

2,000 AIRCRAFT POUND KURE NAVAL BASE

Nippon Peace Feeler Report Again Aired

Senator Wherry Renews Debate Effort; Appeal To Truman Is Revealed

WASHINGTON, July 24—(AP)—Senator Wherry (R., Neb.) sought today to steer the Senate into a discussion of whether this country has received any genuine peace feelers from Japan.

Wherry told a reporter he plans to ask anew whether the State department has received any offers and to call attention of his colleagues to a compilation of purported feelers he said had been made by "a high military source" and forwarded to President Truman at Potsdam.

Wherry said he had been handed by this "high military source" a communication addressed to Mr. Truman and carrying suggestions of possible peace terms. These include retention of the Emperor and avoidance of military occupation of Japan proper.

The Nebraska senator said these terms were based on feelers reportedly received, but he added he did not know who had written the message to the President.

No "Genuine" Offer Yet

The State Department has insisted it has received nothing in the way of a genuine peace offer from Japan.

"We're talking of peace here in connection with the United Nations' charter," Wherry said. "I want to know why we can't lay down some peace terms under which Japan can surrender. I think that if the President did that, we might get a surrender on our own terms that would end this war."

Wherry said it was his understanding that the "high military source" he declined to identify further, believed the terms stated in the communication.

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Free Press Basis Of World Peace

Truman Trying to Gain Unrestricted European Permit for Journalists

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International peace isn't a commodity which can be manufactured like pop-bottles, and it isn't a condition that can be secured by the simple expedient of policing with armed forces.

The foundations of peace must be laid in the minds and hearts of men, and this can be achieved only through real acquaintance among the world's peoples. That acquaintance can be better and more quickly attained by a free exchange of news than in any other way. Travel in foreign lands is, of course, a great educator, but it would take a lifetime and a fortune to study the globe that way, whereas you can encompass it daily through the news while sitting in the comfort of your own home.

It therefore is of vast importance that President Truman reportedly is trying to secure an agreement with Stalin and Churchill that will permit American correspondents to work freely in Europe. Facilities accorded American newsmen obviously would apply equally to the correspondents of other nations in good standing.

Censorship Harmful

It's high time the outside world knew the inside.

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Hoarding and Profiteering by Filipinos at Prison Where 34,000 Died Slated for Probe

MANILA, July 24.—(AP)—The three-year-old tragedy of Camp O'Donnell prison was revived today in a new, melancholy light, Maj. Gen. Basilio J. Valdes, chief of staff of the Philippine army, ordered an immediate investigation of reports that some Filipino prisoners of the Japanese hoarded and profiteered at expense of their fellow captives.

Valdes told the Associated Press he believed that no Americans were involved, either as victims or culprits.

At the end of the notorious "March of Death" across Bataan in 1942, a total of 52,000 Filipino prisoners were confined in O'Donnell and strictly separated from American prisoners, Valdes said. When the imprisonment ended more than a year later, 34,000 Filipinos had died of starvation and disease.

Reports prompting the investigation asserted the mortality rate was accelerated because a small group of officers assertedly deprived the men of food and medicine.

Officers Are Accused

Valdes received a letter charging that staff officers hoarded for their own use foodstuffs supplied by the Japanese and sent into the camp by civilians for the general welfare. It said some doctors obtained medicines sent in by civilians and resold it to sick prisoners who applied to them for treatment.

One quinine pill cost 50 cents.

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