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Yanks Protest Demobilization Delay

Manila Mass Meeting Hits At War Dept.

Gen. Styer's Explanation
Booted by 12,000; Appeals
Wired Truman, Congress

MANILA, Jan. 7. (AP)—At least 12,000 American soldiers jammed into the shell-battered ruins of the Philippines Hall of Congress tonight for a noisy but orderly mass protest to the demobilization slowdown and thunderous approval of a resolution calling for a Congressional investigation.

Boos rang through the hall as an enlisted man, acting as chairman, read a statement from Lt. Gen. W. D. Styer, commanding Army forces in the Western Pacific, explaining the delay in home-bound trips.

Earlier, thousands of milling enlisted men had marched to Styer's headquarters and sent a committee of five, which was told by the general that the "changing international situation" prevented sending all eligible men home at once.

At the mass meeting in Congress Hall, the soldiers cheered as one by one enlisted men took the stage and spoke their mind. The speakers exhorted their listeners to write their Congressmen, and declared the War Department was changing the rules on redeployment.

One soldier orator asserted that "the only thing they (the War Department) ever managed to work up worse was the draft."

Another said that "since the last regulations were promulgated."

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THERE is a faintly hopeful slant in the world news.

The Chinese Communists accept General Marshall as a mediator, and promise to "discuss favorably every suggestion" for ending the civil war that prevails in Northern China.

Chungking and Communist delegates meet in Chungking to see if they can find common ground for agreeing to a truce.

(THE dispatches make it reasonably clear that in North China armed forces of both sides are still maneuvering for position and that there is considerable fighting.)

WE Americans are interested in peace in Europe chiefly because we are fed up with war. We are interested in peace in Asia both because we are fed up with war and because we are certain we can DO BUSINESS with the countries across the Pacific if they quit fighting and get to work developing themselves.

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Microphone for Congress?

Senator Pepper Would Air Debates to Public, But Other Solons Have Divergent Ideas

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7. (AP)—Senator Pepper (D-Fla.) thinks Congressional debate should be broadcast, just like a soap opera or Jack Benny.

But a couple of Republicans said today they aren't sold on a proposal that would make a microphone available to any Congressman who could work his way up to it.

In separate interviews, Reps. Walt Horan and Clarence Brown came up with their ideas of how Congress might be put on the radio.

Horan, big apple and pear man from Wenatchee, Wash., isn't so much opposed to putting microphones on the House and Senate floors as Pepper has suggested.

It's just that he believes a much better plan would be to broadcast the activities of the committees—where the real work is done. In committees, Horan says, Congressmen usually are more interested in getting the views of experts than they are in expressing their own.

Brown, newspaper publisher from Blanchester, Ohio, has this

News-Review Adds Two New Men To Its Operating Staff



Jack Howard Advertising Manager
A. Fuller Johnson Circulation Manager

Two new members have been added to the News-Review staff—Jack Howard, who comes from Portland to serve as display manager, and A. Fuller Johnson, who will be in charge of the circulation department.

Howard, born in Portland, Ore., Aug. 30, 1918, recently completed five years of military service, including four years with the U. S. Marine Corps and one year in the Army.

He is a graduate of Lincoln High School, Portland, University of Oregon extension school, and LaSalle University, Chicago, extension school.

He served for one year as assistant production manager for John Hudson More, Inc., New York City, and for six months as assistant production manager, Bushong & Co., Portland.

During residence in Portland he was active in Boy Scout work. He is unmarried.

A. Fuller Johnson, a resident of Roseburg since 1937, came from Montana, was engaged in hotel work and for a year was branch circulation manager in the Roseburg area for the Morning Oregonian of Portland.

He is a veteran of the first World War and a member of the American Legion. He is married.

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\$500,000 Fire Destroys Four Fairbanks Buildings

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Jan. 7. (AP)—Firemen estimated a half million dollar loss in a blaze which destroyed four wooden buildings here Saturday night.

Firemen described the fire as the "worst in 40 years." Ammunition exploding on the shelves of a hardware store in one of the buildings kept firemen back for some time and stray bullets broke three plate glass windows on the opposite side of the street.

With the outside temperature at 15 below zero, the flames spread rapidly and the inferno was checked only when it reached the Empress Theater, first concrete building in its path.

Tornado's Death Toll Upped to 29; Damage \$2,600,000

NACOGDOCHES, Texas, Jan. 8. (AP)—A Red Cross disaster team from St. Louis joined local officials and relief agencies today in caring for the 500 families made homeless and more than 300 persons injured by the tornadoes which tore across five East Texas counties Friday night.

Meanwhile with four additional deaths yesterday the total of fatalities reached 29. Robert Edson, Red Cross director of the midwest district, who arrived yesterday from St. Louis to make a survey, estimated property damage at \$2,600,000. This figure is likely to be revised upward when a survey of the damage to the pine forests of the counties is completed.

Edson presented this additional picture of the effects of the storm:

300 persons injured.
122 still hospitalized.
184 homes destroyed.
200 homes damaged.
410 other buildings destroyed.
317 other buildings damaged.

National headquarters of the Red Cross announced in Washington yesterday that it had obtained priorities for 1,750,000 board feet of lumber which it estimated as sufficient for immediate emergency construction requirements.

Wife of "Glass Eye" Asks Jap Leaders Be Punished

TOKYO, Jan. 7. (AP)—The wife of Tatsuo Tsuchiya, "Little Glass Eye" today wrote Yomiuri Hochi, Tokyo newspaper, that if Americans imprison her husband for life because of atrocities committed against U. S. prisoners, Japanese military leaders should be condemned to death for atrocities against the Japanese themselves.

Japanese superior officers beat soldiers for neglecting to salute on the streets "and from this one could imagine what went on in the barracks," she said.

"Through judgement of Teichika I am burning anew with a fierce hatred against the military," she wrote.

Slim Summerville Of Movies Claimed by Death

JAGUNA BEACH, Calif., Jan. 7. (AP)—Slim Summerville, who came up with the movies, is dead.

The sparkling comic, born George J. Summerville in Allamogosa, N. M., 51 years ago, appeared Saturday night in his third strab in recent weeks at his home here.

He was a neolroom porter when Eleanor Kennedy, another of the veteran comedians, found him in the old days and took him to Grand Canyon, where he started at \$250 a day.

His second wife, Florence, a nurse whom he married after an illness in 1936, was with him when he died. He also survived by a son, Elliott, 13.

Yamashita's Plea Aired in Highest Court

Prosecutors and Defense Counsel Argue Case of Convicted Jap General

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7. (AP)—Government counsel told the Supreme Court today that Japanese General Yamashita lacks any rights in United States courts in time of war.

Solicitor General J. Howard McGrath asked the court to decline to review the enemy commander's conviction of atrocities in the Philippines and the death sentence imposed by an American military commission.

Yamashita is in jail in Manila waiting the court's decision, which McGrath said concerned international considerations of the utmost gravity—determining the extent to which this country may in wartime deal with those who have barbarously waged war against us.

Army officers acting as counsel for Yamashita argued orally and in a brief submitted today that the enemy general had been entitled to a civil trial and that the military commission which tried him declined to allow him to cross-examine witnesses.

Defense presents argument. The defense lawyers argued: "It is of the deepest significance that our Constitution extends its most basic safeguards

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Peace Negotiators In China "Make Progress"

CHUNGKING, Jan. 7. (AP)—Gen. George C. Marshall met today with government and communist peace negotiators and at the end of the first historic session declared that "we have made progress."

President Truman's special envoy, making his first comment since he stepped into the midst of the Chinese negotiations after the rivals agreed to methods leading to a truce, said the conferences would be resumed tomorrow.

50 Citizens Give Blood In Fight for Boy's Life

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 7. (AP)—Floyd Erickson, 14, of Cataldo, Idaho, was badly burned there in an accident New Year's day. 22 pints of blood from the Spokane blood bank were rushed to save the boy's life. The citizens of Cataldo vowed to repay. And they did today.

Half the population of 100 people showed up at the blood bank here after driving over in a chartered bus. Forty-nine Cataldo residents lined up for five hours while attendants drew 28 pints of blood from the public spirited citizenry.

Sheep Breeders To Unite

CORVALLIS, Ore., Jan. 7. (AP)—A Willamette Valley Purebred Sheep Breeders Association is to be formed here Saturday night at a banquet for breeders and their wives sponsored by the Willamette Valley Ram Sale Committee.

PSYCHOLOGY WORKS

American Takes Sulkiness Out of 2 Nazi Prisoners

TOKYO, Jan. 7. (AP)—An Army officer from Yakima and Port Townsend, Wash., Col. Robert M. Hardy, used psychology effectively to teach respect for American discipline to Germans imprisoned in Japan as war criminal suspects.

One was Col. Josef Alfred Meisinger, the so-called "Beast of Warsaw," who since has been returned to Germany on war crimes charges. At Yokohama prison he looked on sullenly when his cell was inspected, and never turned a hand to clean it.

"He was always moaning that he was not guilty of what his subordinates did at Warsaw," Hardy said. "He claimed he should have every task done for him in prison because of his rank."

"Finally I went into his cell and gazed around as though it were a pig pen. 'Filthy filthy, just the way a Nazi would keep it,' I said. Each day I made remarks like that. It finally got on Meisinger's nerves. One morning at 6 he called the guard and asked for a mop and broom. He worked like a dog to clean the cell."

Another rebellious German who refused kitchen police duty was given "K" rations on Hardy's orders. Instead of the western-style meals usually served non-Japanese prisoners, fellow prisoners thought it a huge joke and ridiculed the German. Within a half-hour he called a guard and asked to be put on KP.

Douglas Seventh in Victory Loan Buys

A report from the Federal Reserve Bank covering Victory Loan purchases through January 4, and including Army and Navy allocations, places Douglas County in seventh place in overall percentage of total quota, H. O. Parageter, County War Finance Chairman, announced today.

Sales of E bonds to individuals amounted to \$447,497, or 119.3 per cent of quota. Sales to individuals on all types of bonds, including Series E, amounted to \$1,052,277, or 191.3 per cent of quota. Sales to corporations and non-banking investors totaled \$839,604 or 335.5 per cent of quota. Total of all sales was \$1,891,881, as compared with a quota of \$800,000, or an overall percentage of 236.5.

Head River County is in first place with a percentage of 451.4; Baker County second, 333.4 per cent; Multnomah County third, 304.4 per cent; Clackamas County fourth, 258.2 per cent; Lane County fifth, 254.3 per cent; Lake County sixth, 240 per cent.

Oregon Places Twelfth In Victory Bond Sales

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7. (AP)—Oregon was in 12th place and Washington 40th in bond sales in the Victory Loan drive, the Treasury Department announced Saturday.

Oregon sales total \$27 million on a \$22.5 quota. Washington's were \$42 million on a \$40 million quota.

Daughter of OPA Official Is Kidnapped

Note Demands \$20,000 For Return of Child, 5; Father Pleads 'No Money'

CHICAGO, Jan. 7. (AP)—The City News Bureau this morning reported that the kidnapper of little Suzanne Degnan had contacted her family by telephone to repeat his \$20,000 ransom demand.

Police traced the call to a number in the Rogers Park district. The section in which the Deans live is known as Edgewater, and adjoins the Rogers Park district on the south.

A ransom note found in the girl's room stressed that the family not notify the police or the newspapers or the child would be harmed.

The threats were repeated over the telephone, the news bureau said, and the caller, a man, insisted on the ransom, saying he would call later.

USED AS SHIELD—Mrs. David Litsis, 24, St. Louis, Mo., model who was seized and used as a shield by Lawrence Drew, 31, East St. Louis gangster, when two assailants advanced on him with shotguns leveled. Mrs. Litsis broke away and ran. The slayers killed Drew, who police say was leader of a bank robbery gang operating in Southern Illinois, Ohio and Indiana.

CHICAGO, Jan. 7. (AP)—A five-year-old girl was kidnapped early today from her North Side home, a note demanding \$20,000 ransom was left in the bedroom, and her father, an OPA executive, pleaded for her safe return because "I have no money."

The child was Susan Degnan, daughter of James Degnan, board operations officer of the Chicago Metropolitan OPA. Her mother, Helen, found the child (Continued on page 6)

Oregon Ranchers Reduce Cattle and Sheep Herds

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 7. (AP)—Oregon ranchers are reducing size of their cattle and sheep herds and overhauling a possible "belt tightening" period such as followed the First World War. H. H. Anderson, livestock inspector for the First National Bank of Portland, reported today.

He said ranchers were selling stock now at high prices but also were purchasing improved breeding stock as a basis for future herds.

Oldest Indian on Siletz Reservation Dies at 104

SILETZ, Jan. 7. (AP)—Coquille Thompson, 104, oldest Indian on the Siletz reservation and a favorite narrator of tribal legends and tales of pioneer days, is dead.

His widow, Agnes, 69, a daughter in Minnesota, and a son, Coquille Thompson, coach at Chemawa Indian School, survive.

Three-year Term Meted on Attempted Rape Charge

Joseph Edward Frye, 32, was taken to the state penitentiary last week to begin a three-year term for attempted rape, to which he had been sentenced by Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly Saturday.

Frye, an Indian, was a Gardiner logger. He pleaded guilty to the charge brought against him.



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Neuner Rules On Cattle, School and Veteran Questions

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 7. (AP)—The 1945 law providing for eradication of diseases of cattle makes it mandatory upon counties to provide funds for testing of cattle, Attorney General Neuner ruled today for Director E. L. Peterson of the State Department of Agriculture.

Neuner held that where counties failed to appoint veterinarians, the testing should be done by the Department of Agriculture, but with the cost still to be borne by the counties.

The State Department of Agriculture, Neuner continued, may enter into agreements with the federal Department of Agriculture to have the testing done, but the counties cannot make such agreements. If the government consents to perform and pay for the testing, then the counties would be relieved of paying for it.

Neuner also ruled that no county veterinarian may be appointed without first having been approved by the State Department of Agriculture. He further held that the owner of a diseased animal must slaughter it if he is paid his indemnity, but if he does not get his indemnity, then he doesn't have to slaughter.

Other Questions Decided

Other rulings today by Neuner: School districts must pay school directors their traveling expenses out of school funds, rather than out of county funds. Men and women in the armed forces cannot receive veterans' credits for state jobs until they have actually received their discharges from military service.

Truman Orders Return Of Seized Bus System

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7. (AP)—President Truman today directed the Office of Defense Transportation to return the Washington Bus and Trolley system to the Capital Transit Company at midnight tonight.

The properties were seized by presidential order November 21 following a strike of employees. The decision to turn back the properties to the company followed a board of arbitration ruling last week calling for a 12-cent-an-hour wage increase. The company will submit the increase to stabilization officials in a request for higher fares.

Builders Face Penalties For Pay Hike to Cut Tax

PORTLAND, Jan. 7. (AP)—Several Portland area building contractors will draw penalties for unauthorized wage increases which lowered their income tax, Dan Hay, Oregon industrial relations consultant, said today.

Wage and hour division officials are checking contractors' payrolls to uncover wage boosts not approved by the War Labor Board before its termination December 31. Hay reported. Building tradesmen must obtain the stabilization division's approval for increases granted since January 1, he said.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7. (AP)—Fourteen oil companies served notice on government fact-finders today that they preferred direct negotiations with the CIO-Oil Workers Union over wage demands to continuation of fact-finding hearings.

Only two companies appeared as participants when the fact-finding panel reconvened after a 16-day recess, and one—Socony-Vacuum Oil Company of New York—promptly declared it would continue only on its own terms.

Fourteen other companies telegraphed the panel, saying they were continuing negotiations with the union and, in general, saw no need for coming to Washington. However, O. A. Knight, union president, declared in a statement that the direct negotiations over the 30 per cent wage increase demand were being hampered by company introduction of "extraneous issues."

Follows GM Example

In a telegram to Dr. Frank P. Graham, chairman of the oil panel, President B. Brewster Jennings of Socony-Vacuum objected to government consideration of ability to pay in studying wage questions, declaring this indicated a trend toward "rigid government control of industry."

Injection of the ability to pay issue recently resulted in withdrawal of the General Motors Corporation from government

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Byrnes Names Committee On Atom Energy Control

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7. (AP)—Secretary of State Byrnes today announced the appointment of a five-member committee to study "controls and safeguards" needed to protect United States atomic energy know-how.

A few hours before his scheduled take-off for London, where he will attend the United Nations assembly, Byrnes named the following members of the committee:

Undersecretary of State Dean Acheson, who will act as chairman. John J. McCloy, former assistant secretary of war; Dr. Vannevar Bush, Dr. James B. Conant, and Maj. Gen. Leslie R. Groves, the three men who supervised and directed the development of atomic energy.

Truman Sure of Harmony In Palestine Inquiry

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7. (AP)—President Truman expressed confidence today that the "spirit of cooperation" will characterize all operations of the Anglo-American inquiry into the Palestine problem.

The White House said in a statement issued as the group opened hearings that the agreement of British members to begin the inquiry here was an evidence of that cooperation.

Bartley C. Crum, former campaign manager for Wendell Willkie, was appointed by President Truman as a member of the Anglo-American committee. He replaced O. Mac Gardner, former North Carolina governor, who resigned several weeks ago.

Divorcee To Become Bride of "Pappy" Boyington

RENO, Nev., Jan. 7. (AP)—Lt. Col. Gregory "Pappy" Boyington will marry Mrs. Lucy Malcolmson, an attractive 30-year-old brunette, immediately after she obtains a divorce tomorrow, she told newsmen.

Boyington, United States Marine Corps pilot who was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, shot down 26 Japanese planes while leading his Black Sheep Squadron in the Pacific.

Mrs. Malcolmson is divorcing Stewart Malcolmson, General Motors production manager in Australia.

Two Mothers Tie in Race For First Baby of 1946

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 7. (AP)—Merchants were paying off double today after a contest for the first baby of 1946.

Judge deliberated almost a week, then declared a tie. Physicians said Mrs. John Clements and Mrs. Wesley Duncan each had given birth to a daughter in the first 30 seconds of the New Year.

Besides gifts from 40 merchants, the babies and their mothers were provided free hospitalization.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reinhardt

Gloom continues to follow close on the heels of elation. Just when the price of eggs begins to drop, the packinghouse unions decide to strike, cutting off the consumers' supplies of ham and bacon.



TWISTER MOVES PIANO 300 FEET FROM HOMESITE—Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Cox, Palestine, Texas, thank their son, Charles, Jr., who is an ardent movie fan, for their lives. While in town he persuaded his parents to attend a movie, and when the family returned to their home they found it a mass of tornado-wreckage. Only the piano was recognizable and that was 300 feet from the site of their home. Here family members (left to right) Mrs. Jimmie Farrie, sister of Cox; Mrs. Cox and Charles H. Cox look at what was their former house. Seven were killed and 37 injured when the twister struck Palestine.