

Japan Orders Further Talks With United States

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ilities for its far-ranging patrol planes.

Reports from trustworthy sources likewise told of movements of workmen and materials through Honolulu to the British Fiji islands, in the South Pacific within 1,800 miles of Australia.

An official of the Free French island colony of New Caledonia, which is nearer Australia, has announced American lend lease aid was expected to safeguard that strategic outpost.

PHILIPPINES PREPARING FOR AN EMERGENCY

MANILA, Dec. 1.—(AP)—United States army and naval forces in the Philippines were held in readiness for any emergency today as war fears in the Far East were fed by the arrival of fresh British reinforcements in Burma, intense military preparations in Thailand and reports that the Japanese were pouring additional troops into neighboring French Indo-China.

Belief grew here that the Japanese might strike at any moment at Thailand in an effort to cut the Burma road supplying China, whose defenses soon will be strengthened by an all-American air unit composed of American-made planes flown under the Chinese flag.

Both the Japanese press and radio declared yesterday that establishment of such a patrol would be "an example of the most provocative armed aggression."

The serious view of the situation taken by United States officials in the Philippines was reflected in orders cancelling all leaves from Corregidor, island fortress guarding Manila bay, and enforcing nightly blackouts at the naval bases of Cavite and Hongkong.

In Shanghai, the United States consulate again advised American citizens to go home as speedily as possible. Americans in Thailand also were warned to be ready to leave.

THAILAND READY TO FIGHT JAPS, BUT BIDS FOR HELP

BANGKOK, Thailand, Dec. 1.—(AP)—Qualified observers attached particular significance today to a statement by the Bangkok radio that Thailand would welcome the assistance of friendly powers if she were forced to fight for her independence.

The radio declared optimistically today that "Thailand will never be attacked by Japanese troops," but well-informed quarters said the government was keenly alive to the possibilities of the Far East crisis and would not be taken by surprise in any event.

That, they said, was the reason national preparedness was being keyed to the highest pitch of efficiency in the nation wedged between Japanese-guarded French Indo-China and British Burma, outlet of the supply route to Chungking.

United States consular officials once more, over the week end, advised American citizens in Thailand to be prepared to leave quickly in the event of an emergency.

JAPANESE PREPARING TO GET OUT OF HONGKONG

HONGKONG, Dec. 1.—(AP)—Virtually all remaining Japanese in this British crown colony were reported making preparations to leave by steamer for Canton tomorrow as British troops were held in "an advanced state of preparedness" after a three-day test of defenses.

Leaves of all British soldiers were cancelled and navy men also stood by.

The colony government urged all persons "not required for duty in the colony in the event of an outbreak of hostilities" to remove themselves and their families from the colony.

Outlook for Averting Railway Strike Dark

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had not as yet offered recommendations for settling the dispute. "We are still hoping the parties will devise the terms themselves," he declared.

It was understood that the five railroad operating brotherhoods had reached a tentative agreement on terms for settlement of the issues, but that the representatives of the 14 non-operating brotherhoods had failed to subscribe to this agreement.

Five Bills Prepared

Meanwhile congress had its choice today of three different house bills and two other measures proposed by senators as members tackled the legislative job of preventing work stoppages as industries vital to defense. Administration leaders in the house hoped to win agreement on some bill by Wednesday.

The tentative first claim on the house's attention was held by the bill of Rep. Smith (D-Va.) which would outlaw jurisdictional strikes, ban mass picketing, freeze the open or closed shop status and require a majority vote by secret

FUNNY BUSINESS



"Sorry, Mister, but he said I couldn't hit the side of a barn door!"

ballot before strikes could be called.

If this were beaten or sidetracked, next on the agenda was the labor committee's bill which would force a 60-day "cooling off" period in defense labor disputes, during which the national defense mediation board would seek settlement by conciliation, mediation or voluntary arbitration. As a last resort it would authorize the government to seize and operate the plant. This measure was reported attracting considerable bipartisan support as a middle-of-the-road solution of the problem.

Next in line was a bill by Rep. Vinson (D-Ga.) which would call for compulsory arbitration.

Other Proposals Offered

Meanwhile Senators Connally (D-Conn.) and Ball (R-Minn.) advanced bills of their own and one administration senator said these might be combined.

Connally's, which already has been sent to the floor by the judiciary committee, would freeze the union or open shop status of defense plants and authorize the government to seize them in case strikes stopped their production. The senate arranged to consider that one Thursday.

The one by Ball, which was in the hands of the labor committee, would set up voluntary conciliation and mediation machinery and would forbid an employer to grant a union shop if a strike were called in support of such a demand.

(Under the generally accepted definition of a union shop, workers in a plant would be required either to join the dominant union after a probationary period or seek employment elsewhere.)

Melrose

MELROSE, Dec. 1.—Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hanson and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Osborn Hanson, of Deep River, Washington, and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Herbie, and their son, Carl Hanson, and daughter, Miss Pauline Hanson, all of Portland visited over Thanksgiving with the former's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Gunner Johnson. The Hanson family formerly resided at Elgarose.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Holmquist and son, Bob, and daughter, Patty, went to Ashland and attended the football game between Roseburg and Ashland teams, and, following the game, went to Klamath Falls and on to Bly, where they visited until Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith. Mrs. Smith was formerly Miss Helen Detrick and taught school at Elgarose several years ago.

Miss Alice Backlund recently returned home from an extended trip to Tacoma, Washington, and left Friday for Myrtle Creek to visit her sister, Mrs. Helen Thackeray.

Lloyd Wilson of Yakima, Washington, is renewing old acquaintances in Melrose. He was

called to Roseburg the first of the week by the serious illness of his father, Herman Wilson.

Elmer Hill of North Bend, arrived Monday to visit his mother, Mrs. Minnie Dempsey.

J. N. Sands and Fritz Sjogren are hauling gravel on the road up the hill. They are being assisted in the work by Ted Anderson and Leslie Johns.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Busenbark returned home last week from a month's visit to Kansas and other eastern states.

Walter Dorch arrived home Saturday from San Diego, California, on a week's furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Howard and son, Jimmie, returned to their home at Tacoma, Washington, Sunday after visiting for a week with the former's father, Jim Howard, and the latter's mother, Mrs. J. Sjogren, and sons and daughter.

Miss Helen Johnson, who is attending college at Corvallis, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gunner Johnson.

Mrs. Dora Bruce and children of Seattle are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Olson.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sandberg and son, Donald, and daughter, Donna, spent Thanksgiving and the weekend at Dravin visiting Mrs. Sundberg's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bartholomew.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Thornberg and sons of Garden Valley visited Friday with Mr. and Mrs. John Galla and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stubbs.

Mrs. Stella Galla, who has nursed at Mercy hospital in Roseburg for several months, is taking a vacation and is at her home at Elgarose.

Billie Joe Hagen, who has spent the past year at Midway Island, recently returned home to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hagen.

Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Woodruff accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wesley of Roseburg to Lebanon where they enjoyed a family Thanksgiving dinner. They returned home Thursday evening.

Stock and Bond Averages

Compiled by Associated Press

Dec. 1:	30	15	15	60
Ind's RR's Ut's St's	55.8	15.4	28.4	38.7
Prev. day	55.9	15.4	28.6	38.8
Month ago	58.3	16.5	30.4	40.8
Year ago	63.1	16.2	34.5	44.0
1941 high	63.9	19.0	35.5	45.0
1941 low	54.8	15.3	28.6	38.8

BONDS	20	10	10	10
RR's Ind's Ut's Fgn.	62.2	104.9	101.7	45.6
Prev. day	62.0	104.9	101.8	46.0
Month ago	63.0	105.0	102.1	48.6
Year ago	59.5	105.9	99.9	37.7
1941 high	66.5	105.4	102.2	51.4
1941 low	60.2	104.2	99.0	38.0

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ALSO IN RYE

Russians Batter Nazis, In Rout From Rostov

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tanks and guns. These advances, the Russians declared, hurled the nazis back to Taganrog, 40 miles west of Rostov, then kept them on the retreat along the road to Mariupol, another 60 miles to the west.

NAZIS ADMIT RETREAT BECAUSE "OUTNUMBERED"

BERLIN, Dec. 1.—(AP)—A German military spokesman today declared the city of Rostov was evacuated by the German troops because of the fighting with civilians with resulting "unnecessary losses" and to take more favorable positions to meet the Russian assault.

He asserted the Germans in the Rostov area were faced by Russian forces greatly superior in number.

According to the German analysis, there are three major operations at present under way, in the Moscow and Rostov areas and in northern Africa.

The spokesman expressed the opinion the Moscow operations are reaching their culmination faster and at present were promising a decision sooner than in the other sections.

Nearer To Moscow

German soldiers in advance units battling toward the Russian capital now "can see Moscow with the aid of good field glasses," a German military spokesman declared tonight.

The spokesman did not say on what part of the curving Moscow front this approach had been made but previous reports indicated German forces were near on roads running into Moscow from the west and north-west.

British Keep Top Hand In Battle in Libya

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don on the basis of information he said was later than that in the Cairo communique.

This informant said the nazi infantry apparently slipped through to the front in trucks from the east—the direction of the Egyptian frontier—about three days ago and was supported in the attack by a German armored division.

(An authoritative source in London said Ed Duda, in the Rezegh sector, was taken by the axis Saturday night but the British "threw the enemy out again" in a counterattack the same night.)

Strategic Gulf Reached

The British reported yesterday reaching the Mediterranean coast along the Gulf of Sirte, between Bengasi and Agadabia, more than 300 miles west from the Egyptian frontier and across the axis' one supply road from Tripoli.

On that and the report that imperial forces are hacking down German-Italian strength in well-defined fighting areas, British observers confidently predicted final destruction of axis remnants in the Tobruk sector within three days.

A British spokesman said the pressure on Britain's corridor to Tobruk was heaviest from the

west (that is, on the outside of the British ring on that front; this may indicate that the axis has brought up more reserves from its rear.)

Expulsion of the Italian division, however, was said to have forced a gap between the two German forces for which it was a connection. The nazi divisions now on three sharply-defined

now apparently are trying to re-unite through the Rezegh-Tobruk corridor, the spokesman said.

British 3-Point Plan Given

Where the British at first encountered scattered axis armored formations in a jumble of desert battlefields, the communique said the campaign was drawn now on three sharply-defined

zones:
1. The main front southeast of Tobruk where the British have joined forces with the Tobruk garrison after its sally out of the besieged fortress.

2. The Libyan-Egyptian frontier area from Halfaya-Hellfire Pass—north of Siki Omra where the communique said, "our troops

are now concentrating upon elimination of pockets of resistance in the face of determined opposition by the German defenders;
3. The southwestern, or Gialo, area where one British column has taken the Italian desert outpost of Gialo, about 120 miles inland from the coast where other patrols reached the Gulf of Sirte.



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