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Japan Studies Hull's Ukase

Decision of Nippon May Be Near; Envoys Awaiting Note Reply

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with the president by describing it as a "friendly conversation." He brushed aside questions as to Japan's reported preparations for a move against Thailand.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Signs of an imminent Japanese invasion of Thailand (Siam) sharpened the far eastern crisis Thursday as Japan's negotiators in Washington—Ambassador Kichisaburo Nomura and special Envoy Saburo Kurusu—called at the White House for a 45-minute talk with President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Hull.

They came at the president's request, less than 24 hours after Hull had handed them a set of basic principles which the United States considers essential to maintenance of peace and security in the far east. Hull also gave them suggestions as to the practical application of these principles of specific problems in specific areas.

Perhaps the most vital of these specific areas is French Indo-China. Japanese troops there are in a position to strike quickly into Thailand—vital to the defense of

Singapore—or into Yunnan province in a drive to block the Burma Road over which war materials from the United States have been reaching embattled China.

Withdrawal of these Japanese troops from the French colony is understood to have been one of the subjects most exhaustively discussed during the Japanese-American negotiations which reached a critical juncture Thursday.

Reports of accelerated Japanese military preparations in Indo-China and heightened naval activity in adjacent waters have been reaching Washington in ominous volume during the past week. Only today official dispatches were received in the capital, it was learned authoritatively, telling of the landing of many thousands of Japanese troops at Saigon and other large contingents elsewhere in southern Indo-China.

Sizable troop movements toward the Thailand border also were reported, with indications that a Japanese thrust into that country might begin within a day or two.

Cook School Opens Soon

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in the veal stew, curry in the lamb.

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Hopsters Have 7 Lettermen

INDEPENDENCE—Seven lettermen, including six seniors, head the 16-man basketball turnout under Coach Ray Scott at Independence high.

Lettermen include Ray Smith, Robert Barnhart, Howard Houk, Al Peoples, Jess Sohn and Junior Boyce, all seniors, and Hank Maret, junior.

Others turning out include Melvin Amsherry, Junior Bullock, Dale Johnson, Dalton Fox, Gerald Hamann, Don Kafer, Dean Wilson, Keith Hanen and Bonner Dickson.

Unions Fight Strike Laws

AFL and CIO Prepare For Battle as Solons Ponder Legislation

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group is drafting, although earlier it had been incorporated tentatively. Instead, he said, the committee might favor government seizure of any plant threatened with a production stoppage.

While congress wrestled with the legislative question, the White House announced that President Roosevelt had declined to accept the resignations of Philip Murray, president of the CIO, and Thomas Kennedy, secretary of the United Mine Workers (CIO), from the defense mediation board, and had so informed them in letters.

Murray and Kennedy resigned when the board voted 9 to 2 against recommending that all miners in coal pits owned by steel companies be required to join the United Mine Workers.

There was no immediate word from Murray and Kennedy as to whether they would return to the board. Without CIO participation,

the board necessarily would have to be reorganized. The situation with respect to strikes and threatened strikes was little changed.

The special arbitration board named by Mr. Roosevelt to settle the coal mine dispute asked all major steel companies whether they would accept the board's findings as final.

There had been published reports that Republic Steel Corporation and the National Steel Corporation were not committed to abide by the board's decision.

Members of a special board considering wage demands made by railroad employees called at the white house preliminary to renewed hearings today. They are to report to Mr. Roosevelt Monday.

The board once made recommendations, but was asked by Mr. Roosevelt to hold further hearings.

Relations still were strained between AFL metal trades unions and welder members on the Pacific coast who want an independent AFL union. Although the welders voted Wednesday to strike if necessary, normal operations were reported Thursday.

BEND, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Brooks-Scanlon company mill and woods crews walked out on strike Thursday, closing one of the largest

pine milling operations in the west.

Several hundred men were affected by the strike, called by the CIO International Woodworkers of America after negotiations for a wage increase of 7 1/2 cents an hour and a week's vacation with pay fell through.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Nov. 27.—(AP)—A general strike among Great Lakes tugmen was called Thursday by August A. Wolfe, grand president of the Tug Firemen, Linemen and Oilers Protective Association as the result of a local dispute.

Wolf said between 30 and 40 tugs and 200 men would be idle by tomorrow noon, adding that every port along the lakes with the exception of Milwaukee would be affected.

Wolf, whose union is an affiliate of the International Longshoremen's Association, said the general strike call was the direct result of a dispute between the union and the Great Lakes Towing company, which resulted in a strike here Wednesday.

Nazi Ships Blasted

LONDON, Nov. 27.—(AP)—The RAF's day light sweeps of the English channel and the North sea netted destruction Thursday of four German ships—two supply vessels and a pair of anti-aircraft boats—the air ministry announced Thursday night.

British Split Axis Armies

Tobruk Fighters Met By Column Punching North From Rezegh

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Omar-Tobruk line while another British column far to the south dashes straight across Libya to the Gulf of Sirte below Bengasi to cut off axis aid from Tripoli. The southern column last was reported 150 miles from the gulf after a 200-mile sweep.

The situation on the Moscow front still was obscure but admittedly perilous for the Russians who said the gravest Nazi threat was in the Volokolamsk sector, 65 miles northwest of the capital. German pressure there was said to be "enormous."

The Russians also acknowledged heavy German attacks in the Kalinin area, 95 miles to the northwest, and at Stalingorsk, 120 miles southeast of Moscow.

Indication that the Germans in this area below Moscow were attempting even a wider encirclement of Moscow from the rear was given in a German ra-

dio report which said Skopin, 30 miles east and somewhat south of Stalingorsk, had been evacuated by the Russians and was about to fall into German hands. Skopin is about 150 miles southeast of Moscow.

Berlin acknowledged stiff Russian counterattacks in two regions—north of Rostov on the southern front, and southeast of Lake Ilmen in the northern front. Both pushes collapsed under German artillery fire, Berlin said.

Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden promptly told the members of the 4-man extreme left wing group "That is not true."

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