied Seventh fleet was in strict conformity with international law and the Geneva conventions to ascertain if improper use was being made of a hospital ship.

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## MacArthur Is Given Command Of Island Chain

Manila—(AP)—General MacArthur announced today that he had taken command of all American-occupied islands in the Ryukyu chain south of Japan—including Okinawa—as bases "from which a mighty invasion force is being forged" for the subjugation of the enemy.

Okinawa and about a dozen islands to the west were conquered by combined forces under Admiral Nimitz, but recently MacArthur's Far East air forces have moved in to air bases there and have staged daily raids on the southernmost "fortress island" of Kyushu.

The Japanese still hold those portions of the Ryukyu chain known as the Sakishima group between Okinawa and Formosa, and the Amami, Tokara and Osumi groups between Okinawa and Kyushu.

His statement emphasized the increasing importance of Okinawa as a base for the climactic assaults against the Japanese home islands. Battered Japan

Okinawa is less than 350 miles south of Kyushu, and Liberators, medium Mitchells and fighters ranging up to 500 in number have been battering systematically at the island's transport and shipping.

MacArthur announced the change in command had become effective as of midnight Tuesday.

MacArthur disclosed that the 13th air force, which in recent months has been the main U. S. air force in the southern Philippines New Guinea and the Indies, was being moved to the Ryukyus.

Previously he has announced that the fifth and seventh air forces under Gen. George C. Kenney had moved their bases into the Ryukyus.

MacArthur's statement added, however, that Lt. Gen. James Doolittle's Eighth air force—which soon will be flying Superfortresses over Japan in concert with the 20th air force B-29's from the Marianas—still was operating on Okinawa independently of his command.

**Status Unknown**  
His announcement also failed to clarify the status of a number of naval air units under Nimitz which previously have been based on Okinawa—the Second marine air wing and Fleet air wings One and 18.

A statement by MacArthur's headquarters said: "All air forces in the islands except the Eighth Airforce are now operating under his MacArthur's direct control. General Stilwell's Tenth Army and General Kenney's Fifth and Seventh Air forces are already deployed and the 13th Airforce is moving there."

"With the Philippines these islands form a great semi-circular base from which a mighty invasion force is being forged under the primary responsibility of General MacArthur for the final conquest of Japan."

Principal island in the Ryukyu chain is recently conquered Okinawa, now headquarters of both Stilwell's ground troops and General Kenney's advanced air forces which are hammering daily at southern Japan.

Naval air forces are operating from the Kerama Islands, a group of the Ryukyu chain near Okinawa, patrolling waters around Japan and the North Asiatic coast.

## Paper Mills to Be Built on Lake Superior Shore

Port Arthur, Ont.—(AP)—One of the greatest concentrations of pulp and paper mills in the world is destined for the north shore of Lake Superior, and already agreements calling for the expenditure of at least \$50,000,000 have been signed between Canadian and United States companies and the Ontario government, it was learned yesterday.

Three mills now are under construction, with production scheduled for one of them before the end of 1945. Another is to be in operation next year; a third will start shipping in 1947. From authoritative sources, it was also learned that hydro and timber surveys have been completed at the lower end of the Long Lac diversion and that a United States company is planning construction of still another mill there.

**Senators Moan Over High Income Taxes**  
Washington—(AP)—Senators brooding over the high cost of income taxes—their own—made known today they were cooking up a question for the internal revenue commissioner, Joseph D. Nunan, Jr. It goes like this: If house members can take a \$2,500 yearly income tax exemption for official expenses, why can't senators?

**Chicago Thugs Add Insult To Injury**  
Chicago—(AP)—Chicago police, still smarting from the audacity of burglars who looted the Central police station vault a week ago, entered another painful notation in their records today. It said: "Mayor Edward J. Kelly's police escort car—used in at least four South side holdups early today—recovered after 90-mile-an-hour chase." The holdup men got away. So did the vault looters.