

# U.S. Navy's Long-Range Rule Of Former Jap Islands Begins

## Gets Underway With Plan To Improve Health, Economy Of Natives Without Nod by

The following story was written after a 20,000-mile tour of the Pacific which took the writer from Honolulu to Tsingtao, China, and back.

By KEYES BRECH

HONOLULU, T. H., Nov. 22.—In advance of any United Nations decision on America's petition for sole trusteeship over former Japanese-held islands in the Pacific, our navy is going about its business in those waters as if it were there to stay.

Long-range naval military government is getting under way, with a program to improve the health, economy and education of 45,000 natives who have known successive Spanish, German, Japanese and American occupation.

A major base is planned for only one of these former mandates, at Saipan, only 45 minutes by plane from Guam, where a base second only to Pearl Harbor is under construction.

While some naval strategists insist on the need for a base at Okinawa to counter the Russian-held Kuriles, the navy has no plans for permanent installation there.

Navy Wants Control

What the navy wants is control over all former Japanese mandates—the Marshalls, Carolines, Marianas and Palau—so as to keep other powers out.

"In all discussion over who is going to run these islands," a high naval officer said at Guam, "people are inclined to lose sight of why we are here. There is only one reason: To keep somebody else out—and I don't mean Australia."

Our claim to the Marshalls, Carolines, Marianas and Palau, scattered over five million miles of ocean, but with a land area no

larger than Rhode Island, is based on two points.

ONE: American blood alone was spilled to win them.

TWO: Their retention is vital to national defense.

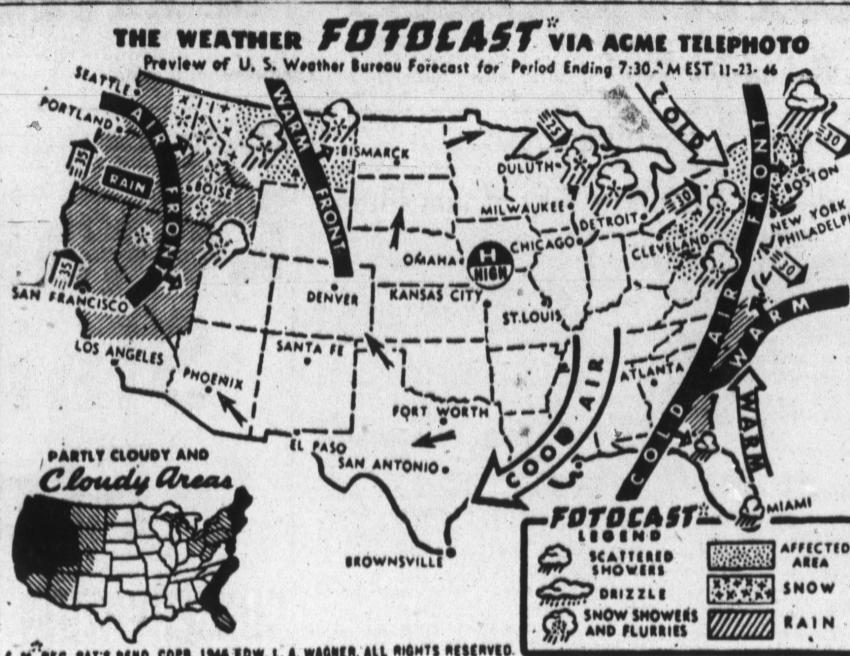
Await Specialists

Meanwhile, the navy's own program, because of crippling demobilization, is slow but due for improvement with the arrival of college-trained specialists in military government and the allotment of ships to supply these islands with needed goods.

While the average native never heard of the United Nations and is completely unaware that his future is the subject of international debate, he apparently is content with naval administration, albeit he has known no other.

Perhaps the interior department, which objects to military government as undemocratic and wants to take over civil administration, could do a better job. But from a practical point of view, the navy is the only agency with means of supplying the islands which, considering the vast distances involved, is a most important factor.

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NATIONAL 24-HOUR FORECAST SUMMARY:

Blustery in the Great Lakes region tonight, where storm warnings are still up. The Pacific coast will experience strong south-to-south-east winds. (Note blunt headed arrows on map for wind direction and velocity over the lakes and along the coasts).

Showers and rain preceding the rapid moving cold front along the eastern seaboard will clear away this afternoon, except for the snow flurries already mentioned.

It will be fair and cold through the central states from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico, also westward from the Mississippi valley to the Rockies. Northern Michigan, however, is

scheduled to have some snow showers or flurries tonight.

Rainfall or snow are indicated for the far west, and the heaviest downpour is expected over northern California. The snow or rain will be intermittent in Oregon, western Washington, Nevada and Idaho, while only snow flurries are pictured for Montana and the mountain regions of northern Utah.

California will have cooler weather and strong-to-gale velocity southerly winds will rule the coast. Southern New Mexico will also turn colder, but it will become somewhat warmer in Utah and Arizona.

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OCTOBER RADIO RECORD SET

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22 (U. P.)—A new monthly record of 1,870,444 radios were built in October.

## FUND WORKERS DEFER REPORTS

Concentrate on Solicitation In Final Days.

Community fund officials today awaited a new tabulation on the fund drive's progress, as volunteer workers let "paper work" go and concentrated on solicitations.

Official today said workers were taking advantage of a four-and-one-half-day deadline extension to canvas the city thoroughly. The regular reports have been waived, allowing workers to devote all their time to canvassing.

Although the residential division has already subscribed 107.3 per cent of its quota, some 2000 workers of this division stayed on the job. They will attempt to overcome losses in other divisions.

Some Got Late Start

The downtown division, which had reached 96 per cent of quota at the last report meeting, is expected to go over the top by Monday.

The extension of the deadline, originally scheduled Monday, also has allowed solicitors in mercantile, commercial and industrial divisions, to make up for a late start.

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## White Elected by Navy League Here

Russell L. White, Indiana National Bank president, today was new president of the Indianapolis Council of the Navy League. He was elected yesterday at a directors' meeting at the Columbia club.

Other new officers are Wilson M. Mothershead, vice president; Harry T. Ice, treasurer, and Ken Mosiman, secretary. New board members, elected yesterday for three-year terms are Mr. Mothershead and Mr. Ice, Lyman S. Ayres, John D. Hughes, Evan L. Noyes, Thomas T. Sinclair and Samuel R. Sutphin Jr.

Russell White



The state police department today mapped plans for installation of an air-to-ground radio system to aid in the capture of criminals and other police work.

Radio contact between an airplane and two state police patrol cars was successfully established in experimental tests at Hoosier Parks airport yesterday.

Though the department has used planes before in manhunts, this is the first time there has been direct contact between an air observer and troopers in their cars.

In the past it was necessary for the pilot to land and telephone his information to headquarters. Headquarters then would relay the message to the cars over the ground radio system.

## OFFICIAL WEATHER

United States Weather Bureau  
(All Data in Central Standard Time)

Nov. 22, 1946

Sunrise..... 6:37 | Sunset..... 4:28  
Precipitation 24 hrs. end. 7:30 a. m. .02  
Total precipitation since Jan. 1..... 20.11  
Decks since Jan. 1..... 0.86

The following table shows the temperature in other cities:

Station	High	Low
Atlanta	63	52
Baltimore	58	42
Chicago	58	30
Cincinnati	67	34
Des Moines	63	32
Denver	53	32
Evansville	61	32
Ft. Worth	62	40
Indianapolis (city)	65	46
Kansas City	65	31
Las Vegas	75	55
Miami	75	70
Minneapolis-St. Paul	49	38
New Orleans	65	47
New York	58	32
Oklahoma City	65	32
Omaha	67	42
Pittsburgh	67	42
St. Louis	65	42
San Antonio	65	42
San Francisco	61	52
Washington, D. C.	63	54

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