

Gen. Stilwell's Thoughts on Wartime Politicians Published

The writer of this review of the Stilwell diaries was a war correspondent for two years in the China-Burma-India theatre commanded by General Stilwell and in the Allied southeast Asia command where Stilwell was deputy to Admiral Mountbatten.

NEW YORK, March 30—(AP)—General Joseph W. Stilwell's own bitterly worded thoughts on the top wartime politicians were published today.

They showed his conviction in 1944 that the Chinese communists offered the people a better deal than the government did and that communists and Kuomintang troops should be fighting side by side against the Japanese instead of separately.

The thoughts he wrote down in his posthumously published private diaries were directed mainly against Chiang Kai-Shek, whom he usually called "The Peanut" and who eventually had the crusty old general fired out of China.

Stilwell did not spare the late President Roosevelt, his wartime commander-in-chief who agreed to Stilwell's recall from China at Chiang's bidding in 1944.

Stilwell called President Roosevelt "Old Softy" in one diary notation and suggested the wartime president was too much under Winston Churchill's influence for "Bloody Joe".

Stilwell's criticism of the big three which reversed the decision reached just previously in Cairo by Churchill, Roosevelt and Chiang to send material for a big war effort in Asia Stalin had got the western world to agree that the No. 1 allied priority was the war against Germany, and Japan could wait.

The diaries are published in the April Ladies' Home Journal. This edited version runs about 40,000 words.

Stilwell wrote his opinion in 1944 that the Chinese communists offered a better future to the people than did Chiang's Kuomintang. This was at a time Stilwell was trying to get Chiang to correlate

Wrecked Community Holds Easter Service



BUNKER HILL, March 30 — Residents and volunteer workers stopped their toil of repairing damaged buildings and clearing away wreckage, and gathered in the town square at Bunker Hill, Ill., for an open-air Easter service. Using a pulpit, two ministers conducted the community service. The town was almost levelled by a tornado a week before. (AP Wirephoto to the Statesman)

the war efforts of communist and government armies.

Both were fighting the Japanese with varying degrees of enthusiasm and effect and building up to what now has become a full-blown civil war in China.

Whether Stilwell would think the same about Chinese communists now is something that can't be answered. He died Oct. 12, 1946, at 63.

Hypnotist Held In Morals Case

MARTINEZ, Calif., March 30—(AP)—A 37-year-old Martinez girl testified today that Donald E. Hickock, a physiotherapist, hypnotized her in his office and carried on an "unnatural sex act" with her in 1946.

She was wide awake and knew what she was doing, testified Mrs. Dolores J. Ramey, but was helpless to move.

Mrs. Ramey was a member of Hickock's Sunday school class at the Seventh Day Adventist church in Richmond.

Authorities said Hickock, 38, had served two years in San Quentin for manslaughter, the aftermath of a Los Angeles abortion.

Mrs. Ramey, the chief prosecution witness, told the court how she got talking with Hickock about hypnosis while in his office. Hickock, she related, soon had her helpless "by staring at her with his piercing black eyes." He proceeded to engage in an immoral act, she testified.

Early WU Grad, E. H. Belknap, Dies In Central Oregon

ALBANY, March 30 — Funeral services will be Wednesday for Edward H. Belknap, 87, an early graduate of Willamette university who died Sunday in Prineville hospital. He represented Benton county in the state legislature for several terms.

The services will be at 2 p. m. from Alpine Methodist church, with burial in Alpine cemetery. The Fisher Funeral home is in charge.

Belknap had resided in Oregon his entire life except while attending law school in Evanston, Ill. He had practiced law and was an ordained Methodist minister.

(He was a brother of Dr. L. F. Belknap of Medford, also an early Willamette alumnus, who attended campus dormitory ceremonies here earlier in March.)

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KRAMER AGAIN

COLUMBUS, O., March 30—(AP)—Jack Kramer extended his wide edge over Bobby Riggs tonight in their cross-country professional tennis tour, blasting the 1947 pro champion, 6-2, 6-4. It was Kramer's 41st win in 58 starts against Riggs and his ninth in a row.

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Work Starts on Vets Hospital

PORTLAND, March 30—(AP)—Ground was broken today for construction of a veterans tuberculosis hospital, the first of five veterans facilities to be built in three northwest states.

D. M. Shute, deputy veterans administrator, told an assembly of dignitaries the projects will add 950 beds to VA institutions in Oregon, Washington and Montana.

The ceremonies today started work on a 155-bed seven story building. It will be near the existing Veterans hospital here in Sam Jackson park.

Students Deride Anti-Draft Parade

SEATTLE, March 30—(AP)—A parade of 35 University of Washington students protesting against universal military training this afternoon was the target of jeers and thrown tomatoes and grapefruit.

Most of the fruit was thrown by other students who followed the parade.

Police had issued a permit for the parade to John Peterson, chairman of a group named "Campus Youth Against Military Training."

Attacks Cripple Chinese Reds

PEIPING, March 30—(AP)—An ambitious communist drive west of Peiping appeared to have fallen apart today and the red bands were scattering to their mountain bases.

Chinese press dispatches said relief forces had reached Tating, hard-pressed government fortress 230 rail miles west of Peiping. The city had been encircled for more than a week.

On an adjacent front about 80 miles east of Tating, communist forces were reported in flight under heavy aerial attack.

These forces were moving out of southern Chahar province to their mountain hideouts in Hopeh province west of Peiping.

20-30 Club Hears Rededication Talk

The Freedom Train and Rededication week, and what they mean, were explained Tuesday night to members of Salem 20-30 club by Dr. Chester W. Hamblin, pastor of First Presbyterian church.

In its meeting at the Gold Arrow restaurant, the club offered its support and services in the county cancer drive conducted by Salem Exchange club.

Gromyko Says Franco 'Needs American Help'

LAKE SUCCESS, March 30—(AP)—Russia's Andrei A. Gromko commented today that Generalissimo Franco of Spain probably needs American help.

With a smile, Gromko gave this comment to newsmen on the congressional house action for American aid to Franco.

"Poor small boy Franco! He probably needs American help," he would not comment further.

Jews, Arabs Agree to Observe Rules of War

JERUSALEM, March 30—(AP)—The Jews and Arabs have promised to observe the Geneva convention rules of war, an international Red Cross spokesman said today.

The pledge paves the way for the mercy organization to start work in the Holy Land, now torn by civil war.

Rangers Rap Wings

NEW YORK, March 30—(AP)—The New York Rangers drew abreast of Detroit in the Stanley cup playoffs by toppling the Red Wings, 3-1, tonight before 15,772 fans in Madison Square Garden. Both teams have won two games in the best-of-seven National hockey league post-season series.

Police Catch Store Burglar

DEWEY D. BROWN, 551 Tacoma ave., Seattle, was in jail today on a charge of burglary after Salem police reported finding him hiding on the second floor of the F. W. Woolworth Co. at approximately 1 o'clock this morning.

Janitor Thad I. Mungell called police to the building after bearing a crash on the second floor. A search revealed Brown hiding in a closet, police said.

A broken skylight and a rope hanging down to the floor were cited by police as means of entry to the building.

Nevada Purchases Magnesium Plant

LAS VEGAS, Nev., March 30—(AP)—The state of Nevada will take over tomorrow the \$140,000,000 Basic Magnesium, Inc. plant for lease to private industry. Nevada will pay \$1 down, and \$24,000,000 from profits over 20 years.

Thus will end a long controversy over disposition of the gigantic project, largest magnesium plant in the world, established for manufacture of a war-vital material but which never fulfilled expectations.

Truman Signs Rent Control 'Reluctantly'

WASHINGTON, March 30—(AP)—The nation got a new rent control law today, one day before the old act was due to expire.

In signing the legislation—reluctantly—President Truman said it wasn't the strengthened measure he had asked of congress, but it is "better than no rent control at all."

Sewer Rental Receipts Grow

A steady increase in monthly receipts from the city sewer rental charge, in effect since January 1, has put total collections at \$10,246.61, with prospects of an added \$7,000 for March, officials reported Tuesday.

Receipts were \$4,046.61 for January and \$6,800 for February. The charge is 65 cents per month for householders. Apartment houses, business and industrial users pay 50 cents per month for the first 600 cubic feet of water and 3 cents for each added 100 feet.

The revenue will be diverted principally to pay off \$815,000 in bonds proposed for a disposal plant and interceptor line, then to extension and improvement of the sewerage system.

China Assembly Debut Marred by Lack of Quorum

NANKING, March 30—(AP)—The national assembly, China's first experience in democracy, held its inaugural session today but it was a lame affair without even a quorum present.

One reason there wasn't a quorum was the row over seating about 400 independents who weren't supposed to be elected in the first place.

The independents are members of the Kuomintang, Chiang Kai-Shek's majority party, but who ran as write-in candidates.

They were elected from districts where the Kuomintang had agreed not to enter candidates so that the minority young China and democratic socialist parties would be assured assembly seats.

Approximately 160 of the independents were seated. Now they are threatening to walk out unless 200 of their independent colleagues are seated too. Most of the remainder of the 400 have withdrawn.

Ten independents who were denied seats are on a hunger strike. Government doctors who examined them said their health was being impaired.

Meanwhile the assembly was shy 279 delegates of a quorum of the 3,045 members.

Taxpayers in Italy 'Revolt'

ROME, March 30—(AP)—Airborne troops were rushed today to Pantelleria, the war-time fortress island off the African coast, to quell a riot of 2,000 taxpayers.

Other reinforcements sped by boat from Sicily to help restore order after three persons were killed and 14 wounded in what Rome newspapers called a "revolt."

The mob, yelling protests against "high taxes," stormed into the tax office, destroyed records, smashed furniture and set

Canadian-Made Bombers in China

The riot coincided with mass demonstrations in northern Italy as campaigning for the April 18 elections reached a feverish pitch.

Heavily armed mobile police concentrated in Somaglia, a town of 3,000 near Milan, as a precaution when thousands of communists marched in stormy protest against the killing of two of their fellows in a political fight there yesterday.

NANKING, March 30—(AP)—Twin-engine Mosquito bombers which China purchased from Canada made their first appearance over the national capital today.

At Shanghai, a second consignment of Canadian Mosquitos was unloaded from the motorship Lakeside. China bought a total of 150. The Lakeside also carried more than 6,000 tons of arms, ammunition and railway supplies.

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