

200,000 IN ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY STRIKE

INFORMATION KEPT FROM HIM MIGHT HAVE SMOTHERED JAPS AT PEARL HARBOR, KIMMEL SAYS

Ex-Commander Declares Stark's "War Warning" Misleading and That Navy Should Have Issued an Alert

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel today contended Washington Naval officials denied him information he said might have made Pearl Harbor an ambush for the Japanese.

In a 25,000-word statement submitted to the Senate-House inquiry committee, the retired commander in chief of the fleet called "misleading" the "war warning" message sent to him by Admiral Harold R. Stark, then chief of naval operations, 10 days before the attack of Dec. 7, 1941.

Kimmel also contended:

1. He was not supplied information available in Washington from intercepted messages "which told when and where Japan would probably strike."
2. That, withholding this information, the Navy should have instructed him specifically to "be on the alert against a hostile overseas raid."
3. If he had had Washington's knowledge of intercepted Japanese messages, he would have considered revising war plans to provide "an opportunity to ambush the Japanese striking force as it ventured to Hawaii."
4. Orders he received the same day he got the Nov. 27 "war warning" message to transport Army planes and troops to Midway and Wake, "indicated to me that responsible authorities in Washington did not consider an air raid on Pearl Harbor either imminent or probable."
5. The War and Navy departments knew that long range reconnaissance from Oahu was to be flown "only when a carrier strike against the islands was probable within narrow time limits."
6. He would have ordered the fleet to sea if he had known what Washington knew on successive dates from Nov. 27 to Dec. 7, but without this information he kept his battleships in harbor where he thought them safer against air attack.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THERE is an interesting development in what might be termed the "GI gripe" news. It is contained in a dispatch from Manila, which says:

"An Army officer exercised SUPERVISORY JUDGMENT (censorship) today over material carried in the Army newspaper, Daily Pacifican, including its popular Mail Bag column in which soldiers air their views."

Among the subjects to be banned hereafter from the Mail Bag are race relations, religion and officer privileges vs. enlisted men's privileges.

The officer doing the censoring (Col. W. E. Waters, heading the Information-Education section of Army Forces in the Western Pacific) explains that the new POLICY has for its aim building up rather than undermining the Army. He adds: "Nothing can be done at this command level about such problems, and it does no good to provoke ill feelings."

TO GET a reasonable understanding of this "gripe" problem, you must put yourself in the

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MORSE calls for action Stalling by Congress Adds to Reconversion Lag, Produces Confusion, Senator Charges

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Congress should proceed without delay to vote on President Truman's program, Senator Morse of Oregon said today.

"I think the people of the country," Morse told a reporter, "are entitled to have Congress stand up and be counted on pending legislation. How members vote is probably less important than that Congressional decision be made on pending legislation. Delay and stalling tactics by Congress are producing a great economic uncertainty and contributing to a reconversion slowup that will be followed by various blowups."

The senator said the question on everyone's lips was "what does Congress propose to do about the various reconversion problems confronting the nation?"

"Until the legislative pattern is set, business men do not know how to plan for the future," the senator continued. "He doesn't know whether to expand his business or to contract it. Likewise workers do not know what the government policy is going to be, with the result that inaction by Congress is producing confusion and unrest among all segments of our economy."

"In almost every instance committee members know right now how they are going to vote on every piece of legislation which they have had under consideration for weeks," Morse continued. "I think they should proceed to vote so the Senate can make the decision for which the country is waiting."

Morse said he hoped the President "will be successful in persuading the leaders of his own party to have control of the committee to give members of Congress a chance to stand up and be counted."

Boy Killed in Crash BROOKS, Ore., Jan. 15.—(AP)—An automobile collision one mile west of here Sunday took the life of Leland Westling, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Westling of Brooks.

He was riding in a car driven by Stanley Walter Jones, Brooks.

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All Eligible GI's Will be Out by July 1st

Eisenhower Tells Plan to Congressmen

Speedy Demobilization Would Cause Collapse of Army Setup, Chief Says

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower told congressmen today that by April 30 every enlisted man with 45 points or 30 months' service will be out of the Army or on the way to separation centers.

By July 1 he said, every enlisted man with 40 points or two years' service will be out or in the process of being discharged.

At present 50 points or three and a half years' service are required for discharge.

Furthermore, Eisenhower assured a meeting of senators and representatives "every surplus man will be out right away unless his points are so low that he can replace someone else."

In disclosing the April 30 and July 1 goals, the Army chief of staff excluded volunteers from the discharge provisions and made plain that the points are to be computed on the basis of last Sept. 2.

Eisenhower went before the meeting to offer the Army's explanation of its demobilization system, the target of criticism by congressmen and GI's alike.

Warning Voiced

Eisenhower warned that the Army's organization "will collapse" if it demobilizes too fast but pledged that every man eligible for discharge by July 1 will be out of service by that time.

Eisenhower said it was not possible to demobilize faster.

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Trio of Alleged "Yeggs" Arrested

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 15.—(AP)—Arrests in three Northwest cities of two men and a woman making up what police detectives here called a safe-cracking "gang" was reported today.

Detective William Bryan said John Segedi, 36, Portland, was arrested here last night in connection with four jobs he said Segedi had admitted.

He reported Vancouver, Wash., police had arrested Ethel Rich, 33, accused of driving the car used in the crimes. At Olympia, police said Orrin A. Warner, 31, Lewis, was arrested and would be charged with being the "lookout" for the gang.

Detective Bryan said he would take Segedi to Olympia today to find tools and dynamite the trio are accused of using in four jobs there. He reported Segedi was on parole from a 20-year sentence for a safe cracking job in Walla Walla County in 1937.

Turkey-Slaying Fox Is Trapped Near Hubbard

MILWAUKEE, Ore., Jan. 15.—(AP)—Turkey ranchers in the Hubbard area will be losing fewer birds since Ralph Dimmick trapped what U. S. Wildlife biologists have identified as a rare Arctic blue fox.

Dimmick trapped the fox at a ranch east of Hubbard. Stanley G. Jewett, regional U. S. Fish and Wildlife biologist, said the Arctic fox presumably escaped from a fox breeder's farm.

"No other fox looks like the Arctic blue fox," he said. Its habitat is in the northernmost area of the continent from the Aleutians north and across Alaska and Canada to Labrador.

Funds Sought to Develop Recreational Districts

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 15.—(AP)—Oregon congressmen will be asked to push a deficiency appropriation bill to enable the U. S. Forest Service to develop recreational areas in Oregon and Washington, a Portland Chamber of Commerce official said today.

The request was made last night by outdoor club representatives from upstate Oregon cities and recreational resources committee of the Chamber of Commerce.



LIQUIDATION BOSS — Appointment of Robert L. McKeever, above, Washington real estate man, as director of liquidation of government war agencies has been announced by President Truman. He will work with a liquidation advisory committee.

Heroic Death of GI Told at Trial

MANILA, Jan. 15.—(AP)—American Sgt. Isaac Landy died an unsung hero's death when he and nine comrades were executed as a warrant reprisal for escape of another prisoner of war, an eyewitness testified today at the war crimes trial of Lt. Gen. Homma.

Landy was one of 10 Yanks singled out for a "lesson" to 140 Americans who were forced to build bridges at Lumbung, Laguna province, testified Mayor Paralelo and Police Chief Anonuevo of Lumbung. The 10 were lined up and shot by firing squads in a schoolyard.

The volley failed to kill Landy. Struggling to his feet, the badly-wounded Yank pointed to his heart and defied the Japanese:

"Come on! Come on! Hit me here. Long live America!"

Successive volleys killed Landy. His and the other nine bodies were exhumed last month and reinterred with military honors.

Witnesses testified the Japanese deliberately withheld plentiful captured medical supplies from the POWs and weakened them with a starvation diet of one and a half ounces of rice daily.

They said hundreds succumbed daily to beriberi, dysentery, malaria and malnutrition.

Seattle Bus Drivers' Strike Brought to End

SEATTLE, Jan. 15.—(AP)—The bus drivers' walkout which put a knot in the leg muscles of Seattle's trolley riders ended yesterday in a compromise agreement.

The 1,100 drivers and 350 maintenance men of the Amalgamated Association of Street Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees of America asked \$1.37 per hour for drivers and \$1.30 for maintenance men. Almost constant negotiation brought an acceptable offer Sunday from the Seattle Transit Commission and yesterday at a mass meeting the employees voted to accept \$1.25 per hour base pay for drivers with a bonus of five cents an hour, and a wage of \$2.50 per month for maintenance men with a \$10 per month bonus.

Decision in Overtime Pay Suit Reaffirmed

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 15.—(AP)—The State Supreme Court today reaffirmed its decision holding unconstitutional the law providing that employees' suits for overtime pay under the federal wages and hours law must be filed within six months after the overtime has accumulated.

The high court, in an opinion today by Justice Lusk, denied a petition for rehearing, holding to its former opinion that the state law was unreasonable, indefinite and uncertain, and that the state legislature has no right to restrict rights granted by Congress.

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Blast Traps 192 Workers In Coal Mine

75 Others, Some Injured, Reach Safety; Nearby School Has Casualties

WELCH, W. Va., Jan. 15.—(AP)—Seventy-five coal miners miraculously escaped alive today after a tremendous blast in the No. 9 Havaco mine on the outskirts of Welch, but the fate of 192 others was in doubt as rescuers drove into the smoke and dust-filled shaft workings.

E. L. Chittfield, an inspector of the State Mines Department, said he was informed that 267 men were in the workings when the explosion occurred around 9:30 A.M.

The force was so terrific that Negro pupils in a schoolhouse and workers in the store and office of the New River and Pocahontas Consolidated Coal Company, from 500 to 1,000 feet away, were injured by shattered glass and debris. The mine is operated by New River and Pocahontas.

Pete Wimmer, 48-year-old company employee, told interviewers at a hospital following his escape from the blasted workings that he "counted five men on the way out who looked like they might be dead."

Wimmer said he was at work at a point approximately 3,000 feet from the main shaft.

Unofficial estimates said from a third to one-half of those coming up the shaft steps, which somehow remained intact although the upper part of the shaft was wrecked. The shaft is about 400 feet deep.

Others had to be helped or dragged from the mine, and some of them appeared to be semi-conscious from shock.

Hospitals of Welch, a city of 7,000 population, and the county seat of the biggest bituminous coal production county in the United States, were quickly filled to overflowing with injured miners and children from the schoolhouse.

Pepco Dissolution Plan Gets Conditional O.K.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 15.—(AP)—A plan calling for the dissolution of Portland Electric Power Company, in reorganization since 1942, had the conditional approval of the Securities and Exchange Commission today.

The plan was an alternative proposed by the independent trustees, and was the fifth to be suggested. Under it, holders of Pepco bonds would receive cash settlements and stock in Portland General Electric Company and Portland Traction Company, both subsidiaries.

The SEC evaluated Portland General Electric common stock at \$31,000,000; Portland Traction Company at \$6,500,000, and Interurban Railway properties, shops and carhouses at \$1,000,000.

The plan must be amended, before submission to a district court, to reserve the right to the trustees to apply to the court and SEC for approval of the sale of the common stock of PGE or Traction.

The Weather

Cloudy tonight and Wednesday, and warmer tonight. Occasional light rain Wednesday.

Cotton Ceiling Angers South

Proposal May End Existence Of OPA, Senators Predict; Prices of Clothing at Issue

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Cotton state Senators, angry at OPA's notice of proposed price ceilings on the raw fiber, said today this may mean the end of the whole OPA.

OPA is due to expire June 30—unless Congress votes its continuance.

"I told them," Senator Johnston (D-S. C.) related to reporters, "that I doubt very much that OPA will be in existence after June 30 if they put a ceiling price on cotton."

Japanese Facing Trial for "Only Beating" GI Captives Hoping for Light Sentences

TOKYO, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Many Japanese awaiting trial for maltreatment of Allied war prisoners now hope for light sentences, Navy Lt. Otaki said today following his release.

However, "resignation controls the minds of the once important men who now are war criminal suspects," he added:

Koki Hirata, twice former foreign minister, premier in the late 1930's and member of the cabinet advisory council in 1940, surrendered today at Sugamo prison. Sugamo now holds 408 Japanese and 48 non-Japanese war criminal suspects.

Sugamo's lesser prisoners, Otaki said, base their hopes on the fact that Tatsuo Tsuchiya, a former prison camp guard known as "Little Glass Eye," was given life imprisonment instead of the gallows for beating to death an American soldier. Otaki said the prisoners calculate that if Tsuchiya escaped the gallows "those who only beat and did not kill will perhaps get only five years."

Homma Would Be Martyr

Otaki was released after an investigation failed to substantiate charges against him. He told Japanese newsmen that before Lt. Gen. Homma was sent to Manila for trial he told other prisoners: "I don't care what happens to me if I can become a sacrifice for a new Japan."

Otaki cited that as "a typical example."

He said he frequently saw former Premier Tojo "walking spiritlessly, facing the ground."

He quoted Matsuzaka, former minister of justice who was in office when Sugamo prison was built: "If I knew I should be in this prison I should have built it better."

Regarding prison life, Otaki said that when the military police unlock cell doors at 6 o'clock in the morning, they shout: "Hey, Tojo, get up."

Winston Churchill in U. S. for American Visit

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Winston Churchill, Britain's colorful wartime prime minister, was en route today to Miami, Fla., where he plans to spend the greater part of a six-week American visit.

He arrived here last night aboard a liner and in a news conference told reporters he was not yet ready to retire from politics.

Asked whether he believed the United Nations Organization was making progress toward permanent peace in the world, Churchill said:

"As to its (UNO's) chances of success, you are as good a judge as I am. As to the need for such an organization, what else is there in the world to hope for?"

Overland Bus Drivers Reject Company Offer

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 15.—(AP)—Overland Greyhound bus drivers on runs north and west of Salt Lake City, since since Oct. 1, yesterday rejected a company contract offer.

Business Agent Harold Oathes said the vote in the Boise, Pocatello, Spokane and Portland districts was "almost unanimous."

The proposal called for 5.4 cents a mile pay, he said. Before the war the scale was 4.75 and when wartime speeds slowed traffic the rate was boosted to 5.71.

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facturers and distributors, rather than on the cost of raw materials. Price Chief Chester Bowles said the rise of cotton prices "threatens the whole stabilization program in the cotton textile field."

Saying continued increases would mean higher prices for clothing, Bowles added that OPA "intends to do everything in its power" to prevent this.

He asserted fabric manufacturers already are demanding higher ceilings "because they say the high cost of cotton is wiping out their profits."

\$2-a-Day Wage Boost Sought In 16 States

Government Conciliators Now Trying to Prevent Packinghouse Walkout

(By The Associated Press)

A strike of 200,000 CIO Electrical Workers got started today and the ranks of the nation's idle because of labor disputes began climbing toward the 600,000 mark, the highest mark in more than a year.

The strike call against the General Electric, Westinghouse and General Motors in 16 states in a wage dispute was the largest single one in effect since before the war.

Currently the largest work stoppage against an industry is against General Motors, involving 175,000 CIO United Auto Workers who struck last Nov. 21 in support of demands for a 30 per cent wage increase.

Effects of the electrical workers' walkout, which involved a major part of the country's production of home and industrial electrical appliances, were not immediately determined. The strike came one day after the scheduled work stoppage by 800,000 CIO steelworkers, which has been delayed one week.

Another major walkout, by some 325,000 packinghouse workers, is set for midnight tonight.

\$2-a-Day Boost Wanted

The walkout by the electrical workers, who had demanded wage increases of \$2 a day, was on schedule, said international headquarters of the CIO United Electrical Workers in New York City. Last minute efforts by federal conciliators to avert the strike were unsuccessful.

At Schenectady, N. Y., General Electric's largest plant, work was closed as more than 16,000 production workers struck. Picket lines were being organized. Between 10,000 and 12,000 salaried workers at the plant had been instructed to remain home in event of a work stoppage.

The strike call for the 200,000 workers in 16 plants involved 100,000 General Electric, 75,000 Westinghouse and 25,000 employees in General Motors' electrical division plants are in California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Wisconsin, Maryland, West Virginia and Kentucky.

Included among products manufactured by the firms are electric refrigerators, radios, vacuum cleaners, electric stoves, lamps and light-bulbs.

Trying to Avert Meet Tieup

As the huge electrical walkout got under way government conciliators, headed by Edgar L. Warren, chief of the conciliation service, made last-minute efforts to avert the threatened packinghouse strike. The federal officials summoned representatives of packing plants and the CIO United Packinghouse Workers as well as AFL Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workers to meet to attempt to settle the wage dispute.

There were reports from Washington that government officials reportedly had offered additional price relief as a basis for ending the controversy. The CIO union's original demands were for a 25 cents-an-hour wage hike, but it reduced that to 17 cents. The industry has offered 71 cents, but the added increase

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U. S.-Won Jap Islands Issue at UNO Assembly

LONDON, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Official sources disclosed today that American civilian and military officials at the United Nations general assembly were split over whether the American-conquered Japanese islands should be placed under UNO sovereignty.

The delegates themselves were said to favor a trusteeship plan for the Pacific islands, while their special military advisor, Gen. George C. Kenney, argued that the United States should retain any islands of military value.

Apartment House Here Looted of Various Items

A thief or thieves ransacked an apartment house at 122 S. Jackson Street yesterday, and took clothing and household items valued at almost \$300, the owner of the building, Harold Cox, reported to police today.

Missing from the apartment of E. L. Palmer, grocer, were an electric iron, shaving kit, suitcase and clothing. Clothing was taken from the apartment of M. Crossen, who is employed at the Dunham Transfer Company. The thieves entered the building yesterday sometime between noon and 10:30 P. M., Cox said.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Rosenblatt

Chief problem of atomic energy control will be for nations on the outside to control their desire to obtain the bomb secret.