

By Charles A. Sprague

Chumpkin reports that Russian troops are withdrawing from Manchuria as Chinese troops arrive to take over occupation of the land.

This situation was one of the most delicate growing out of the war, as far as the United States is concerned.

We will have to exercise patience in our dealings with Russia. It would be a grave mistake to let misunderstandings grow into causes of serious friction.

The peace of the world depends largely on the continued cooperation of Russia, Britain and the United States.

Fuel Shortage Definite But Hardly Critical

Heat-worried Salemites can look forward to a winter of definite but not critical fuel shortages.

Wood and sawdust stockpiles range from a single month's supply in some fuel yards to a year's supply and over in others.

Labor disputes in local timber and lumber areas, it was stated, have not greatly affected the over-all fuel problem.

Most dealers did not expect to see the situation back to normal until next summer.

DISORDERS EXPECTED

JERUSALEM, Oct. 25-(AP)—All police leaves were cancelled today as authorities increased security measures in Palestine to prevent possible disorders and unauthorized demonstrations.

CANADA PLANS LOAN

OTTAWA, Oct. 25-(AP)—Canada has agreed to loan Belgium \$25,000,000 under the exports credit insurance act.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



It's disgusting how they go for this mistake—how do you suppose he does it?

LEY COMMITS SUICIDE IN PRISON CELL

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Adm. Nagano Issued Pearl Harbor Order Declaration of War 'Delayed' in Tokyo

TOKYO, Oct. 25-(AP)—Fleet Admiral Osami Nagano, who launched Japan's sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, said today that if Japanese naval and foreign office plans had not gone awry "for some unknown reason," America would have had warning of the blow.

Defending the attack itself as achieving "far greater success than I had expected," he asserted in an exclusive interview with the Associated Press that it was not a military blunder.

Emperor Hirohito, the navy and the foreign office, he asserted, all wanted to give the United States 30 minutes prior notification of the attack.

Nagano said the final Japanese plan was to send notification to the United States at 7:30 a.m. Honolulu time, Dec. 7 (Dec. 8, Tokyo time), 1941, with the attack scheduled a half hour later.

patch of such a message, its decoding by the Japanese embassy and delivery to the state department would mean at best a notification virtually simultaneous with the attack.

Nagano, wartime chief of Japan's navy staff, said he accepted "full responsibility" for making the decision to attack, after



Admiral Nagano.

a bitter internal disagreement in which some admirals favored striking first at Java and Malaya because they believed the proposed strike at Hawaii was "too dangerous."

Don't You Know there Isn't Any War On

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 25-(AP)—Richard D. Cook got an extension on his leave after the headquarters of the U. S. maritime service graduate station received this telegram from Cook at Layton, Utah:

"Everybody fine. Nobody sick. Nobody dead. Not being married. Duck hunting on, deer season opens the 20th. Request extension of leave to Oct. 29. Wire answer collect."

Film Strike at Peace Table

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 25-(AP)—All pickets were ordered withdrawn tonight from Hollywood studios as union leaders and screen producers agreed to renew over a peace table their efforts to end the 33-week-old walkout.

They called a conference for tomorrow in an effort to iron out the maze of controversies sufficiently to enable several thousand striking film workers to return to their jobs by next Monday.

Investigation Sought of Navy Trials, Hawaii Black Market

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25-(AP)—Testimony that nearly a ton of meat and butter was found in a naval officer's locker in Hawaii—and that a penalty was imposed on the man who reported it—set off senatorial demands today for a shake down inquiry into the whole system of navy courts martial.

A navy report on an alleged black market in navy goods backed up the lawmakers' insistence that the inquiry also go into methods of selling supplies.

The testimony was given to the senate war investigating committee by naval officers who said their inquiries had developed these facts:

Nips Neglect to Tell MacArthur Of Trust Bust

TOKYO, Friday, Oct. 26-(AP)—General MacArthur, who urged Japan's premier two weeks ago to break up "rapidly" the multi-million dollar family monopolies, pointedly stated today the Japanese government has not communicated with him on "any phase" of the question.

A headquarters message said "any statement to the effect that SCAP (supreme commander of the allied powers) has accepted or rejected any communication on this question is false."

A Mitsui spokesman said American occupation authorities and officials in Washington had been advised fully on the discussions.

MacArthur on Oct. 11 laid down a five-point program to Premier Shidehara, one of which was drastic revision of Zaibatsu.

Prince Fumimaro Konoye was reported to be planning to relinquish his noble title in an apparent bid for political preference in a Japan newly stripped of her diplomatic tentacles and writhing in confusion under American occupation.

Postmortems on loss of the war continued, with Konoye said to be intending voluntarily to assume responsibility for a leading role in the period of aggression.

3. Evidence has been completed on sale of from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 of naval supplies in channels that senators termed the Hawaiian black market.

4. Admiral C. W. Nimitz, Pacific navy commander, had severely criticized officers for the native party and various inquiries that preceded and followed it.

5. The marine officer who initiated the entire probe was given a low rating and transferred until senators and the secretary of the navy learned of the facts "out of channels."

Chairman Mead (D-NY) of the senate committee told admirals that a navy enlisted man got a deck court for having a 25 cent can of meat and noodles "while an officer who took 1500 pounds of roast and steaks goes free."

Truman To Reveal Policy Wage-Price Plan To Be Told Over Radio Tuesday

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25-(AP)—President Truman today moved to curb the postwar strike wave by appointing a trouble shooter and by arranging to broadcast a new wage-price policy to the nation next Tuesday at 7 p.m., Pacific standard time.

Mr. Truman announced at a news conference he had appointed Dr. John R. Steelman as his special assistant, to be used in any capacity he saw fit.

The president also made public a proposed agenda for the labor-management conference beginning Nov. 5. The agenda recommends discussion of seven approaches to labor disputes and throws the parley wide open for debate on the causes of strikes.

Further, the president said re-conversion director John W. Snyder, on whom he must chiefly depend for formulation of a wage-price policy, was not resigning, as had been rumored.

Mr. Truman also said he would talk with all 39 of the participants in the labor-management conference before it opens November 8. Three represent the public and won't vote. There will be 18 voting delegates from the ranks of labor and 18 from management.

Indoneses Seek Arbitration Via U. S. Embassy

BATAVIA, Java, Friday, Oct. 26-(AP)—Following up their expressed intention of asking the United States to arbitrate the Indonesian-Dutch dispute, President Soekarno of the "Indonesian republic" and his foreign minister, Soebardjo, called today at the U. S. consulate, where they held an informal preliminary talk with the American consul-general.

The outcome of the talk was not announced. H. J. Van Mook, acting governor of the Netherlands East Indies, had asked members of President Soekarno's cabinet to meet with him in an attempt to bring peace to the rich Dutch Pacific colony.

Last night Soekarno's minister of information, in apparent reply, insisted on the presence of a "third party" at the opening of "informal discussions" looking toward a final conference. He declared the Indonesian question was "vital to a lasting peace in the Pacific."

Atomic Control Fight Looms

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25-(AP)—A bristling fight to give congress the right to say who shall have the secrets of atomic energy shaped up in the house today.

The military committee voted down the idea but the sponsor, Rep. Elston (R-Ohio) asserted he will take his cause to the floor next week.

Elston may have plenty of support. Rep. Thomason (D-Tex), ranking majority member of the military committee, has declared in favor of a congressional veto.

As the bill before the committee now stands, the proposed atomic energy commission could disseminate any information it chooses to foreign powers unless the president says no.

Vets on Last Leave Eligible for Loans Veterans on terminal leave are eligible to receive educational and farm and home loans from the state, Attorney General George Keener ruled Thursday. The opinion was requested by the state department of veterans' affairs.

Changes



SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 25.—Sgt. Lew Ayres, former movie star who began his army career in a conscientious objectors' camp in Oregon, is shown here as he arrived yesterday from Manila with the statement "there is some modification in my views on conscientious objection." (AP Wirephoto)

Butter, Fats Drop 4 Points Pound Sunday

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25-(AP)—Butter, margarine, lard, shortening and oils go down to eight points a pound Sunday.

The OPA announcing this reduction from 12 points, said also today that current ration values will be maintained through December 1 on the better cuts of beef, veal and lamb and on all lean pork.

All meats now ration-free will continue so during November. The only revision of the meat point chart is assignment of lower ration values for six fat pork cuts and barbecued pork. These cuts range from two to four points a pound.

OPA Administrator Chester Bowles said the point reductions for butter and other fats and oils are due to improved supply.

The agriculture department estimates that butter supply will be 12 per cent greater in November. Release of 80,000,000 pounds by the army is given as the reason.

AFL to Urge 6-Hour Day

CHICAGO, Oct. 25-(AP)—William Green, American federation of labor president, said today the AFL "likely" would move for a six-hour working day.

"Because of the progress of science, which has made possible the production of more by fewer men," Green said, "the AFL probably will ask the shorter work day in order to spread work."

Green, stopping off here between trains, said the AFL would enter the labor-management session in Washington, starting Monday, "with every determination" to work a plan to minimize strikes.

2 Cons Escape From Detail

State police today reported the escape of two prisoners from the Oregon state penitentiary Thursday afternoon.

The men, who were members of a woodcutting gang, 1 1/4 miles east of Woodburn, are Clyde Miles, 22, OSP 17933, who was committed from Multnomah county for two years for burglary not in a dwelling; and I. V. Craig, 30, OSP 17876, who was also committed from Multnomah county for four years for obtaining money under false pretenses.

Miles was described as being 5 feet 8 inches, weighing 190 lbs., and having brown eyes and hair. Craig is 5 feet 3/4 inches tall, weighs 155 lbs., and has hazel eyes and brown hair. Both men were dressed in regulation prison clothing.

Ward, Car Strikes Threaten Final Count in General Motors Vote Favors 6-1

The possibility of two more strikes—against General Motors corporation and Montgomery Ward and company—edged into the national labor picture yesterday.

The CIO United Automobile Workers voted nearly six to one in favor of authorizing a strike at GM plants in a poll conducted by the national labor relations board.

While the auto workers voted, the general executive board of the United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store employees (CIO), voted unanimously to call a nationwide strike against the mail order house, "at the most opportune time."

President Samuel L. Wolchok, at a news conference in New York, said the board had placed authority in his hands to call the strike, which he estimated would affect 75,000 workers.

In the auto situation, Walter P. Reuther, UAW vice president, in Detroit termed the 70,853 to 12,437 vote "a mandate" to fight the wage case "to a successful conclusion." Some 325,000 persons are employed by General Motors.

De Shazer to Start Training For Ministry

SEATTLE, Oct. 25-(AP)—Sgt. Jacob D. De Shazer who says he "found the Lord" in a Japanese prison camp and wants to return to Japan as a missionary, announced tonight he had enrolled in Seattle Pacific college to prepare himself for the assignment.

"I had a long time to think, there, and that's where the holy spirit started talking to me," said the man who flew with Gen. Jimmy Doolittle's bombers in the first air strike at Tokyo.

He made the announcement while speaking at a "youth for Christ" rally in the civic auditorium, which attracted 7000 Seattle young people.

De Shazer's home is in Salem. He recently received his discharge from the air corps.

SHERIDAN SOLDIER KILLED

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25-(AP)—The war department tonight made public the names of a lieutenant colonel, four other officers and 14 enlisted men killed in the crash of an army transport near Anchorage, Alaska, Sunday. The dead included PFC Ernest E. Davis, son of Mrs. Ellen Davis, route 2, Sheridan, Ore.

Republicans, OPA Tangle Over Propaganda, 'Spies' Ceilings

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25-(AP)—Republican senators gave the office of price administration a working order today in the senate banking committee, Senator Taft of Ohio leading the attack with these accusations:

1. OPA is improperly slipping continue-price-control propaganda in the envelopes containing allotment checks for wives of servicemen.

2. OPA takes the stand that "every businessman is a crook until he proves otherwise;" it has "spies" to harass business concerns.

3. OPA is delaying reconversion by insisting on price ceilings, which discourage people wanting to get back into production.

Nazi Laborite Hangs Himself To Evade Trial

By GEORGE TUCKER NUERNBERG, Germany, Friday, Oct. 26-(AP)—Dr. Robert Ley, barrel-necked Nazi labor boss, hanged himself last night with a noose fashioned from strips of a GI towel in his Nuernberg jail cell where he awaited trial as a major war criminal.

He was pronounced dead at 8:10 p. m. (2:10 p. m. EST) just 25 days before he and 22 other high-ranking Nazi war criminals were to go on trial for their lives.

Ley, who had alternated between tears and black periods of depression since his capture last May, had ripped an American army towel into strips, tied the strips together and soaked the knots in water to keep them from slipping. Then he tied one end to the plumbing, stuffed his throat with bits of his own underwear and after slipping the noose around his neck, sat on the toilet seat and strangled himself to death.

A guard who peeked into Ley's cell every 30 seconds could see only the prisoner's knees as he sat on the toilet. He became suspicious when the Nazi chief did not move after two and a half minutes and entered the cell.

But it was too late. The 55-year old Ley was cut down and artificial respiration administered by prison doctors who pronounced Ley dead after cardiograph failed to have the desired effect. (Addition details on page 2).

U.S. Discussing Japan Control With Russia

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25-(AP)—Secretary of State Byrnes disclosed tonight that the United States is discussing with Russia the question of creating an allied control council for the administration of Japan.

This was the first indication of a possible break in the deadlock between Russia and the United States on the Japanese question. Russia has been insisting on a control council.

It was not clear whether such a council, if finally agreed to, would replace or subordinate Gen. Douglas MacArthur. However, the state department announcement strongly indicated that the United States would not agree with any proposal which did not provide that its policies should prevail in event of a disagreement among the allies.

Truman Seeks Quick Passage Of Full Job Bill

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25-(AP)—President Truman renewed and emphasized his support for the "full employment" bill today after hearing from two influential congressmen that it would be hard to pass the measure.

He got his report from Chairman Mansaco (D-Ala) and Rep. Whittington (D-Miss) of the house expenditures committee.

At a news conference later, Mr. Truman told reporters he is very anxious that the measure be brought out of committee and passed as soon as possible. He said he is for it with everything he has.

In response to a query, he said the congressmen hadn't told him it would be impossible to pass the bill without amendments; they told him it would be difficult.

After visiting the White House Mansaco and Whittington told newsmen that there is little chance for passage of the measure requested by Mr. Truman, which states that all able-bodied Americans wanting work are entitled to an opportunity for employment.

33 Killed in Ammo Blast at French Village

ROUEN, France, Oct. 25-(AP)—Thirty-three persons including seven American soldiers and 24 German prisoners, were killed today in an explosion which nearly wiped out the small village of Amiens near Besin near here, the French press agency said tonight.

The French agency said the Americans were supervising the prisoners loading ammunition. Identity of the Americans was not disclosed.

VETS DOCK IN PORTLAND PORTLAND, Oct. 25-(AP)—The USS Garrard, carrying 726 Pacific war veterans from Tokyo bay, was in port here today.