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RUSSIA REFUSED DELAY IN IRAN DISPUTE

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Attack on Japan Prior to Pearl Harbor Talked of by Roosevelt's War Cabinet

Idea Rejected 9 Days Before Foe Struck, Stimson Discloses; President's Warning To Japan Occasioned by Threats to Asia

By WILLIAM T. PEACOCK

WASHINGTON, March 21.—(AP)—Former Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson has disclosed that President Roosevelt's "war cabinet" discussed and rejected nine days before Pearl Harbor an American attack on Japanese forces "without further warning."

Stimson recounted this in a statement sent to the Senate-House committee investigating Japan's surprise blow on Dec. 7, 1941. The committee made it public today.

Stimson related that on the morning of Friday, Nov. 28, 1941, he received information of Japanese movements along the Asiatic coast. They were of such a "formidable character" that he went to the White House. The Stimson story continued:

"Mr. Roosevelt suggested that there were three alternatives, as my notes show: First, to do nothing; second, to make something in the nature of an ultimatum, stating a point beyond which we would fight; or, third, to fight at once.

"I said that I felt that to do nothing was out of the question and the President agreed with me. As to the other two alternatives, the desirable thing to do from the point of view of our own tactics and safety was to take the initiative and attack without further warning. It is axiomatic that the best defense is offense. It is always dangerous to wait and let the enemy make the first move.

"I was inclined to feel that the warning given in August by the President against further moves by the Japanese toward Thailand justified an attack without further warning, particularly as their new movement southward indicated that they were about to violate that warning.

"On the other hand, I realized that the situation could be made more clean cut from the point of view of public opinion if a further warning were given."

(During its hearings, closed a month ago, the committee learned from State Department records that Mr. Roosevelt warned the Japanese ambassador in August, 1941, that the United States would take steps to defend its interests if Japan engaged in further aggression toward southeast Asia.)

Real Target Not Suspected

At noon on that same Friday, Stimson said, the so-called "war cabinet" met. In addition to Stimson its members were Secretary of State Hull, Secretary of the Navy Knox, Admiral Harold R. Stark, the chief of Naval operations, and General George C. Marshal, the Army chief of staff.

Stimson said this meeting discussed the possible meaning of the Japanese move—possibly an

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WEDS HERO'S EX-WIFE — George Gilbert, above, Seattle news vendor, and Mrs. Helene Boyington, former wife of Lt. Gregory (Pappy) Boyington, Marine air hero, were married yesterday in Yakima by the second minister to whom they applied. The first one refused to officiate because he did not want his name connected with what he branded as "a notorious affair."

Ex-Wife of Boyington Weds Newspaper Vendor

YAKIMA, Wash., March 21.—(AP)—Mrs. Helene Boyington and George L. Gilbert, Seattle newspaper vendor, were married at the First Presbyterian Church here yesterday after an elopement from Seattle.

The former wife of Lt. Col. Gregory Boyington, the Marine air hero, and Gilbert, applied for a marriage license in Seattle Saturday, then announced that they had decided against the marriage. Yesterday, however, they picked up the license and left town without announcing their destination.

Chrome Plant in Coos For Sale as Surplus

SEATTLE, March 21.—(AP)—The Seattle regional office of the War Assets Corporation announced yesterday the $500,000 chrome reduction plant 15 miles southeast of Marshfield, Oregon, is being offered for sale.

Now declared surplus, the plant produced 400 tons of chromic oxide at capacity. It occupies a 6-acre site and has 13,500 square feet of floor space.

Schaupp Reappointed

SALEM, Ore., March 21.—(AP)—A. W. Schaupp, Klamath Falls, was reappointed by Governor Snell yesterday to a three-year term on the State Highway Commission. The new term is effective April 1.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

IN Ottawa (Canada's capital) Premier McKenzie King appears before a TENSE lower house of parliament (containing one communist member who is now under treason charges) and delivers a 90-minute speech that contains plenty of food for serious thought.

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HE says:

"Documents seized in the espionage (spying) inquiry and accepted by the (Candian) government as of UNDOUBTED AUTHENTICITY disclose among other things that Canada was being made a base to secure information on matters of VERY GREAT AND GRAVE concern to the United States and also to Great Britain."

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THE information concerned atomic energy. It was being sought, he adds, in 1943 and 1944

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Newly Developed Rocket, in Quest of Weather Secrets, Soars 43.5 Miles Into Space

PASADENA, Calif., March 21.—(AP)—A new ionosphere rocket, developed by California Institute of Technology, has soared 43½ miles into space in quest of weather secrets.

The Army Ordnance Department disclosed today that the rocket, weighing 1,000 pounds, 16 feet long and 12 inches in diameter, has been turned over to the signal corps. Its job will be to speed into the sub-stratospher, record temperatures, and release the data by parachute.

Army authorities disclosed that in a recent test at the White Sands proving grounds at Las Cruces, New Mexico, the giant man-made meteor soared to a new American altitude record, 230,000 feet. That is 43½ miles.

A parachute attachment brings the device back to earth. Its record height exceeds by some 100,000 feet the best achieved by the signal corps' weather balloons. Cost of its development was not disclosed.

The rocket uses a liquid propellant of hydro-carbon and oxidizer. It has a supersonic nose, designed to withstand the pressure of speeds greater than sound without damage which might affect its flight path.

The Army's code name for the device is the "Wac Corporal."

Father of the rocket is Dr. Frank J. Malina, Caltech scientist and technical director of the institute's jet propulsion laboratory. He guided the development of the project from its beginning in 1944 to its recent completion, but he disclaims credit individually for it.

"The Wac Corporal just grew in the collective scientific mind," he told a reporter. "It involved the efforts of numerous scientists and engineers."

Death Decreed for Gen. Homma

Bataan Beast Doomed to Firing Squad

Gen. M'Arthur, Refusing Clemency, Disagrees With Two on Supreme Court

TOKYO, March 21.—(AP)—General MacArthur today decreed a firing-squad death for Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma, his victorious foe in the 1942 battle for Bataan, and disagreed sharply with two U. S. Supreme Court justice dissenters—one of whom had termed the sentence vengeance rather than justice.

Date and details of the execution, which now could be stayed only by President Truman, will be determined in Manila.

Affirming the Manila court martial conviction of Homma, who ordered the infamous Bataan death march that cost 17,200 lives, MacArthur asserted:

"If this defendant does not deserve his judicial fate, none in jurisdictional history ever did."

Before announcing his decision, MacArthur studied opinions expressed by Supreme Court Justices Murphy and Rutledge, who dissented when the court refused to intervene for Homma. Murphy had denounced Homma's trial as a descent "to the level of revengeful blood purges."

MacArthur declared "no trial could have been fairer" and said dissenters "either advocate arbitariness of process above factual realism, or . . . inherently

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Ground Broken for New Hotel Building On Jackson Street

Ground was broken today on property owned by L. R. Chambers, directly south of The California Oregon Power Company office on Jackson Street, starting construction of a 57-room, three-story hotel building, which, according to present plans, will be ready for occupancy in approximately eight months.

L. R. Chambers, who reports plans to erect the building by force account rather than under contract, states that space will be provided on the ground floor for three store buildings and the hotel lobby. The second floor will extend over and incorporate into the new building the structure now occupied by Ann's Fountain Lunch, while the third story will rise to an elevation matching the Star Theater Building, where Chambers recently installed five apartments on the second floor.

Construction will be of a type permitting an addition of a fourth story at later date, Chambers states.

Plans have been drawn by the Todd Construction Company, which will supervise erection of the hotel building.

The structure will have a reinforced concrete frame, with walls of concrete blocks. A plant for making the building blocks is now being set up in North Roseburg.

The hotel, Chambers reports, will be thoroughly modern in every particular.

'Caste System' Protest Rapped by Wainwright

SYRACUSE, N. Y., March 21.—(AP)—Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright yesterday described soldier complaints against the Army's so-called "caste system" as "close to mutinous conduct" in some instances.

"In my opinion," the general said in an interview, "the Army should be reasonably democratic. At the same time there has to be a gap between officers and enlisted men if there is to be discipline.

"At Corregidor that same gap existed. Without that gap Corregidor wouldn't have lasted five days."

"In some instances," he added, "the stand of complaining GI's has been close to mutinous conduct. These critics are not typical American soldiers."

Forged $30 Check Draws Long Stretch in Prison

TACOMA, March 21.—(AP)—Charles W. Earley, Salem, Ore., arrested by Tacoma police last week on a bad check charge, was sentenced in Pierce County Superior Court yesterday to serve not more than 20 years in the penitentiary. He pleaded guilty to forging a check for $30 on a Tacoma bank.

Milk Distributors Facing Barrier in Price Controversy

Milk distributors will continue to sell milk in Roseburg as long as it is available, H. V. Sullivan, manager of the Umpqua Dairy, announced today.

"We are agreeable that producers should get more money for their milk," Sullivan said, "but we can't increase the price as long as we are shipping it in for 92 cents from the outside."

Sullivan said his dairy receives 1,020 gallons of milk daily from Grants Pass.

Douglas county milk producers are asking an increase in butterfat prices to $1.15 a pound from the 92 cents they now receive.

If Grants Pass and Roseburg producers follow the lead set by Portland area producers, who are scheduled to meet March 25, Sullivan said, the price may be increased.

Beef Shortage in Oregon Blamed on OPA Price Limits

PORTLAND, March 21.—(AP)—A possible return of meat substitutes to Portland dinner tables was hinted here today, with a rising scarcity of cattle reported here and other animal shipments also declining.

Lack of animals to slaughter forced some plants to send killing gangs home at noon yesterday, F. L. Ritter, secretary of the Oregon Meat Council, reported.

A beef shortage, increasing over the past two weeks, was blamed by the industry on OPA regulations and on the seasonal drop of cattle receipts.

Ritter said OPA ceilings were to blame, with a federal court injunction "hanging over the heads" of 12 big packers and making them toe the price line. Other industry spokesmen said packers could not enter competition and still make a profit at OPA ceilings.

E. J. Curtin, head livestock buyer of Armour & Co., said beef slaughter at his large plant had fallen 50 per cent because the firm could not buy many animals within OPA limits.

A top roof limits price paid for cattle; but packers cannot buy all cattle; but packers cannot buy all chases within each grade must be at lower prices, in order to abide by an OPA ceiling on monthly average payments.

Jap Reparations Bill Figured at $17 Billion

TOKYO, March 21.—(AP)—Japan may have to pay her conquerors 258,650,000,000 yen ($17,243,333,333) in reparations, the newspaper Yomiuri-Hochi estimated today.

Economic experts at allied headquarters said as far as they knew the Japanese government had not been informed of the total amount.

The newspaper said an estimated 250,000,000,000 yen ($16,666,666,666) worth of Japanese assets overseas would be taken as reparations by the allied nations, and that the Japanese government would pay an estimated 8,650,000,000 yen ($576,666,666) to owners of industrial plants marked for seizure within Japan.

CIO Wins Election at Umpqua Plywood Plant

Workers at the Umpqua Plywood Corporation plant selected the C. I. O. as their bargaining agent at a hotly contested election held Wednesday under supervision of the National Labor Relations Board. Ballots were cast by 84 out of 89 eligible workers, 47 voting for the C. I. O. and 36 for the A. F. of L. One vote was cast against unionization. Results of the election must be certified to the national board before becoming operative.

Flight Operators Refuse To Pay $10 Oregon Fee

PORTLAND, March 21.—(AP)—Ninety commercial flight operators, banded into a new state association, said here they do not intend to pay the $10 registration fee for airplane owners required by state law.

But Leo G. Devaney, state director of aeronautics, warned them, "the attorney general says it (the fee) is legal. If you don't think so, you'll have to take it to court." The fee was due Jan. 1.

The Weather

Occasional light rain tonight and Friday.

Nation Faces Less Poultry, Meats, Milk

Return to Rationing Not Likely, However; Bumper Crop of Wheat Promised

WASHINGTON, March 21.—(AP)—The nation's farms appeared likely today to turn out less meats, milk and poultry products for the next 15 months or so.

But the reduction apparently will not be serious enough to force a return to rationing.

An Agriculture Department survey on farmers' 1946 planting intentions indicates that livestock feed grain supplies, already far short of requirements, may continue below demands for a year after this season's crops are harvested.

The present shortage of corn and other feed supplies is forcing many farmers to curtail production of meat animals, poultry and dairy products.

Bumper Wheat Crop Looms

On the other hand, the supply of bread grains also far below demands of domestic consumers and of famine-plagued areas abroad, appears likely to be re-

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Fullerton Candy Firm Sells to McDonald Co.

Sale of the Fullerton Candy Co., 723 N. Jackson St., Roseburg, to the McDonald Candy Co. of Eugene, was announced this week. The wholesale distributing firm here is now under management of Bob Saunders, formerly manager of McDonald's branch at Corvallis.

Some years ago both Fullerton and McDonald operated in Roseburg until the Fullerton Candy Co. bought the McDonald interests here. The McDonald Candy Co., with its head office in Eugene, has branches in Portland, Salem, Albany, Corvallis, Coos Bay, Newport and Medford.

Mrs. Myra Crooch, formerly of Eugene, and Vern Martin, formerly of Corvallis, are new employes here of the McDonald Candy Co.

Future plans for L. J. Fullerton, former owner of the candy distributing firm, have not been announced.

German Scientists Aid U. S. in Rocket Bomb Work

WASHINGTON, March 21.—(AP)—The War Department yesterday credited German scientists with helping the U. S. Army develop rocket bombs "more effective than those with which the Nazis bombarded London and other European cities."

In a statement describing the activities of German technicians brought to this country, the Army said most of them are buzz bomb experts. Others are working at undisclosed places on jet-propelled planes and the aerodynamic research, and a few are engaged in "several additional fields of military research."

Suggesting that other German experts are working on American projects abroad, the statement said they are brought to this country "only if their fullest exploitation cannot be carried out in Europe."

Union Pickets Criticize Winston Churchill's Talk

SEATTLE, March 21.—(AP)—A picket line in front of the exchange building, headquarters of the British consulate, was ordered dispersed by police yesterday after the sidewalk became crowded and passersby were forced to walk in the street.

Leaders of the group of about 45, representing five different CIO unions, a spokesman said, had planned to break up the demonstration shortly and left promptly when the police arrived. They carried banners criticizing Winston Churchill and his Fulton, Mo., speech.

Compulsory Passenger Auto Insurance Sought

SALEM, Ore., March 21.—(AP)—Compulsory passenger automobile liability insurance, which would be sold exclusively by the State Industrial Accident Commission, is sought in a preliminary initiative petition filed yesterday by W. H. Downing, W. E. Richardson and A. E. Smith, all of Portland.

The bill would appear on the general election ballot next November if the signatures of 23,108 registered voters are obtained.

BEDRIDDEN VET DISCOVERS TALENT—Sam Francis, 23, Palo Alto, Calif., found inspiration that has kept him busy and happy, though bedridden and forced to spend 18 hours daily on his stomach, strung up on a frame as a result of an AAF training plane crash and following tuberculosis of the spine. At Fort Miley Veterans' Hospital, San Francisco, he does paintings which astonish the critics, although the first time he handled a brush was a year ago when a Gray Lady conducted a "drawing contest" in a hospital ward and Francis won first prize. He had completed a pre-med- course at U. C. before the war, but plans to give up medicine for an art career.

Extension of Draft Law to Permit Early Release of All Fathers Urged by Eisenhower

WASHINGTON, March 21.—(AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower asked Congress today to extend the draft law indefinitely and to limit service liability of inductees to 18 months.

If that is done, the chief of staff told the House military committee, the Army can release all fathers by the end of August or early in September regardless of how long they have been in service.

If it is not done, he warned, the Army may fall short by 165,000 men of its estimated needed strength of 1,070,000 on July 1, 1947.

Both Eisenhower and Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson argued against proposals for a shorter extension of the Selective Service Act, which expires on May 15 of this year.

"Should the Selective Service Act not be continued and should our recruiting program fail to establish and sustain a volunteer Army of the requisite size," Patterson said, "the military position of this country, and therefore our ability to preserve the peace we have won, would become precarious."

"This country cannot afford to take chances on manpower for the Army," he added.

Patterson told the committee that extension of the draft should be coupled with a 20 per cent overall increase in pay and allowances for all military personnel.

Restrictions Advised

Eisenhower suggested that legislation extending the draft contain these restrictions: a prohibition against service for more than 18 months; a requirement that no more men be inducted than are necessary to meet estimates of strength required by July 1, 1947; and a stipulation that the Army discharge all fathers now in service and decline to induct any in the future.

He told the committee that strength is necessary to support the position of the allies in the United Nations organization and said the smaller nations are look-

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Olympia Supply Co. Buys Discontinued Booth-Kelly Mill

The Olympia Supply Company has negotiated purchase of the Booth-Kelly sawmill at Wendling for dismantling and will start removal of machinery and equipment as soon as inventory has been completed, Abe Bean, manager of the Roseburg branch of the supply company, reported today.

It is planned, Bean said, to move the major portion of the mill machinery and equipment into Douglas County.

The Booth-Kelly Company recently ceased operations, due to exhaustion of timber supplies.

The mill had a daily capacity of approximately 250,000 board feet and was complete with planing mill, dry kilns, remanufacturing and finishing equipment.

Douglas County mills, Bean reports, are to be given preference in disposal of the machinery.

The Olympia Supply Company, Bean announces, has completed a new poured concrete building, 130 by 122 feet, in Olympia, Wash., as headquarters for its extended operations. The company was founded in 1910 by Earl Bean, who now is assisted by his five sons, Percy, Milton, Ben, Abe and Isadore. The first three named are stationed at Olympia, while Abe and Isadore manage the Roseburg branch.

Salem Leases 7 Blocks For Veterans' Housing

SALEM, Ore., March 21.—(AP)—Salem's special Housing Commission announced today it has leased seven blocks in Southeast Salem as the site for 40 federal defense apartment dwellings, which will house the families of 120 veterans.

The buildings will be brought here from Seattle. The lease is for three years at $1440 a year.

Expensive Vote

BUENOS AIRES, March 21.—(AP)—The Buenos Aires voter who put three winning lottery tickets in the ballot box with his vote in last month's presidential election can breathe easier today. An election judge who found them said he'd send them back. They're worth 80 pesos, which is 20 bucks, American money.

U. S. Insists On Action Now, Truman Says

UNO Security Council Will Meet Monday, With Secy. Byrnes Attending

WASHINGTON, March 21.—(AP)—President Truman declared flatly today that Monday's scheduled meeting of the United Nations Security Council will not be postponed.

Mr. Truman told his news conference that the United States delegation will press for action on the Iranian case.

The Soviets have asked for a 16-day delay on the ground they need time to prepare their answer.

Reminded of the Russian request for a postponement, the President was asked what will happen Monday if the Soviets insist on their plea.

The President told his questioner he had better attend the meeting and find out.

Mr. Truman again announced that he was not seeking another meeting of the "Big Three" to deal with differences between Russia and other members of the United Nations.

The United Nations Organization, he said, is supposed to take over things that formerly were discussed by the Big Three.

A Three-Power conference was suggested in the Senate yesterday by Senator Pepper.

Mr. Truman told newsmen he would be glad to see any or all members of the UNO at any time. He simply is not asking for a Big Three meeting.

Will Press For Action

The President said Secretary of State Byrnes will carry to Monday's session in New York his

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Britain, Mexico to Honor Roosevelt

LONDON, March 21.—(AP)—The Pilgrims Society of Great Britain announced today appointment of a committee headed by the Earl of Derby to raise funds for erection of a statute of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt in London.

The statue would be the third memorial to a United States president to be erected in the British capital. A statue of George Washington stands outside the National Gallery and one of Abraham Lincoln is situated near Westminister Abbey.

MEXICO CITY, March 21.—(AP)—The permanent committee of Congress announced today plans for formal observance on April 12 of the first anniversary of President Roosevelt's death. The program will include laying of the cornerstone for a monument in Monterey, where President Roosevelt and President Avila Camacho met.

The committee issued a proclamation declaring that Roosevelt had "acquired spiritual Mexican citizenship" through his advocacy of the good neighbor policy.

Secret Group to Direct Nylon Stockings Sales

TACOMA, March 21.—(AP)—Tacoma merchants have set up a secret committee through the Tacoma Retail Trade Bureau to direct henceforth the sale of nylon stockings here.

It was conceived in a desperate effort to avoid ever mounting feminine cries of "unfair" which have met all previous schemes.

The committee from time to time will notify stores without warning the time when nylons will go on sale and all stores having them will set them out at the same time.

Different hours and days will be selected in the hope that every housewife and worker will have a chance to be on hand when at least one of the great moments comes.

No feminine wile, the bureau claims, will induce it to disclose the identity of the committee.

Corvallis Votes $300,000 Bonds for School Projects

CORVALLIS, Ore., March 21.—(AP)—Voters of the Consolidated Corvallis School District approved a bond issue of $300,000 in an election held yesterday. The final count favored the proposal 510 to 31.

The money will be used to erect a new elementary school, add wings to the Senior High School and another elementary school, and carry out needed repairs and improvements on other buildings.

Sundale Village Names Sanitary Board Members

Three members were elected to the sanitary board of the Sundale Village Sanitary district, which was approved last week by residents in the area directly adjacent to the south city limits. They are R. T. Adams, an electrical engineer; Lawrence Knudson, Umpqua Plywood employee, and Gordon Todd of the Todd Construction Co.

Names of the board members were chosen by County Clerk Roy Agee from "write in" ballots turned in by voters in the area when they approved the formation of the sanitary district. The three highest in number of votes were selected to serve on the board.

Of 29 houses in the Sundale Village area, 19 are connected with the sewer line which runs into the city system. The 19 homes voted unanimous approval of the district, a count of the ballote revealed.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Relzenstein

Demos of the nation will devote Saturday to observing the memory of Andrew Jackson, but Roseburg will have an all-year program in the spurred circulation of "jack" on the street that bears "Old Hickory's" name, and which is aiding in maintenance of the fast tempo of the city's commercial progress.