

Golden Era for Sports Seen as Discharges Start

CHICAGO, (AP)—Many of the athletes who are ready to make the coming decade another "golden era" were scheduled Thursday for immediate discharge from the service.

After World War I came the greatest decade in sports history, the "roaring twenties," brimming with the exploits of Babe Ruth, Man O'War, Red Grange, Bobby Jones, Jack Dempsey and Big Bill Tilden.

And Thursday, with some of the nation's brightest pre-war stars prepared to doff their service uniforms, a new sporting era was dawning, one which may not match the "golden era" in individual glory but is certain to outdo it in all-around brilliance.

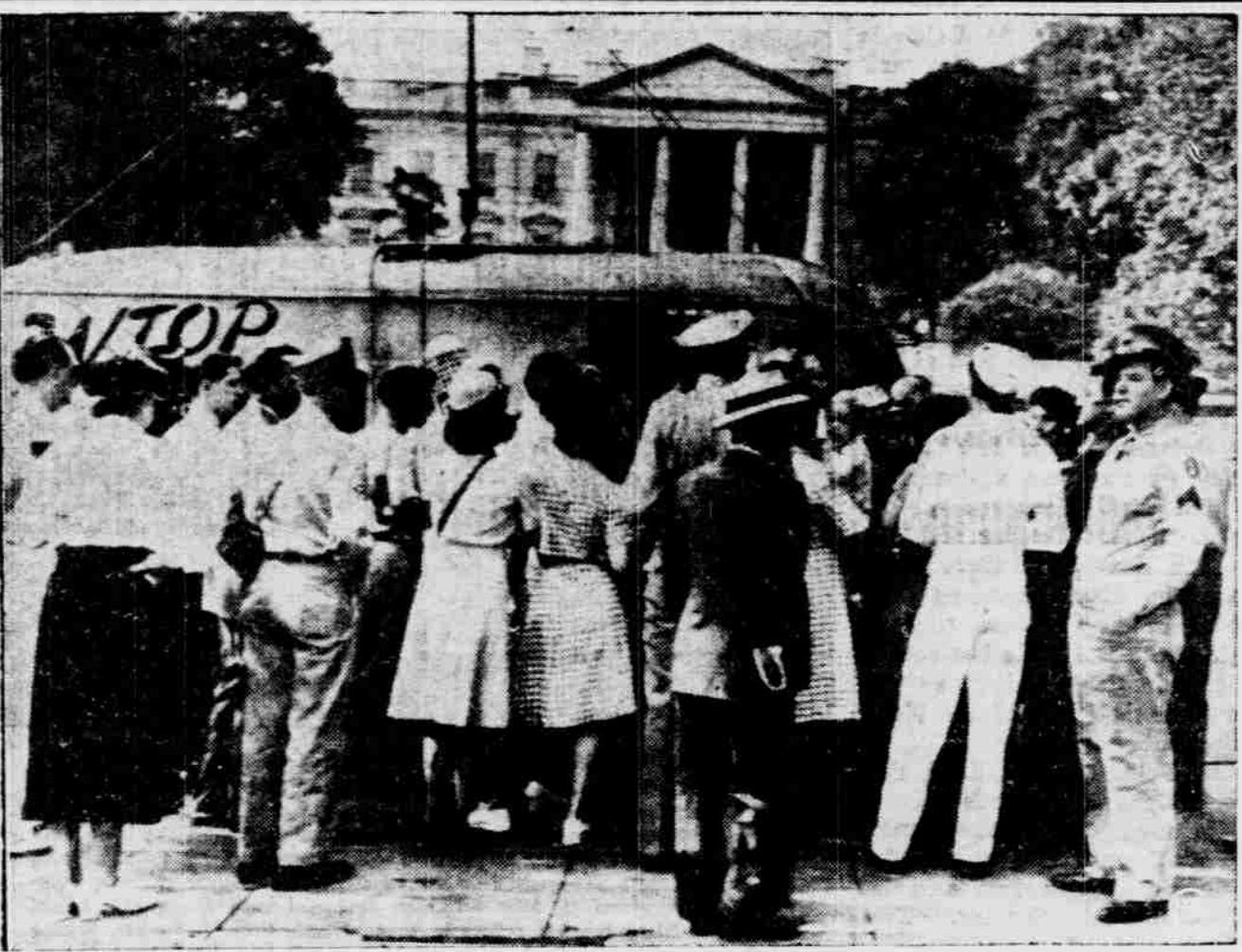
The first big name star to pocket his discharge orders since the surrender of Japan was Lt. Ben Hogan, the mighty Texas mite who will be mustered out of the AAF Sept. 5. Hundreds of America's other top athletes, many of them in the service for almost three years like Hogan, are expecting their discharge instructions momentarily.

A tipoff on the approaching mass return to the playing fields are the 526 major league baseball players now in the service. The national football league lists an identical number in service garb, which alone totals 1,052 men, not counting the hundreds of collegiate, amateur and other professional stars.

Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio, Bob Feller, Stan Musial, Johnny Vandermeer, Dick Wakefield, Pete Riser, Johnny Beazley and Charley Keller are a few of the baseball greats who will pick up mitt and ball again. DiMaggio, Feller and Keller possibly may return to their clubs before the end of the '45 season according to the services' point systems.

There is little doubt that they all will hit their strides again for such athletes as Hank Greenberg and Al Benton are servicemen who already have blazed a comeback trail for them to follow.

There's George McAfee, rated the greatest running back the gridiron ever knew; Bill Daley,



ANXIOUS CROWD AWAITING PEACE NEWS—Crowds gather in front of White House, awaiting news on outcome of Japanese surrender move. (NEA Telephoto)

Norm Standee, "Bullet Bill" Osmanski, Glenn Dobbs, Hugh Galleneau, Sid Luckman and Part Harder, all ready to don shoulder pads and cleats again. The ring will welcome back the "pumper" heavyweight champ Joe Louis; Gus Lesnevich, Billy Conn and Tony Zale. Ed Oliver, Jimmy Demaree and Horton Smith are anxious to grasp a golf club again and glazed ice awaits such hockey stars as the "kraut line" of Bobby Bauer, Bill Schmitt and Woody Dumart, Goalie Sam Lopresti and New York's Colville brothers, Neil and Mac.

Many of these men, while in service, said, "Military life gives athletes a new keenness for competition"—an early prediction of coming performances.

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(Continued from Page 1) is doing—and right now—is to lift ceilings on production of automobiles and other consumer durable goods so that these important industries may move ahead with all-out programs. Krug wouldn't say how many cars could be expected by the end of the year, but ventured the opinion that the industry should have the capacity and the materials to produce at least 500,000 by the year's end.

What's more, Krug said, civilians have good prospects for getting a lot of the household standbys they haven't been able to get for almost four years. For instance, he said, mechanical re-

frigerator production should total 125,000 in the third quarter of this year and 700,000 in the fourth; washing machines, 56,000 in the third, and 500,000 in the fourth; sewing machines, 10,000 in the third, and 75,000 to 100,000 in the fourth; and 2,000,000 new radios by Christmas.

Other high points of WPB's master reconversion plan listed by Krug were:

- 1. Relaxation of construction controls to release a huge industrial building program. Additional modifications will be considered within 30 days.
- 2. Retention of inventory controls until the danger of hoarding, preemptive buying and stockpiling by the few at the expense of the many are over.
- 3. Preferential protection of small business (\$50,000 or less per quarter) to remain in effect for the time being until the cutbacks can be appraised and it is safe to remove them.
- 4. WPB will retain its power for breaking bottlenecks or giving protection where needed to military or highly essential civilian or export needs. These powers will be used only where necessary, and "business should not rely on priorities help" for conducting its normal activities.

OPA Chief Chester Bowles announced a five point program to stabilize the national economy during the transition period—to bridge the "dangerous gap between sudden victory and sound prosperity."

He said OPA's aims into the indefinite future would be:

- 1. Rigid control of food prices.
- 2. Clothing price control.
- 3. Pricing of reconversion items, such as automobiles, refrigerators, vacuum cleaners and washing machines, at or close to 1942 retail prices.
- 4. Continuation of rent control.
- 5. Vigorous enforcement.

Funeral Wednesday For Mrs. Koeble

Funeral services for Mrs. Frances Koeble were held Wednesday afternoon at the Caldwell funeral home. Rev. J. W. Taenzler officiated and burial was made in Oak Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Koeble died Monday after a short illness. Pallbearers were Irvin F. Myers, John Janasek, J. P. Christensen, Charles Sanders, Otto Uehling, and William Evers.

25th Anniversary County Fair One Of the Largest

One of the biggest county fairs to be held in years is being lined up for the silver anniversary county fair for Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, August 22, 23, 24 according to Parr Young of Nehawka who is president of the organization.

Numerous exhibits are expected in all departments with special emphasis being placed on crops and livestock. Several livestock breeders in the county have already expressed intentions of exhibiting some of their fine animals. Liberal cash awards are being offered in all divisions of the fair.

Superintendents are: Cattle, Fred Rehmeier; swine, Fred Rehmeier; sheep, Paul Wolph; poultry, Richard Cole; agricultural products, Gordon Heneger; fruits, Gordon Heneger; domestic products food, Mrs. Arthur Jones; women's department, Mrs. Fred Klepper; educational, L. A. Behrens; fine arts, Mrs. Ray Norris, and garden flowers, Mrs. Ray Norris. Miss Shafer and W. H. Waldo are superintendents of 4-H Departments.

A carnival with at least four rides and 40 concessions has been engaged as a midway attraction. A new feature of the fair will be recognizing the "Typical Cass County Farm Family." A \$25 war bond will be presented to the winners. George Round, Director of Publicity for the University of Nebraska, Bill McDonald representing KFAB and possibly others will be on hand to help with the judging and assist with the program on August 24.

The KFAB "Man on the Spot" broadcast will originate Friday at the Cass county fair. A free platform program has been arranged for Thursday and Friday, afternoon and evening. Dances are scheduled each night Wednesday through Friday. Cass county horse show is a special feature for Wednesday afternoon and evening.

his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Stutt, Wilma and Jean, Mrs. Emma Rawalt drove to Nebraska City Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Maseman entertained at a family dinner Sunday in honor of their son, Pvt. Phillip Maseman, who is home from overseas. Phillip leaves Thursday for Camp Butner, N. C., after spending a 30-day furlough at home.

Alvin Rohlf was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Zaiser Monday.

Rev. W. H. Guest is taking a two weeks vacation. There will be no church services at the congregational church Sunday, Aug. 19 and 26. Sunday School will be held at the usual hour.

Mrs. Clark Bates and son of Nehawka is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Linhardt, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Greenrod and Clara Lou and Miss Eva Mae Lingle were in Lincoln Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Norris entertained Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marquardt and family, and Mrs. and Mrs. Henry Smith and family at a picnic Sunday at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Garnett and Madge entertained at a picnic Sunday afternoon in the Garfield Park at Plattsmouth. Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Earle Harmon, Ralston, Bobby Thoms of Syracuse, Sgt. and Mrs. Clifford Burton and children of Omaha, Neal, Val, Arline and S. Sgt. Lawrence Johnson, Mrs. True Harmon and Don of Avoca, Mr. and Mrs. George Farley and the Misses Loris Long, Florence Fouchek, Edith and Helen Farley of Plattsmouth, and Miss Hilda Dickerson of Bellevue.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Morley were shopping in Nebraska City Monday.

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Brendel entertained Mr. and Mrs. Carl Zaiser at a dinner at the J and M Cafe in Weeping Water Sunday. In the afternoon they drove to Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mauzy and Mrs. John Hallstrom of Plattsmouth were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hallstrom, Corrine and Jack. Joan Boyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Boyd of Ralston, is spending the week with her aunt, Mrs. Henry Smith.

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But the other side of the story, in time of peace, is that Maj. Gen. Walter C. Short and Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel have been retired in disgrace without a public hearing. They were the army and navy commanders, respectively, whose forces were looking the other way when Japan humiliated the United States in unprecedented manner. Both officers have sought a hearing which the late President Roosevelt consistently opposed.

The campaign for a Pearl Harbor investigation already has begun among congressmen. But that is only the beginning. Every administrative phase of the war operation is likely to be under inquiry before the book is closed.

Investigation of Pearl Harbor may be forced this autumn.

But democratic congressional ranks will be better situated to resist other basic inquiries, such as war-spending, lend-lease, use by the armed services of materials and supplies and the construction of projects for which no necessity ultimately was found. The services are not without defense.

Chances must be taken in war which never could be considered in peace. Upward of \$2,000,000,000 went into the creation of the atomic bomb. Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff, was primarily responsible for that vast expenditure. He did so on the chance that it might give us an overwhelming advantage over the enemy. Marshall guessed right and, maybe, will get a medal for it. It scarcely would have been fair, under the circumstances, to have criticized him if he had guessed wrong.

Truman could not be responsible for anything developed in a Pearl Harbor investigation. But as a general proposition investigations of the war effort will be against his political interests. The surest way to prevent a floodtide of inquiries which would arouse tremendous controversy even though they might not reveal very much wrong with the way in which the war was conducted, would be to maintain democratic majorities in congress.

Avoca LEONE EVERETT, Correspondent

M. L. Lum returned home Tuesday after visiting several days with relatives in Verdon.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Neumeister, Mr. and Mrs. Manst Klimm, and Henry Klimm were shopping in Omaha Tuesday.

Sgt. and Mrs. Clifford Burton and children of Omaha were weekend guests of the Johnson family.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Harmon, Ralston and Bobby Thoms of Syracuse had dinner Sunday with Mrs. True Harmon and Don.

Mrs. Emma Rawalt entertained the Anniversary club at her home Friday evening. The high score in cards was held by Mrs. Wm. Wolf. Mrs. Elmer Wessel, Elmer Wessel and Elmer Hennings, Mr. and Mrs. Max Straub, Jr., are new members and the club presented them with a gift. Delores Staack spent several days with her aunt, Mrs. Genevieve Zimmerer.

Charles Stutt left Saturday for Rochester, New York after spending a two week's vacation with

with the parade scheduled for 1:00 p. m.

Members of the county fair board assisting Young with arrangements are Willard H. Waldo, secretary, O. E. Domingo, O. C. Hinds, Ralph Keckler Fred Allen, J. W. Philpot and C. J. Elgaard. Members of the board expect an increase in interest in both attendance and exhibiting on the part of the farm people throughout the county. They hope that every Cass county family will attend at least one day of the fair and help demonstrate the true agricultural wealth of Cass County. 4-H club members are expected to have a prominent place in the fair again this year and their leaders will meet Friday evening, August 17 at the county extension office to discuss plans for county fair, state fair and Ak-Sar-Ben.

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ger tires. With the end of gasoline rationing, OPA has started a new system of determining the eligibility of motorists for tires.

Previously, purchase certificates were issued only to holders of supplemental gas rations. Under the new system, the certificates may be issued for passenger cars used for occupational purposes and a "limited number" for non-occupational uses if the applicant demonstrates that denial would cause undue hardship.

The WPB will continue controls over leather for a while but the end of shoe rationing probably will not be delayed more than three or four months. With the war over, military requirements have dropped tremendously.

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Emperor Meiji. In an earlier broadcast, Tokyo said that Japanese fighting men regarded the emperor's surrender decision as a "supreme order which must be obeyed at any cost."

(However, a United Press dispatch from Manila said Japanese troops of northern Luzon still were fighting despite American efforts to convince them that their government had surrendered).

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fire" order in a "flash" bulletin at 4:45 p. m. (2:45 a. m. cwt), more than 27 hours after MacArthur directed him by radio to end hostilities.

"His majesty, the emperor, has already issued orders to all his armed forces to cease hostilities immediately," Domei said.

"It may, however, take some time, even days, before the imperial order reaches first-line units in some remote islands or mountain areas."

"An official communication of the Japanese government to that effect will be made direct to headquarters of General MacArthur."

Radio Tokyo earlier had reported that Japan was acting "promptly" to halt resistance by

her forces on all fronts.

Late field dispatches said Japanese troops still were fighting in central and northern Luzon, Manchuria, Korea, Sakhalin and possibly China, Burma and scattered Pacific islands.

Admiral William F. (Bull) Halsey's mammoth third fleet apparently was still off the Japanese coast awaiting orders to enter the enemy's territorial waters. A Guam communique revealed that it comprises 133 American and British warships, including nine battleships and 20 aircraft carriers.

A lone Japanese plane approached the fleet this morning, and was chased away by carrier planes. Five other Japanese planes were shot down in an abortive attack on the fleet Wednesday.

Arrangements already were progressing swiftly for presentation of the allied surrender terms to an authorized Japanese emissary at Manila, probably Friday afternoon or Saturday.

MacArthur was working long hours and conferring almost continually with his staff in preparation for the conference. It was believed he will rush preliminary negotiations as fast as possible in order to make the way for his entry into Tokyo.

High officers of Russia, China and Britain already were in Manila and presumably will represent those powers at the preliminary armistice conference.

Army units which will be the first to enter Japan already have been alerted, but arrangements for their movement to the enemy homeland have not been completed. Units of the sixth and 10th armies probably will be among the earliest arrivals, with some phases of the occupation entrusted to the allied fleets.

Almost 100 newspaper and radio correspondents have gathered at MacArthur's headquarters, but rare official statements are their only source of information on the progress of arrangements for the surrender and occupation.

At Guam Nimitz revealed the whereabouts of the final surrender ceremony in an announcement that he had invited Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, commander of the strategic air forces, and Lt. Gen. Roy S. Geiger, commander of Paci-

fic marine forces, to witness the surrender aboard his flagship.

The identity of the flagship was not disclosed, although Washington and London sources have been speculating that it might be the battleship Missouri, named for President Truman's home state.

Neither was there any immediate word as to where the flagship would proceed for the surrender ceremony. Some unofficial quarters guessed Tokyo bay.

Nimitz's invitation suggested that MacArthur, along with representatives of Britain, Russia and China, would go aboard the flagship to receive the surrender in the presence or ranking navy, air force and marine corps officers.

MacArthur directed Japan in his second order Wednesday to send an authorized emissary to Manila on Friday, weather permitting, to receive the surrender terms.

Lancaster Rites Held Thursday Afternoon

Funeral services for Jarvis E. Lancaster, who died Monday night, were held Thursday afternoon at the Caldwell funeral home with Rev. T. Porter Bennett officiating. Burial was made in Oak Hill cemetery.

Music was by Frank Clodt and Raymond Cook, accompanied by E. H. Wescott. Pallbearers were Tony Klimm, Charles Reed, Lloyd Lewis, John Becker, D. G. Hoschar, and Henry Donat.

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