

3-Man Parley Optimistic for Peace in China

CHUNGKING, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Members of the three-man committee seeking a truce in China's civil strife appeared optimistic after lengthy conferences today that a final settlement would be reached tomorrow, eve of the opening of the political consultation conference that will seek national unity.

The major portion of the problems have been settled and certain details remain to be discussed and disposed of," the committee said in a communique following its third meeting, a three-hour and forty minute session which followed a three-hour morning conference.

Gen. George C. Marshall, U.S. presidential envoy who presided, and the two other members, representing the national government and the Chinese communist party, declined to discuss details of their meetings.

But they left the impression they were optimistic that the efforts to bring about a cease firing order in China would be successful before Thursday's opening of the inter-party and non-partisan parleys which will try to settle outstanding problems between the government and communists.

Before issuance of the communique, the Chinese press predicted both the government and the communists would issue cease firing orders tomorrow.

Progress Made
"We have made progress," Marshall said with apparent good humor after Monday's initial conference.

This afternoon's meeting delayed for nearly an hour Marshall's arrival at the soviet embassy for dinner with Ambassador Apollon Petrov.

Bellevue Road Remains Cut By High Water

Packed snow on the Santiam highway with chains advised and the Bellevue-Hopewell highway still closed by high water were reported Tuesday by R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer.

Snow on Sun Mountain in the Klamath Falls district has now reached a depth of 107 inches. Six inches of new snow has fallen there during the past 24 hours. Other road conditions Tuesday:

Government camp—Packed snow throughout the entire section. Four inches of new snow.

Santiam junction—Packed snow on highways with chains advised.

Siskiyou summit—Highway slippery and sending operations in progress. Chains required.

Astoria-Columbia River highway closed at east city limits of Astoria with detour through Tongue Point naval base. One-way traffic at milepost 90.9 on Oregon Coast highway. Also one-way traffic in vicinity of Manzanita.

LaGrande—Clear and some new snow.

Baker—Packed snow on roads and one-half inch of new snow.

Bend—Some packed snow and ice on roads. Service Creek-Mitchell highway opened Monday night. Detour on Ochoco highway 10 miles west of Mitchell where bridge is washed out.

Bellevue-Hopewell highway—Still closed by high water.

Wilsonville ferry—Closed by high water.

Albany-Corvallis East Side highway—Opened to traffic late Monday.

Hearing on Bus Petition Scheduled

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 8.—(AP)—A hearing will be held here Jan. 21 on Pacific Greyhound lines' petition to slash rates in Oregon from a base of 2 cents a mile to as low as 1 1/4 cents, George H. Flagg, state public utilities commissioner, said today.

Approval of the petition awaits only the hearing and the commissioner's final order. Rates under the new schedule would be: 1 1/2 cents a mile up to 300 miles; 1 1/4 cents, 301-350; 1 1/2 cents, 351-400; 1 1/2 cents, over 400.

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Goering, Von Ribbentrop Draw Prosecutors Wrath

By James F. Long
NEURNBERG, Germany, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The double crossing dealings of Herman Goering and Joachim von Ribbentrop were placed today before the international military tribunal by American and British prosecutors who charged that the two Nazi leaders not only planned for war but brazenly sought it.

The two defendants shifted uneasily in the dock as the prosecution introduced a mass of hitherto secret documents unmasking Goering, Hitler's reichsmarshal, with his "ever-ready smile," and Ribbentrop, Hitler's foreign minister, with his "honeyed words."

Ralph H. Albrecht, of the American prosecution staff, described Goering as utterly ruthless and "more dangerous in some respects" than Hitler himself.

'Meddler'
A former British attorney general, Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, acting chief prosecutor for Great Britain at the trial, began the case against Ribbentrop branding him as "an extraordinary meddler" who "could hardly keep his hands out of the internal affairs of other countries, even

when they did not seem very important."

Fyfe said that Ribbentrop was the dynamo behind the invasions of Norway, Denmark and Poland, and asserted that the diplomat "did whatever he could to avoid peace with Poland and to bring on the war which we know he wanted, knowing it would involve England and France."

Ribbentrop scowled as the British prosecutor called him a meddler and related how the German foreign minister went out of his way to finance an insignificant pro-Nazi movement in Lithuania.

Plotting Told
A secret letter put before the tribunal disclosed that Ribbentrop plotted with Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel, one of the 22 ranking Nazis on trial, and the German high command on the invasion of Norway and Denmark before the attacks were launched and while he was drawing up non-aggression pacts with those countries.

Ribbentrop was revealed also as the chief financial backer of Major Vidkun Quisling in a master plan aimed at kidnapping King Haakon, of Norway.

Export Lumber Ceiling Claimed

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 8.—(AP)—A lumber exporting firm executive said today that—contrary to a recent statement by the county board of commissioners—there is a ceiling on export lumber.

The commissioners' protest that home construction is slowed because there is a ceiling on lumber for domestic use but none on lumber for export was based on "false information," declared R. J. Darling, vice-president of Dant & Russell, Inc. He advised commissioners to check with OPA.

Only 2.28 of the total fir output was exported the first 11 months of 1945, Darling said, and of that—only 10 per cent was suitable for home building.

Morgan Sticks To UNRRA Job

LONDON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—London headquarters of UNRRA disclosed today that Lt. Gen. Sir Frederick Morgan, chief of UNRRA operations in Germany, had refused to resign his post and declined to leave Frankfurt, Germany, for London pending receipt of more complete information.

UNRRA officials conferred after receiving Morgan's reply to their demand that he relinquish his post and return to London. There was no indication what further action would be taken, but it was believed there would be no announcement for at least a week.

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Complaint Filed Against Vet's Trailer Park

EUGENE, Jan. 8.—(AP)—A complaint against use of city-owned Sladden park as a site for trailers to house returning veterans will be aired in Lane county circuit court tomorrow.

Wilbur H. Hyland filed an injunction to halt the project, declaring it was illegal because the park had been dedicated for public use. He listed as defendants the city of Eugene, Lane county court, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

If the court upholds Hyland's complaint, it will cost the civic group trying to solve Eugene's critical housing problem several thousand dollars, the VFW stated. Thirty trailers already are in the park and no other adequate site has been proposed.

Price Boost in Steel Planned

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—President Truman today said a price increase on steel probably would be granted but he would not guess whether it would avert the imminent nationwide strike of steelworkers.

Price boosts also were being deliberated for meat packers, another coast-to-coast industry due to be hit by CIO's scheduled "one-two-three" strikes involving 1,100,000 workers—steel next Monday, electrical manufacturing workers on Tuesday, packing house workers on Wednesday.

Truman Voices Demobilization Satisfaction

By Douglas B. Cornell
WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—President Truman said today demobilization is "proceeding as rapidly as a critical, inescapable need for troops overseas will permit."

GIs at spots around the world have been clamoring to come home now. Congressmen are talking of investigating demobilization, particularly a slowdown ordered last week by the army.

Mr. Truman attributed this slowdown to "the critical need for troops overseas." He said in a statement that it was an "inescapable need" because America must help keep peace and destroy the "war-making potential of the hostile nations that were bent on keeping the world in a state of warfare."

"The future of our country," the president said, "now is as much at stake as it was in the days of the war."

Butter May Get 18-Cent Boost

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—An 18-cent a pound boost in butter prices for civilians by May 1 and some reductions in prices of cream and some other dairy products were reported today to have been recommended by Secretary of Agriculture Anderson.

The hike in the ceiling price on butter was proposed to encourage greater production, said aides who declined to be named.

The ceiling price of butter would be advanced 6 cents a pound by Feb. 1. An additional increase of 12 cents would be made when the present \$525,000,000 dairy production subsidy program ends. Anderson was said to have recommended that this subsidy program be terminated May 1.

Kaiser Has \$422,248 In Unclaimed Pay

PORTLAND, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Former workers at this area's three Kaiser shipyards have neglected to claim \$422,248 in salary and war bonds since 1941, the Bona's Whistle, yard publication, said today.

GIs Stage Sympathy Parade in Paris

PARIS, Jan. 8.—(AP)—About 500 United States soldiers, in a sympathy demonstration with fellow GIs in the Pacific, marched down the Champs Elysees to the American embassy tonight shouting "we want to go home." "We are joining our buddies in Manila. We demand an explanation," said Cpl. Jack Hisey, Gary, Ind., one of the demonstrators who has been abroad 16 months.

Film Magazine Honors Garson Knox, Bergman

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—(AP)—A nationwide poll of critics and reviewers gave top 1945 honors for motion picture to Alexander Knox, Ingrid Bergman and Greer Garson, the magazine Film Daily said today.

Film Daily's fifth annual poll of newspaper, magazine, news service, syndicate and radio critics and reviewers hailed Clifton Webb as giving the best performance by a supporting actor for his part in "Laura," and Ann Rye as the best supporting actress for her role in "National Velvet."

Knox placed first among starring actors for his portrayal of Woodrow Wilson in the film "Wilson." Miss Bergman and Miss Garson were tied for first place among starring actresses for their respective roles in "Spellbound" and "Valley of Decision."

Jay Cees Hear Housing Plans

George Aiken, state budget director, told the Junior Chamber of Commerce, of the steps being taken to alleviate the local housing shortage for veterans at their luncheon Tuesday.

He told members that the plans being made are no panacea but will help to keep some of the veterans dry and comfortable. Maj. F. H. Blake spoke briefly of the Willamette Valley AAU boxing meet and suggested that the group sponsor the Marion county preliminary event, with a tentative date in February. The group voted to sponsor this tournament.

Possible Jap Bloc in Hawaii Bars Statehood

HONOLULU, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Proponents of statehood for Hawaii emphatically denied today there was any danger of Japanese-Americans forming a bloc to control the political life of the islands in event Hawaii is admitted to the union as the 49th state.

The possibility has been one of the chief arguments advanced by opponents of statehood.

Witnesses appearing before a special house committee hearing the territory's bid for statehood placed their views into the record after Rep. Homer D. Angell (R-Ore) said: "The subject of racial backgrounds and current practices is the most important topic of all in this fact-finding investigation."

Territorial Delegate Joseph Farrington said the same fears had been expressed in the past of other racial groups but that they had proven groundless.

Dr. Andrew H. Lind, professor of sociology at the University of Hawaii, said he saw no danger that people of Japanese ancestry might gain control of Hawaiian political life.

Jap Torturers Sentenced to Hang

MANILA, Wednesday, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Two small fry Japanese war criminals today were convicted by U.S. military commissions and sentenced to hang for the torture deaths of 105 persons.

Takuma Higashijima, young civilian interpreter, was convicted in 25 minutes after testimony showed he slaughtered 16 Filipino civilians in Nueva Vizcaya province and was implicated in 77 other deaths.

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General Walkout Threatens Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Five thousand workers struck in Cordoba today and scattered stoppages stalled industrial and commercial activity in Buenos Aires as the nation faced a threat of a paralyzing general strike.

The stoppages protested the failure of some business firms to pay the year-end bonuses and wage increases which have been decreed by the government.

Truman Quells Story of Soviet Atomic Bomb

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—President Truman today backed Secretary of State Byrnes' assurances that American atomic bomb secrets are adequately safeguarded.

He also told a news conference he had no reason to believe reports that Russia has developed an atom bomb—no bigger than a baseball—which rendered the American-British-Canadian product obsolete.

To reporters who asked for comment on the recent Moscow agreements he replied that, well, he was satisfied.

It was the president's first news conference since the far-reaching big three accords were made at Moscow and he began with the statement that he had nothing special to say and was open to questions.

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