

Navy Looked For Japan's Fleet In Wrong Direction

By J. W. Davis

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4—(AP)—The Pearl Harbor committee heard today that the navy did scout for Japanese attackers on the day they came—but in the wrong direction.

It also received a claim that a naval officer predicted the surprise blow in detail months before it fell.

A long-secret report from the 1941 secretary of the navy, Frank Knox, to President Roosevelt supplied the first information the senate-house investigating committee has had that there was air reconnaissance the morning the Japanese struck, Dec. 7, 1941.

This same report showed that warships surviving the raid pursued the retiring Japanese task force in the same wrong direction; Southward instead of northward. Knox said without detail that naval forces in Hawaii had reason to expect an attack from that quarter.

The claim of having predicted the surprise attack was made by Capt. E. M. Zacharias. It reached the committee in the form of a memorandum from Zacharias to Admiral Milo F. Draemel on March 17, 1942.

Zacharias said he made his forecast in the preceding summer to Curtis P. Munson, whom he described as "believed to be a presidential agent" with credentials from Admiral Harold R. Stark, then chief of naval operations.

Stark told the committee today he couldn't remember Munson, or his mission.

The Missouri-flatness of President Truman's speaking voice on Thursday night was matched by the flatness of content in his address to the people. It reads no better than it sounded. It is a repetition of previous appeals in behalf of his legislative program, with no reinforcement of argument. There is much of plea and little of prod in the address; but its drabness offers little promise that either will be heeded. The former will not rouse the people and the latter will not stir the congress. To advance his legislative program the president would have been better advised to rely on close-in pressures, than to attempt to exhort the people by a fireside chat.

The fundamental trouble is that the president has no comprehensive legislative program of value at the present time. He has picked up some of the proposals of the late new dealers whose brains are always fertile with ideas for making the country over. The only original proposal Truman has advanced is his plan for a fact-finding committee in industrial disputes. At best this is a very light raft to cling to in the roaring current of dispute which now rages across industrial areas of the nation.

The New York Times last Sunday made this advance comment on the president's speech: "It is true that congress has so far failed to enact some major legislative proposals which the president has put forward. But the real question is whether or not these proposals are wise and well considered. And the truth is that the economic proposals of the president that are now in dispute seem unwise and bear the earmarks of mere improvisations."

The major items in the president's list of things-for-congress-to-do (Continued on editorial page)

Coca Cola Co. Plans \$250,000 Bottling Plant

Purchase of block 14, Yew Park annex, between 12th and 13th and Cross and Wilbur streets as site for eventual construction of a \$250,000 bottling plant was announced Friday by W. A. Bingham, Portland, vice president and general manager of the Coca Cola Bottling company of Oregon.

Current building restrictions and shortage of materials have held up preparation of definite building plans, Bingham said. The property was purchased from Gilbert R. Benjamin at a price approximating \$15,000, revenue stamps on the deed indicate. Buildings on the property are now occupied by the United Sign company.

The Salem plant of the bottling company, managed by Glenn L. Meisner, now in the old Gideon Stolz plant at 450 S. Summer st. is limiting its output to about 50 per cent of normal operations.

Bingham held out hope here Friday that he might have more definite announcement as to building plans following a meeting in San Francisco next week.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Those tusks bother him—but actually he's the only one around here who could fill an order for black piano keys!"

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My,—But It's Good to Be Home



TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 4—Capt. Charles W. King, special service officer of 315th service group, hugs wife Lois on Tacoma dock as the first man off troopship Alderamin from China last night. Both from Portland, Ore., King spent over a year in China. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

UNRRA Asks Morgan to Resign Due to Anti-Jewish Statement

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4—(AP)—UNRRA asked today for the resignation of British Lt. Gen. Sir Frederick Morgan, its chief of operations in Germany, for publicly expressing belief that a "worldwide Jewish conspiratorial movement" is behind the exodus of European Jews into the American occupation zone.

In Hoechst, Germany, Morgan denied that he had resigned, and added that "I see no reason why I should," but he would not confirm or deny that he had received a cabled request to get out.

Officials here said they were mistaken last night in reporting that he had voluntarily quit.

The formal announcement of the ouster movement, issued here, said it grew from Morgan's news conference in Frankfurt Wednesday, at which he said "issues outside the scope of UNRRA" had been raised. It added that the relief agency disassociated itself completely from the views expressed then.

Washington officials of UNRRA said the decision to ask Morgan to step out was made in London by another British lieutenant general, Sir Humphrey Gale, director of the European regional office. Gale will pick the new German operations head.

British Lt. Gen. Sir Frederick Morgan, UNRRA operations chief in Germany, who is under fire for his statements regarding an alleged Jewish plan for mass evacuation of Europe.

State Land Board Bond Profit High

State land board bonds, aggregating \$3,829,100, recently were sold on bids with a profit to the state of \$119,340.40, Lewis Griffith, land board secretary, announced here Friday. The issues involved mostly war bonds purchased by the land board during the past 3½ years.

The profit from the sale of these bonds will go into the state irreducible school fund. The sale was approved by the state bond commission.

Man, Pretty Wife Held for City Thefts

A 30-year-old ex-convict out of Texas state prison and his pretty little 23-year-old wife are in the Marion county jail today, while police hold some \$3000 worth of watches, jewelry, furs and household equipment they charge the man stole from Salem residences. Another \$1500 worth of goods taken in the same burglaries has been sold, officers believe.

Aulton Eugene Blankenship, who is said to have admitted burglaries here and a record as a holdup man in Texas, was bound over to the grand jury in Salem justice court Friday afternoon approximately 12 hours after four city police officers had raided his apartment at 770 S. Commercial st. and taken him and Mrs. Blankenship into custody. Blankenship is charged with

larceny in a dwelling. His bail has been set at \$5000. His wife, Marvel, who maintains her ignorance and innocence in a series of crimes, is charged with receiving and possession of stolen property. Bail for her has been set at \$1000. Their six months old daughter, Candice Jeanne, is in custody of the juvenile court.

The couple told arresting police that Blankenship had told his wife the jewels (including a diamond set platinum ring taken from the William Bishop home on South High street) had been sent to him by his first wife. The current Mrs. Blankenship allegedly disposed of a number of articles in Salem and Portland.

The man is said to have admitted burglaries at the George Skaggs residence, 420 E. Bush st.; the John Harbison home, 955 S.

France Asks Bigger Voice

AFL May Join Meat Strike

CIO Plan Walkout On Jan. 16

By the Associated Press

Another union threatened yesterday to join the planned meat packing strike, a move that might completely tie up the industry and add 135,000 workers to the approximately 1,500,000 who may be idle soon in proposed work stoppages.

Also announced was a call for a railroad strike which a national mediation board spokesman said only White House intervention might avert.

The St. Louis-San Francisco railroad (Frisco) said switchmen, brakemen and conductors had called a strike for 6 p.m. (CST) Sunday. A railroad spokesman said the strike would involve 7000 employees in nine midwestern states.

Strategy Planned

In Washington, CIO President Philip Murray and other CIO leaders held a strategy conference on threatened walkouts involving 700,000 steel workers and an estimated 200,000 electrical workers.

Murray, who also is president of the United Steelworkers union which has voted a walkout for January 14, said in a statement he saw "no substantial change" in the strike situation, and declared "the corporations involved are still refusing to engage in genuine collective bargaining."

Strike Proposed

The new meat industry strike threat came from international officers of an AFL meat cutters union, who said they would recommend that their 135,000 members join with 200,000 CIO workers in a general strike in the meat packing industry unless a substantial wage increase is offered before January 11.

The CIO United Packinghouse Workers union has called a strike in 147 plants across the nation for January 16 to enforce demands for 25 cents an hour wage boosts.

Road Repairs Languish as Graders Down

With Marion county roads in poor condition due to freezes and flooding, the county court reports that a new crisis is developing with four out of nine power graders used on the roads out for repairs.

Shop crews are repairing the machines as quickly as possible, County Judge Grant E. Murphy said Friday. The judge also reported that Bridge Foreman Ted Kuenzi had located new highline poles for the Wheatland ferry, but it would be several weeks before the ferry is back in operation.

County Commissioner Roy Rice reported that a bridge on road 402 northwest of St. Paul is out, but the road from Newberg to St. Paul is again open. Water is still over the road south of the Lakebrook ranch in the Clear Lake section, he said. The Spong's Landing road and the Buena Vista roads are both passable.

A county road crew would begin repairs on road 936 south of Jefferson about Monday, he said, and added that the Wheatland ferry road is now open.

Flying Tiger's Mascot



TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 4—Eight-year-old Steve Chin, official mascot of the famed Flying Tigers, proudly displays ribbons and wings with Cpl. Louis Jew of Palo Alto, Calif., who is seeking to adopt the boy. Chin's entire family was killed by Japanese bombs. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

Tornadoes in Texas Leave 9 Dead, 108 Hurt

By the Associated Press

Texas tornadoes that struck in north and east Texas yesterday afternoon and last night killed nine persons and injured at least 108 others.

Seven persons were fatally hurt and 31 injured as a twister struck several points in a 10-mile radius of Palestine in east Texas. Near Lufkin, also in east Texas, a tornado took two more lives and injured 20 persons.

Just north of Lufkin, a tornado injured more than 80 persons, George W. Hawkes, newspaperman, estimated.

A score of business and residential buildings were destroyed at Peniel near Greenville, northwest of Palestine and Nacogdoches.

The one hospital at Nacogdoches was full of injured and the city hall was used as an emergency first aid station. The tornado there flattened out a number of homes in a negro settlement, west of the city.

Accident Victim Nearly Charged for Car Damage

DETROIT, Jan. 4—(AP)—The Detroit common council decided today to cancel a bill for \$19.94 against Ray Wheeler.

He was billed by the police department after he was struck by a police car last April 8.

The police report said "the impact of the body damaged the car."

McKenzie Pass Stays Closed

The McKenzie pass was the only major highway in Oregon that remained closed, the state highway department said Friday night. The Willamette highway was open to one-way traffic and four inches of new snow was reported at the summit.

Five inches of new snow had fallen at Santiam junction, but road conditions there were normal except for some slush. Snow was packed on the road at the summit and chains were advised.

Temperatures remained about the same over the state, with rain in the valleys and snow in the mountains.

Committees Chosen for Salem March of Dimes, Jan. 14 to 31

Many names appear on the list of committee chairmen who will function during the short period of the March of Dimes set for January 14 to 31. The meeting was called by G. W. Lancaster, county chairman of the March of Dimes.

Present were Mrs. Harris Lietz, county chairman of the woman's division; Dorothy Cornelius, Salem chairman of the woman's division; Frank Bennett, in charge of solicitation in schools; Albert Gragg, representing the postal service; Lawrence Fisher, treasurer of the Marion county chapter for infantile paralysis and Dr. W. J. Stone, its chairman; Judge Grant Murphy, a member of the committee and Mrs. Ruby Bergvik, secretary to the committee.

Discussion covered many phases of the campaign for funds. Announcement was made that the Willamette university student body will handle the table of dimes on the streets and Glenn McCormick of KSLM is in charge of radio publicity. George Alexander was named chairman in charge of solicitation from government employees. Al Lightner is in charge of sports events. Committees from civic clubs will take care of commercial and industrial contributions. Milk bottles, furnished by the Dairy Co-op, will be handled by the junior chamber of commerce. Boy Scouts will distribute displays and posters.

The headquarters for the March of Dimes is 209 Masonic temple telephone 6953, the committee announced.

Note May Postpone Meeting

By Robert C. Wilson

PARIS, Jan. 4—(AP)—France has asked the United States, Britain and Russia in a diplomatic note announced today to give the smaller nations of the world a bigger voice in the 21-nation European peace conference to be held in Paris before May 1.

In the note, handed to U. S. Ambassador Jefferson Caffery for relay to Moscow, London and Washington, France asked assurance of the big three, whose foreign ministers projected the conference, that the representatives of the 21 countries would have "proper powers" to do more than "express wishes" on peace treaties with Finland and the Balkan states.

Asks Question

The note asked, in effect: Will the conference be able to make recommendations to be written into the treaties or will it be merely called to ratify decisions?

Some diplomatic observers said they believed the proposed conference, scheduled to start on or before May 1, would be delayed by the "embarrassing question" raised by the French.

Reminds Powers

The note bluntly reminded the big three that France was "interested in all important questions concerning Europe, or any region whatever of Europe." It expressed the wish that countries such as Finland, Italy, Romania, Hungary and Bulgaria be permitted a voice in the treaties they will have to sign.

6 Hurt in 3-Car Wreck North Of Underpass

A three-car accident on the Portland rd. just north of the underpass sent six persons to Salem General hospital late Friday night.

David Cunningham, 20, Silverton, driver of one of the cars, attempted to pass a car going north and sideswiped a car traveling south driven by M. D. Dickinson, 33, 510 N. 17th st. Salem. The impact of the crash threw the Dickinson car into the path of a third car traveling south driven by Irvin Cutsforth, 20, Gervais, U. S. Army. Two occupants of the Cunningham car were thrown clear by the first crash and were uninjured. Mrs. Dickinson, only occupant of her husband's car received cuts and bruises and was taken to Salem General hospital with her husband who received serious cuts on his head and knee.

La Vern Eggers, 20, Brooks, a sailor and Bill Bowley, 41, Gervais, received cuts and bruises and were taken to Salem General hospital. Cutsforth and Eggers were released later to Camp Adair hospital authorities.

No charges had been filed at a late hour Friday night, the Marion county sheriff said.

V-Loan Tops National Goal

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4—(AP)—The Victory loan brought \$21,144,000,000 into the treasury's tills, Secretary Vinson announced tonight.

In announcing the final figures for the eighth and last war loan, Vinson disclosed that every state made its E bond quota and that the national sales, in all categories, were far above quotas.

Vinson announced these final figures: Total sales: \$21,144,000,000 or 192 per cent of the \$11,000,000,000 goal. Sales to individuals: \$6,776,000,000 or 169 per cent of the \$4,000,000,000 goal. Sales of E bonds: \$2,204,000,000 or 110 per cent of the \$2,000,000,000 goal.

FORESTERS FELL OWL

QUINCY, Mass., Jan. 4—(AP)—An owl fell out of bed today. Forestry department workers reported that when they cut down a tall tree a grey horned owl fell with it and was stunned by the bump.