

# Germany Irked At US Policy

### British Request Shipping Be Turned Over Draws Spirited Rejoinder

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very of axis ships to Britain by the United States would be "unfriendly" and "unneutral" and expressed confidence it would not happen).

Nearly coinciding with the foreign office conference, it was announced officially that the German government has asked the United States state department to recall three members of the staff of the United States embassy in Paris on charges that they helped a British officer to escape.

These three are Mrs. Elizabeth Deegan, formerly of Asheville, NC, a receptionist who recently was detained for several days by German military occupation authorities in Paris; Cecil M. F. Cross, first secretary and consul at the embassy and Leigh W. Hunt, a second secretary and consul.

The state department accepted the request. (In Washington, Secretary Hull said the three would be sent elsewhere; that the charges would be investigated, although a preliminary investigation does not support them. Hull declined to discuss the Ronald Cross affair.)

The German announcement said that Mrs. Deegan had supported the unidentified British officer and helped him flee the country; that the two embassy officials were involved in this and that, furthermore, Cross concealed a British secret agent in the embassy for months. This man, it was stated, later was arrested outside the building and confessed to espionage.

"Moral Aggression"  
Charge Aimed at US  
At the press conference, the foreign office spokesman charged that the United States foreign policy was one of "pinpricks, injury, challenge and moral aggression" against Germany.

On the other hand, he said, the reich has "exercised restraint to the point of self-effacement" in its dealings with Washington.

In other words, the British minister of shipping was tending to dig down Wilhelmstrasse reticence and restraint and opened the lips of officials.

Ever since the reelection of President Roosevelt, foreign correspondents have been soliciting expressions of official opinion of various phases of American foreign policy, as it affects the reich. But the government spokesman, until today, has declined to comment. Even the president's mention of ways for further aiding Britain, has drawn only newspaper and unofficial comments.

Today one simple question provoked a dramatic situation.

To this correspondent's question: "Any comment on the British Minister Cross's statement?" one of Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop's closest collaborators replied in a voice vibrant with emotion, his pitch raised progressively and his voice increasing in volume as he reached the change of American "pinprick policy."

In fact, this unusual statement of policy, coming at this time, seemed so fraught with potentialities that the correspondent requested, as an unusual favor, to be permitted to keep a copy of the official stenographic transcript.

# Theory of Moving Continents Denied

### Fossils Tell Other Story Says Chaney; Millions of Years Traced

BERKELEY, Calif., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Fossils of trees which lived millions of years ago tend to discount the theory of some scientists that the continents have been moving, says Dr. Ralph W. Chaney, professor of paleontology at the University of California.

Dr. Chaney drew his conclusion from studies showing the relative position of the world's "forest belt" at the beginning of the eocene era, about 60,000,000 years ago, compared with the forest belt at the present time.

The world's present day tree belt begins in Iceland, extends south-westward through Europe to the eastern portion of Africa, then through southern Asia, up the coast of China and Japan, across Bering straits to Alaska and thence again southward to cover much of the United States and Canada, and finally rears northward toward Greenland and finally Iceland to complete the circle.

# Four-Motored Bomber Crashes, Kills Six



Here is one smashed wing of a United States army four-motored bomber which crashed in the mountains 25 miles southeast of March Field, Calif., with loss of six lives. In foreground is part of one of the engines, still smoking from flames which burned part of the plane's wreckage. The craft apparently overturned after crashing in the trees and boulders because the underside of the wing here faces upward.

# Labor Law Issue Compromise Due

### Compliance With Law May Be Settled; Contract Terms Afford Key

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The administration was reported today to be studying means of compromising the one major controversy that has cropped up over national defense—whether armament contracts shall include a clause requiring compliance with labor laws.

Informed sources said the war department was considering a broader clause than that now included in defense contracts. At present, contractors need only pledge observance of the Walsh-Healey act, under which the labor department can fix wage and hour standards for industry.

Some officials doubted, however, that any concessions would include the proposal of Sidney Hillman, labor member of the defense commission, and CIO leaders that the contracts state specifically that employers must comply with the Wagner act guaranteeing labor the right to organize and bargain collectively.

Hillman protested last week when tentative war department contracts totaling \$2,000,000 with the Ford Motor company made no mention of the Wagner law. Both William S. Knudsen, defense commissioner in charge of production, and the war department took the view that this was unnecessary.

Although approved by Knudsen, signing of the contracts has been delayed while defense commission and war department officials study a possible compromise of the divergent views on labor policies.

# Long Silent Gun Injures Owner

COQUILLE, Dec. 21.—(AP)—After his only son died in a hunting accident three years ago, Fred Bull, Coquille rector, gave up hunting.

# Kissing Post Provided; You Furnish the Girl

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(AP)—An official "kissing post" has been established at Grand Central terminal for the holiday season, but there's one restriction, men—the girl you kiss must be your own.

Terminal officials placed a huge bunch of mistletoe over the doorway between the main concourse and the waiting room.

# Portland Airport Gets \$301,352 WPA Project

PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Rep. Homer D. Angell (R-Ore.) advised Portland officials today that a \$301,352 WPA project for the Portland-Columbia airport had been approved at Washington, DC.

# Crash Damage Slight

Slight damage was reported from the collision of autos driven by Raymond W. Schless, 254 N.

# Brushed by Tragedy



Sam Weinstein, 78, lies in the arms of his son (right) after he was hit by an automobile in front of the son's home in New York City. The son witnessed the accident from the window of his home and rushed to the victim's aid. The father was taken to a hospital with a possible skull fracture. Note hands of others apparently reaching to offer aid.

# Inflation Guards Being Developed North California Sees Flood Peril

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One of the methods the economists have discussed for preventing this situation is government compulsion to force people to save part of their money instead of spending it. In England, this method is practically in operation already, except that moral and patriotic pressure has been substituted for government edicts in coercing the people to save.

Usually, this method has been defined as a law requiring citizens to put a portion of their earnings in the bank each week or month. But one of the other ways figuring in Washington theorizing would simplify the plan further by requiring employers to pay part of the payroll in government bonds instead of cash.

The idea behind this method is to keep people from bidding up prices by depriving them of the cash used in the process. While the method has some advocates, others in prominent places have criticized it as unnecessarily drastic. "Like shooting a tame cat with buckshot," said one.

As perhaps a final report, the economists said, inflation could be made impossible by law, as is done in Germany, where the government sets prices and wages, and decrees who can work where and at what business, specifies what banks and investors can do with their spare cash, regulates the movements of money into and out of the country, and checks nearly every other part of economic life.

Front street, and Benjamin F. Line, 1790 Lee street, at the corner of Mission and Commercial streets at 6:15 last night, police said.

# Greek Forces Aren't Halted

### Fortified Heights Taken; Initiative Retained With Fliers' Aid

By MAX HARRELSON  
ATHENS, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Greek forces pushing deeper into Albania have captured new fortified heights in the Topelini-Kilsura sectors and have taken 300 prisoners and a quantity of war material, a government spokesman reported tonight.

He declared the Greeks also were continuing their advance in other sectors, especially in the coastal region toward Chimara.

Important Italian positions also were taken in the north beyond Pogradetz, the spokesman said.

"Conditions are just the same as in past days," he commented. "The initiative belongs to us and all efforts by the Italians to counterattack have been crushed."

"Fliers Participate  
British fliers participated in two of these, directly in their own attacks at Italy's home and Albanian bases and in support of Greek troops in the front lines. They earned thereby the praise of their commander for doing what he called one of the best aviation jobs of the war under about the worst conditions.

By air—RAF bombers based in Greece were said to have bombed oil tanks and railways overnight at the Italian port of Brindisi, across the Adriatic sea from Albania, dropping all their bombs in the target area, and setting off "large fires" and "several explosions."

The RAF reported attacks yesterday on Berat, at a vital road junction on the Albanian front, and on an Italian airfield. By land—Greek infantrymen, hammering at the gates of Tepelini and Kilsura, were said to have taken the villages and two strategic heights in the Tepelini area, overcoming cold, stubborn Italian resistance and strong barbed wire barriers. An Italian column and two battalions were said to have been captured in fierce fighting around Tepelini.

Greeks Proceed  
By sea—A naval communiqué today said a Greek destroyer force preceded the British battleship-cruiser-destroyer armada which was reported yesterday to have pushed into the lower Adriatic on the night of December 15-16 "without encountering any signs of the enemy."

Air Vice Marshal John Henry d'Ablac, commander of the RAF in Greece, expressed satisfaction with the progress of the air war. British fliers, he said, had established one of the best records made anywhere during the war and British bombers have fulfilled their tasks despite weather handicaps encountered nowhere else in Europe.

# 'Black out' Hits Salem; Lines out

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phone poles and collapsing walls. Shorting power lines flared in dozens of places as poles and trees fell. Christmas decorations were ripped from city streets, and communications were interrupted.

Wind velocities were steadily rising at 11 p.m. along the coast. Coast guardmen reported a 75-mile-an-hour blow on the beaches near Grays harbor. At Aberdeen, the velocity was 65; at McChord Field, near Tacoma, 55—the highest recorded there since establishment of the army air force weather station in 1925. In Seattle, Boeing field reported a top of 42. Portland had a 42-mile wind, with gusts ranging up to 50.

Aberdeen, Hoquiam and Raymond were without lights at 11:30 p.m. Coast guard telephones failed along the entire Washington coast. The state department of public works at Sacramento reported power running two inches deep over US highway 99 north of Chico, but California Automobile association officials here stated their reports showed all main highways north and south were open.

A washout on the Northwestern Pacific railroad near McVann disrupted service in that region, and Eureka-bound passengers a 24 mail were transferred to buses and trucks at Willits.

Wind and rain still lashed at Eureka today, where telephone and telegraph communications were broken off last night in the storm.

An earthquake which jarred Eureka yesterday afternoon centered about 50 miles off Cape Mendocino, H. G. Wreckage, astronomer at the International observatory at Ukiah, reported today. The tremor lasted about 15 minutes but did negligible damage.

# Vandals Return, Win

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 21.—(AP)—University of Idaho's barnstorming basketball team wound up a 4000 mile tour here tonight with a 35 to 21 victory at the expense of an outclassed but scrappy junior college outfit.

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# "We Want Our Mommy"



When their mother, Mrs. Alice Holman, went shopping and did not return for two days, 18-month-old William Holson (right), and Gus, 2 months old, were taken to a Chicago orphanage by the family's landlady. Later police took Mrs. Holson into custody and charged her with contributing to their dependency.—AP Telecast.

# Princess Juliana Talks to Seamen

### Countrymen Tell of War Adventures; Is Paid Honors in Gotham

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(AP)—In a room redolent of cigar smoke and the aroma of coffee, Princess Juliana of The Netherlands—a royal refugee in a foreign land—was reunited with her countrymen today.

For nearly an hour she sat in a small room in the seamen's institute as two-score Dutch men of the sea—some who had served their nation for 20 years—told her tales of their adventures.

Slipping coffee, and smoking a cigaret, the princess listened as one sailor, Gaarte van Der Zwan, told her that 20 of a crew of 32 had been killed in the explosion of a time bomb which sank the steamer Staschledam last September 16.

She chatted in her native tongue with Frits Franken, who sailed under the Dutch flag for more than a quarter-century. She asked that cigars be distributed to all the seamen.

They cheered as she left the hall to attend a luncheon in her honor, given by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and later a private reception at The Netherlands club.

To Attend Church  
The princess arrived here yesterday from Washington after visiting President and Mrs. Roosevelt for three days. She will attend services tomorrow morning in the West End Congregational church, whose pastor, the Rev. Dr. Edgar Franklin Romig, said she had expressed the hope her visit "might be in as simple and informal a way as would be customary were she in Holland."

Tomorrow she will leave by train for Ottawa, Canada, to spend Christmas with her two daughters, the Princesses Beatrix and Irene, aged 3 years and 16 months, respectively.

Juliana was clad today in a black wool dress with black velvet and bronze sash. She wore a heavy gold bracelet on the right wrist and two diamond-studded bracelets on the left.

# MacDowell Group Will Sing Carols

Christmas carols will ring out in Salem Monday night as the Salem MacDowell club sings its way through the streets between Liberty and 14th and Court and Market in a Yule serenade.

# Elderly Woman Dies of Injuries at Vancouver

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Automobile accident injuries caused the death of Mrs. A. E. Aratt, about 60, in the county hospital today.

A taxicab hit her as she crossed a street in the middle of a downtown block last night. Patrolman Ray Harnell said. The taxi driver was not held.

# Portland Firm Has Contracts

### 12 Million Dollars May Be Cost of Each; to Expand Shipyard

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construction of the ships will begin within three or four months.

Officers of the firm are Amodeo M. Smith, president; Austin P. Fiegel, Jr., vice-president; and E. J. Burke, treasurer. J. R. Daley is chief engineer and Jack L. Jennings general manager.

In the order by Secretary Knox announcing the contracts it was reported that Seattle firms received orders for six seaplane tenders.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Secretary Knox announced today the awarding of contracts to private shipyards for minelayers, tenders and other naval vessels estimated to cost \$265,765,500.

Additional contracts totaling \$6,600,000 were awarded at the same time to expand facilities at the widely scattered shipyards receiving the orders.

The vessels will be built on a cost-plus-fixed fee basis. Detailed breakdown and delivery dates were not disclosed. The shipyards, number of vessels, and limit of cost on expansion of facilities included:

# Forestry-Defense Problems Studied

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 21.—(AP)—The forester's role in the national defense program will be the major point of discussion for the forestry section at the 17th annual meeting of the Northwest Scientific association here Friday and Saturday.

Dr. Floyd W. Gall of the University of Idaho, association president, said speakers taking part in the forestry program would include Maj. Ervan W. Kelley of Missoula, Mont., regional forester; Stephen N. Wyckoff, director of the forest experiment station at Portland; Dr. E. G. Mason, dean of the Oregon state school of forestry; and R. K. Winters of the forest experiment station at Missoula, Dr. John B. Appleton of Portland, assistant director of the north western regional council, and A. W. Fahrenwald, dean of the school of mines at the University of Idaho.

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