

Friction Aroused in Relief Service

Hoover Answers White House Statement Regarding Plan for General Manager.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Herbert Hoover today responded through a secretary to a white house statement that he had been offered the post of a "sort of general manager" of European war relief.

Hoover's secretary, Lawrence Richey, issued this statement: "Mr. Hoover's (the white house) statement today seemed to relate to different questions. There were no discussions of Red Cross organization before the war, as he implies."

"Since the war, Mr. Hoover has continuously supported Mr. Davis as chairman of the Red Cross and its activities in Europe. In his discussions with Mr. Davis, he did recommend strongly that the Red Cross expand to take over every kind of relief, and offered his counsel and advice. The Red Cross did not feel that they could assume such large responsibilities outside their normal field."

"The confusion may arise from the fact that prior to the war in Europe there were prolonged negotiations looking forward to the setting up of a great area in central Africa for the reception of five or 10 millions of refugees or minority populations."

"Mr. Hoover participated in these discussions, but that project was necessarily abandoned by the war. In any event, all this is dead stuff."

"The job before us now is to aid people in distress and Mr. Hoover is giving his entire time to the support of measures for such civilian relief."

Earlier, Hoover took over personal command of the campaign for Finnish relief funds and denied there was any friction between his organization and any other group engaged in Finnish relief activities. Hoover declared in response to questions regarding reported friction between the Finnish fund and other groups that "it is a great pity that people will start out to poison the wells of human charity."

"It is an injury to the Finnish people and to the American Red Cross," Hoover said. "It doesn't bother me."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(AP)—The White House disclosed today President Roosevelt, through Chairman Norman Davis of the Red Cross, had sought to have former President Hoover become a sort of general manager of relief for European war sufferers.

Apparently Hoover had declined the white house reported. Stephen Early, a presidential secretary, said that about the time Germany was moving into Poland, Mr. Hoover and his advisers were not what they could be prepared for what they believed would be an emergency.

In addition to taking steps to strengthen American defenses, review the neutrality laws and control the position of the United States as a neutral, the President also was thinking about relief in Europe.

"As a preparatory step," Early said, "he asked Norman Davis, chairman of the Red Cross, to see Mr. Hoover and ascertain whether Mr. Hoover would accept a post, the title of which might have been a sort of general manager of relief."

"Apparently Mr. Davis saw Mr. Hoover and since nothing came of it, apparently Mr. Hoover did not see fit to accept the offer."

Details were left to Davis, he said, and Hoover would have worked in cooperation with the Red Cross.

The former president recently assumed leadership in raising a

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fund for relief in Finland, and in that capacity is cooperating with the Red Cross.

Hoover first rose to international prominence by his conduct of relief work in Europe. In 1914 he became director of relief in Belgium and for years thereafter devoted much of his time to feeding millions in that and many other nations who were thrown into conditions of need by the world war.

Britain Speeding Warplanes Output

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—British aircraft factories were described in authoritative reports today as turning out warplanes at the rate of more than one an hour in an effort to assure air supremacy over Germany.

After a lag in production at the start of the European war, aviation quarters said, British planes are being rolled off assembly lines at a speed well above 1,000 a month. French production, too, has mounted substantially to probably 400 planes a month.

British-French production is being supplemented materially by planes turned out to their order by American plants. Exact figures are lacking, but it is believed such orders have been increased to more than 4,000 by contracts placed since the arms embargo was lifted November 4.

Upwards of 1,000 American aircraft already have been delivered. More than 600 planes were completed before the embargo became effective, and about 300 others were ready for delivery when the ban was lifted.

How many warplanes Germany is producing in the meantime is a matter of conjecture. By some estimates, Nazi factories are capable of an output of more than 2,000 a month.

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Dictatorships Of Europe Denounced

Political, Religious and Labor Leaders, at N. Y. Rally, Rap Ruthless Wars of Conquest.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—(AP)—American workers, says President William Green of the American Federation of Labor, favor the "use of all means at our command, short of war, to prevent the totalitarian nations 'from accomplishing their dastardly purpose' of wiping out Europe's smaller nations."

In an address at a mass meeting last night, Green called on the people of the United States to "realize that their hopes must rest on the eventual triumph of democracy over totalitarianism."

"The free people of America, and especially the men and women of labor," he said, "never will acquiesce in or accept the triumph of Stalinism and Hitlerism in Poland, Austria, or the Balkan states. The creed of Hitler, Stalin and Mussolini menaces everything we hold dear."

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from Topeka, Kas., declared America's first responsibility is to "keep aggressive units of government that recognize no law of moral restraint from getting into the western hemisphere."

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SERIAL STORY

5 WOULD KILL

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CAST OF CHARACTERS

ARNOLD BENTHORNE—Five persons wished him dead.
HELEN BENTHORNE—His charming young wife.
WILLIAM ALSTON—Benthorne's father-in-law and business associate.
JOEY DI TORIO—Night club owner and gangster.
ARA JOHNSON—The mystery girl.

JOHN DOUGLAS—A young mining engineer, in love with ARA.
CAPTAIN DAWSON—A detective who likes to listen.

Yesterday, Dawson studies the cigarettes. Ara comes, tells him that she saw Benthorne earlier in the evening. She came to kill him, but Mrs. Benthorne interrupted their meeting. Dawson asks why she wanted to kill Benthorne. Slowly Ara answers: "He was my father!"

CHAPTER XIII
For a moment there was silence as Ara's words seemed to echo throughout the room.

"The girl did bear a resemblance to Benthorne," Dawson realized now, wondering how it had escaped him. The expression of hate death had frozen on Benthorne's face was reflected, however softened, in her features. There was the same downward slant to the corners of the mouth, the same determined set of the jaw. And Ara's almost unbreakable control, her ruthlessness of purpose—these were Benthorne's heritage to his daughter.

"You have proof of course?" Dawson asked, explaining, "You may share in the estate."

"I don't want his money—ever," she said bitterly. "He offered me that... a hundred thousand to go away and never let Mrs. Benthorne know. I laughed at him... I wanted to make him suffer as we had suffered—mother and I..."

"I've plenty of proof, right here in this room," Ara answered. "Pictures, letters, a marriage certificate. They were on the desk when Mrs. Benthorne came in. He stuck them into a book, and put it on the shelf quickly, hoping she hadn't seen them... But I told her."

"Suppose you start at the beginning and tell me all about it. We'll get to the proofs later, if necessary," Dawson guided her to a chair, then stood over her, waiting for this unbelievable, fantastic story.

There was nothing sordid in Ara's account of her mother's marriage to the man the world was to know as Arnold Benthorne. It was merely the old, old story of an impetuous daughter, an attractive young man, and an elopement to escape parental objection.

"Mother—her name was Ara Johnson, too—the girl began, 'was the daughter of a wealthy Montana cattleman. She was a beautiful girl, and she had a dozen proposals before she was 18. But John Douglas—Dawson glanced questioningly at the young man.

Mrs. Harry Hatfield, chairman of the local Red Cross chapter, urged the cooperation of all interested persons, so that this eligible veteran or their dependents may receive these benefits, to which they are entitled under the law.

Leave For Home—Mrs. M. C. Sanders and daughter, Nancy Gayle, left yesterday for their home in Sheridan, Ore., following a week's visit in Roseburg with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Baker.

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at the mention of the name—'really won her love.'

"He was handsome, wealthy, apparently an adventurer when he came to Montana. No one could find out much about him, or where he had made his money—but that didn't bother folks over there much."

"He did no work, received no mail, and apparently had no interest in life until he met Ara Johnson."

The old cowman, Boss Johnson, had little liking for the stranger, the girl related, and less when he discovered his daughter was seeing Douglas. At last the couple eloped to Salt Lake City.

The marriage lasted three months. Then Douglas disappeared, leaving his wife penniless and alone. She was too proud to go back to her father, too independent to ask for help. She found work, first as a waitress, then in a laundry, but the hours were long and the pay small.

Ara was born in a charity ward. But the months of work, the agony of loneliness, climaxed by the birth of the child, had taken too great a toll of her mother's strength.

"Before Mother died, she wrote all of this in detail. Then she put it with all of her pictures of herself and her husband, her marriage certificate and some letters John Douglas had written her before their elopement. On one of them—his finger must have been smudged with ink—was an almost perfect fingerprint. She also wrote a letter to her father in Montana."

"She left instructions that her father should be notified in case of her death and that the packet of letters should be kept for me. But something went wrong, no one ever told her father. And the packet was forgotten."

"I was raised in an orphanage. Apparently no one ever wanted to adopt me. When I was 15 I went to work as a housemaid. The family I worked for were kind and helped me all they could. It was through their efforts that I was able to trace my birth record and discover my mother."

"One of the nurses who had cared for Mother remembered her, and told me about her. She remembered the packet of letters, too, and when she learned I did not have them, she began a search that finally uncovered them in an old file cabinet, in the vault."

But finding her father was no simple task. Ara learned after long years of vain searching. She might have gone home to her grandfather, but finding her father became an obsession. She had been alone all of her life, a few

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