

IT SEEMS TO ME

Ex-Japan Premier Suspected

By Charles F. Sprague

One July day in 1944 a man slight of build sat backstage at the Chicago coliseum munching a hot dog sandwich and drinking from a bottle of Coca Cola.

One April day in 1945 news was flashed to the senate chamber that Franklin D. Roosevelt had died suddenly at Warm Springs.

Now in the midst of world confusion and domestic contention Harry Truman must wonder why he ever let himself be induced to leave the comfortable, clubby atmosphere of the United States senate to endure the turmoil of the White House.

Bond Premiere Draws Pleas to Buy Series E

If, as Archie of Duffy's Tavern suspects, "it's maggotism—sheer maggotism" that sells Victory bonds, then a good many series E purchases may be anticipated in Salem during the remainder of the week.

The picture itself may not cause any Salem resident to put aside in bonds for a few years the money earmarked to "redeem" the house.

Hitler Raving Madman in Final Hours, Eyewitness Reports

OBERURSEL, Germany, Dec. 5 (AP)—A graphic eye-witness account of Adolf Hitler's last hours today pictured the Fuehrer as a raving madman, alternately rehearsing suicide and "directing" a phantom rescue army which had been wiped out days before.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Will you please stop jumping around—you're making me dizzy!"

Hirohito's Right Hand Man on List, 7 Others Named

TOKYO, Dec. 6.—(AP)—General MacArthur today ordered the arrest of Prince Fumimaro Konoye, three-times premier of Japan; Marquis Koichi Kido, who was Emperor Hirohito's right hand man throughout the war, and seven others as war criminal suspects.

Reaching into the highest circles, the supreme allied commander named as the other seven wanted:

Vice Adm. Takuo Godo, who was unofficial envoy to Germany to present Japan's side of the China incident, also former cabinet member.

Shigeo Odate, long-time politico-economist.

Taketora Ogata, vice president of the Tokyo newspaper Asahi and a foremost Japanese journalist.

Viscount Masatoshi Okochi, industrialist.

Lt. Gen. Hiroshi Oshima who had been Japanese ambassador to Berlin since 1938 and arrived in Japan only today.

Count Tadamasu Sakai, member of the house of peers.

Yarichiro Suma, long-time diplomat; formerly councillor of the Japanese embassy in Washington.

Konoye, who was premier at the time of the China incident and held the post the last time just before Pearl Harbor, when he was succeeded by Hideki Tojo, has been one of the most talked about men in post-war Japan.

Recently he had been reported active in revision of the constitution and had asserted he was doing the work at the request of MacArthur, although MacArthur denied this. He is a member of the Japanese royal family.

Kido, who held the recently abolished post of keeper of the privy seal, was Emperor Hirohito's closest adviser and had helped elevate to office such premiers as Tojo.

Storm Damage to Highways Light

Tuesday afternoon's wind and rain storm resulted in little damage to Oregon highways, R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, reported here Wednesday.

Several inches of snow fell in some of the mountain districts Tuesday night and at Santiam junction it was still snowing Wednesday morning.

Two inches of new snow was reported at government camp on the Wapanitia cutoff. It was snowing hard at Odell lake with four inches of new snow. Klamath Falls al. reported some new snow.

Light rains were general over western Oregon Wednesday.

Reuther Shouts Of 'Total War' on G. M. CIO, G.M. to Resume Parleys Today

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 5.—(AP)—The United Automobile Workers (CIO) "is determined to fight a total war" in its struggle with General Motors Corp. over a 30 per cent wage increase, Walter P. Reuther, vice president of the UAW-CIO, declared tonight.

The struggle between the corporation and the UAW-CIO "is just fundamental as the things for which we fought on the battlefields of the war," Reuther told a mass meeting of Buffalo area General Motors strikers.

"We believe in the four freedoms, we subscribe to the principles of the Atlantic charter, but let's take the slogan out of the guided frames and make them live in Buffalo and Detroit where the people live," he asserted.

Before entering the meeting, Reuther told a reporter "General Motors officials have agreed there will be no strings attached this time" when negotiations between the company and the UAW-CIO are resumed in Detroit tomorrow.

Negotiations Start Today

DETROIT, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Hopes for an early peace in the auto industry increased tonight as General Motors corporation and the United Auto Workers agreed to re-open negotiations while a union spokesman for Chrysler corporation workers ruled out possibilities of an early strike there.

The surprise resumption of GM-UAW negotiations was announced at Pittsburgh by Philip Murray, president of the CIO, after a secret meeting between GM representatives and officials of the striking UAW union.

A few hours later, Norman Matthews, director of the UAW's Chrysler division, said after a meeting of 450 Chrysler local presidents and stewards that Chrysler workers "will work without a contract for three months if necessary."

McVay's Orderly Would Testify on Officer's Behalf

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 5.—(AP)—A marine who survived the Indianapolis sinking said today orders directing abandonment of the cruiser were given by word of mouth because the first blast on the doomed ship severed communication lines.

Capt. Charles B. McVay 3d, now on trial by court martial, was said by PFC Max M. Hughes, 31, Grants Pass, to be without blame for the disaster. Hughes, who was McVay's orderly, said he would like to testify in the captain's behalf, declaring that he was on the bridge when McVay gave the abandon ship order.

URGENT UNO SITE IN U.S. LONDON, Dec. 5.—(AP)—The Latin American delegates to the United Nations preparatory commission agreed unanimously today to vote for the United States as a permanent site for the United Nations organization.

State Police Officer To Return From Army

Col. Harold G. (Fod) Maison, 315 Bellevue st., who resigned his position as assistant superintendent of state police five years ago to enlist in the army ground forces, will revert to inactive status Feb. 23, 1946, it was announced Wednesday at Ft. Lewis.

Maison will return to the state police in a capacity not yet made public, Supt. Charles P. Pray said.

Weather

Table with columns: Max., Min., Rain. Rows: Salem, Eugene, Portland, Seattle, San Francisco, Willamette river 2.3 ft. FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Mostly cloudy today with occasional rain showers. Highest temperature near 33.

They Bow While Hirohito Addresses Them in House of Peers



TOKYO, Dec. 5.—While members of the Japanese parliament bow their heads (so they aren't looking at his royal highness), Emperor Hirohito reads an imperial rescript at the opening session of the Imperial Diet in the House of Peers. The picture is one of the very few of his kind ever to reach this country. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman)

U. S. GRANTS BRITAIN \$4,400,000,000 LOAN

Ballots To List Party Backing

Farrell Rules on Entries Label as Field Grows

Party endorsement for first district congressional candidates became a much-sought plum today with announcement by Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, jr., that candidates holding such approval can have their party designated on the January 11 special election ballot.

Others on the ballot can run only as independents, and all will be so regarded legally despite the party label for two of them.

At least four republicans and two democrats appeared definitely in the race today.

The former include Eugene Marsh, speaker of the Oregon house of representatives, McMinnville; Walter Norblad, former state representative and Astoria attorney; Dan Harmon, Newberg automobile dealer who lost to the late Rep. James W. Mott in the 1943 vote, and Imrie Conn, agricultural engineer of Lake Grove, now on terminal leave as army captain.

The democrats include Bruce Spaulding, Salem attorney, and Jack Bain, state representative, Clackamas county.

Other names also are being mentioned. Meetings thus far scheduled include:

Saturday, December 8, Salem: Republican, first congressional district committeemen, basement Marion hotel, 1:30 p.m.

Monday, December 10, Lake Grove school: Assembly to nominate Conn, 8 p.m.

Friday, December 14, McMinnville: Assembly to nominate Marsh, evening.

Saturday, December 15, Salem: Democratic county chairmen. Assembly or Petition

For places on the ballot, candidates must either be endorsed at an assembly of 250 or more persons or present favorable petitions signed by 3600 or more. Deadline for filing by both methods is December 31.

The republicans Saturday are expected to provide party endorsement for one candidate. Democrats the following weekend may endorse a candidate or call a district assembly for such purpose.

Chelan's Shore Sees Saddened Birthday Party

CHELAN, Wash., Dec. 5.—(AP) On the cold shore of Lake Chelan tonight as darkness fell Roger Hale and his wife knelt beside a gaily decorated birthday cake and Mrs. Hale slowly touched a match to each of its seven candles.

The few who had lingered, after memorial services for the 16 persons drowned when a school bus plunged into the lake saw, decorating the cake's icing, the message "Stewart-7."

The Hale's two sons were among the victims. Douglas was 8. Stewart would have been 7 today.

Mr. and Mrs. Hale, as the last candle was lighted, began to sing "Happy Birthday to You." Their voices could get only part way through the song and when they could not continue they rose and slowly walked from the tiny circle of light.

Queen Entries Speed Drive As End Nears

The Marion county queen contest in the Victory Loan drive became a battle royal Wednesday night when five of the candidates jumped past the \$100,000 total, and a new leader was listed to start out today.

Faye Larkins, Salem Lions club candidate, holds first place this morning, \$127,150 in E bonds to her credit. She replaces Betty Lou Kayser, Salem Kiwanis club candidate, for the time being, Miss Kayser having held first place through Wednesday.

Jean Wolcott, sponsored by Miller's store, is in second place this morning, \$112,150 in bonds being her score.

In third place is Miss Kayser with \$110,250; followed closely by Beth Greenlee, statehouse candidate, who holds fourth place with \$107,500; Leona Tingelstad, Hollywood Lions club candidate, in fifth place with \$100,800 in bonds. Beulah Lott, Salem Junior chamber of commerce candidate, is in sixth place with \$25,450 in bonds.

British to Repay Obligation Over 50-Year Period

NEW YORK, Thursday, Dec. 6.—(AP)—The New York Herald Tribune, in a dispatch from Washington, said today that the United States and Great Britain had agreed on the terms of a \$3,750,000,000 credit to the United Kingdom for reconstruction purposes, and an additional \$650,000,000 for surplus property and lend-lease settlements.

The paper said formal signature by representatives of the two governments was expected today.

LONDON, Thursday, Dec. 6.—(AP)—London morning newspapers said today that the United States and Great Britain had concluded negotiations for a loan of \$4,400,000,000 to England.

The Laborite Daily Herald, in reporting that an agreement had been reached in Washington on the loan, said repayment of the loan will be over a 50-year period starting from 1946, but no interest will be payable for the first five years.

During the remaining period, the Herald said, the rate of interest will be two per cent, or about \$88,000,000 for the first year.

The Daily Sketch, the Daily Mail and the News Chronicle also published special dispatches from Washington and New York stating that the loan agreement had been reached and that formal announcement would be made today.

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Washington, Dec. 5.—(AP) Snowy-haired Patrick J. Hurley, his voice flaring with anger, asserted today that two career diplomats who favored "collapse" of the present government of China had been given vital assignments with Gen. Douglas MacArthur after Hurley sent them from the embassy at Chungking.

Also, in the course of two and a half hours of impassioned testimony before the senate foreign relations committee, Hurley made these other major assertions:

That Britain was opposing United States policy for the unification of China at the very moment that Maj. Gen. Hurley, then ambassador at Chungking, was trying hardest to negotiate an agreement between the Chinese communists and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek.

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Gerow Takes Responsibility For Lack of Added Warnings

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Leonard T. Gerow, brushing aside a suggestion that "higher-ups" might share it, assumed full responsibility today for any war department failure to send additional warnings to Pearl Harbor before the Japanese attack.

In a dramatic moment of the Pearl Harbor inquiry, the tanned officer solemnly told the senate-house committee:

"If there is any war department responsibility for failure to send additional warnings to General Short, it must fall on the war plans division and as chief of the division at the time, I accept the responsibility."

William D. Mitchell, committee counsel, suggested that the reply of Lt. Gen. Walter C. Short, commander at Hawaii, to a warning from Washington "went higher" but Gerow interposed.

It was his job, Gerow said, to check operations messages from overseas station and he had 48 officers to help him. He would take the responsibility.

These other major points were developed from Gerow's testimony or documents introduced while he was in the witness chair:

1. The army and navy had been at odds since February, 1941, over proposals for attaining more unity of command at frontier positions, such as Hawaii. After Pearl Harbor, it was decided that the navy should have the top post in Hawaii.

2. Gerow said he deleted from the November 27 message to Short a reference to precautions against sabotage because he wanted the message "interpreted as warning only of an attack from without."

Separate warnings against sabotage were sent by Miles and the air corps.

A brisk-spoken witness, Gerow related that months before the Japanese attack of Dec. 7, 1941, military conversations were held with the British here in Washington, with the British and Dutch in Singapore, and with the Canadians here.

The purpose was to determine what would be the best disposition and use of each nation's armed forces in event the United States should become involved in war, Gerow said, but "no political commitment" was implied.

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Advertisement for Christmas seals featuring a woman and child, with text: "BEG PARDON SIR, BUT MY WIFE TOLD ME TO ASK YOU IF I COULD HAVE MY SALARY IN ADVANCE—SHE ONLY HAS 16 SHOPPING DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS!"