

Investigate Resettlement Of Japanese

Washington, Jan. 13 (AP)—Senator Wallgren (D., Wash.), announced today he was beginning an investigation of resettlement of Japanese in the west, to determine the truth of "disturbing reports" he had received of conditions in the relocation camps.

The senator said the reports told of trouble brewing among the evacuees, incited by Japanese citizens held in the same camp with the American-born Japanese. He said if his investigation substantiated the reports he would insist that handing of the evacuees be taken away from the war relocation authority and returned to the army.

"Reports reach me that disturbers are inciting others in the camps to various acts of insubordination," Wallgren said. "Troublemakers of that type should be segregated and placed under rigid internment."

"I intend to urge the establishment of three classes of internment for the Japanese. The troublemakers would be strictly segregated and guarded, work camps would be established for those who wished to work and educational camps for others."

"There is no use permitting Japanese who are trying to incite trouble to mingle with the others. If the reports are true it is a serious situation and one that should be handled only by the military."

Wallgren said considerable thought was being given by members of congress to the question of disenfranchising American-born Japanese.

"The laws of Japan permit dual citizenship," Wallgren said. "We want no citizen in this country who owes allegiance to another country."

500 Strike at Lebanon Plant

Lebanon—The 500 employees in the plywood mill here went on a strike again Tuesday evening, the plant shutting down at 8 o'clock. A month ago a strike was staged involving seniority rights of some of the employees but this matter was settled.

Wednesday morning the AFL union is meeting with the membership present to see if agreement cannot be reached with the management.

While all of the troubles involved are not exactly clear to outsiders it is understood a right of seniority is at stake in the present strike and also a series of grievances between both labor and management which have been building up for some time and particularly since the last strike.

No indication could be given by union leaders as the meeting started as to just how long it might last.

Lewis Alone in County Jail

Los Angeles, Jan. 13 (AP)—Aircraft worker Bernard J. Lewis who lived under one roof with two wives and families, was alone today in the county jail.

Lewis, 25, was arrested on complaint of wife No. 2, Dorothea Korh Lewis, 21, who said he married Wilma Wilson Lewis of Santa Clara in July, 1938, and had a son by that marriage.

On October, 1940, he married Dorothea in Las Vegas and later moved to Bryn Mawr, Wash., where she joined him just before her daughter was born on May 18, 1941.

When she left the hospital, she and the child moved in with him, wife No. 1 and his first child.

It was a bit crowded, she said, so she moved to the home of a friend of wife No. 1 until Lewis gave her money to return to her mother. She heard nothing more of him, she said, until July, when he appeared in Inglewood and said he intended to get a divorce and remarry her.

When he vanished again, she signed the complaint.

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Army Photographs Sfax Attack—The army, announcing assignments of air force combat photographic crews in all war zones, released this view of bomb bursts and smoke rising from railroad shops at Sfax in Tunisia, made by flying cameramen. U. S. army photo. (Associated Press.)

Old Oregon Trail

Centennial Series I, By Walter Meacham

Now that the Old Oregon Trail Centennial Year has been ushered in and the name Oregon is on everyone's lips, the question will often be asked: Where did Oregon get its name? That is a question which historians have been trying to answer for years, but without success. In 1765, Major Robert Rogers used



John McLaren

Park Builder Passes Away

San Francisco, Jan. 13 (AP)—John McLaren, superintendent of San Francisco parks, died last night at his home in Golden Gate park, the monument to his horticultural genius.

Fondly known to San Franciscans and other thousands as "Uncle John," McLaren's death at 86 clipped another of the few remaining ties between a modern city he helped to beautify and the old gold-fevered community he first knew as a youth fresh from his native Scotland.

He had been in failing health for months and twice within the past week he had suffered strokes.

Herald Printers Return to Work

Bellingham, Jan. 13 (AP)—Members of the Typographical Union on the Bellingham Herald have voted to return to work today, the management announced late last night. A strike had closed the daily newspaper Thursday.

The announcement said the union members voted to return "on the basis of acceptance of the publisher's offer of 75 cents a day increased wages, with a three-year contract, opened every year on the question of wages and hours, with an arbitration agreement."

The contract, making the scale \$1.20 an hour for a 7½ hour day, is subject to war labor board approval, and is retroactive to Dec. 1, 1942.

The union had asked for a \$1.00 a day increase.

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Murray Asked To Intervene

Ottawa, Jan. 13 (AP)—Labor Minister Humphrey Mitchell appealed to Philip Murray, president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations and of the United Steel Workers, today for intervention in the strike of 5,000 steel workers at Sydney, N. S., and the threatened strike of 4,000 more at Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

In a telegram to Murray in Washington, Mitchell said the strike and threatened strike were illegal but he did not want to raise that point, preferring mediation and conciliation. He urged Murray to direct the strikers, who are affiliates of Murray's union, to meet with mill operators and government representatives.

The Sydney workers struck yesterday against the report of a government commission appointed to investigate their demands for increases in the basic wage rates and improvements in working conditions, which rejected wage increases. The Sault Ste. Marie workers voted last night to strike on Thursday. The two mills produce approximately 60 per cent of Canadian steel ingots.

Mitchell asked Murray to require the strikers to return to work, pending negotiations.

Supplies Sent North Africa

London, Jan. 13 (AP)—Alexander Kerr, American member of an economic mission who has just returned from Algiers, revealed today that a reciprocal trading program had been opened between North Africa and Britain and the United States to relieve the critical North African supply situation.

Coal shipments from Britain already have arrived at North African ports, and were being shuttled quickly into the country, so iron and phosphate mines may be reopened for allies use, he said.

In return, the French have shipped iron ore and cork to the United States and oranges, dates and phosphate to Britain.

Lack of shipping has restricted the program, Kerr said, but every effort was being made to obtain vessels so the French can be supplied with necessities, such as cotton textile, flour, sugar, coal and machinery.

He said 500,000 tons of French shipping would soon be available to move civilian supplies, 100,000 tons of it coastwise shipping to carry on trade between Dakar, Casablanca, Oran, Algiers and perhaps some South African ports.

Turkish Chrome May be Available

Washington, Jan. 13 (AP)—Hope was expressed here today that the allied nations would still be able to obtain Turkish chrome, despite the new Turkish-German agreement which went into effect last week.

Under the agreement negotiated in 1941 by Dr. Karl Coudius, head of a German trade commission, Turkey agreed to make available up to 90,000 tons of chrome in 1943 and a similar tonnage the following year, under certain conditions.

To obtain the chrome Germany must deliver to Turkey arms and machinery, and must provide transportation for the chrome from Turkey to the munitions factories which need the metal.

It was believed here that Germany might be unable to fulfill her side of the bargain, leaving Turkey free to dispose of the chrome to allied purchasers.

Britons are eating an average of 14 ounces of bread a day.

Only Two Bids for Fuel for City Schools

When bids were opened last night during the Salem school board meeting, only two firms responded with tenders for providing the district with 1,000 cords of slab wood to be used during the 1943-44 term. The Keith Brown Building Supply company submitted a bid of \$6 per cord, while the Highway Fuel company offered to provide the fuel at \$5.67 per cord. The bids were turned over to the supplies committee with power to act.

Work of mapping the bus routes operated by the district within the city of Salem and through Polk and Marion counties for the purpose of transporting pupils will be started in the near future. Supt. Bennett stated that the information was needed to prove that the routes were being operated on a practical basis.

A program, looking toward the implementing of the victory corps program in the city schools is being formulated, the superintendent stated. Teachers are cooperating in a whole hearted manner the superintendent said, and it is probable the physical fitness and additional emphasis on science and mathematics will be tied into the regular routing with little disturbance.

The board accepted the resignation of Violet Swanson, head of the part-time continuation school at senior high, who is to accept a position as guidance director of the Vanport system. The board also looked with favor upon a program whereby the high school shops can be utilized in connection with sub-contracts on war materials where the jobs do not conflict with regular channels.

Mrs. Mareline Golden of the Washington school, was given a leave of absence beginning at the start of the second semester on account of ill health. Mrs. Neva Cooley Munding will replace Mrs. Golden. Mrs. Elsie Collins will take the place of Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis at Englewood for the balance of the year.

Model airplanes being made by junior high school students are turned over to Camp Adair

Policy Change Made by OPA

Seattle, Jan. 13 (AP)—Decentralization is the keynote of sweeping revisions in office of price administration affairs in the Pacific northwest as announced by Frank Marsh, deputy regional administrator from San Francisco.

Under the new plan State Director Henry B. Owen will carry the title of deputy regional administrator and assume supervision over both Oregon and Washington.

The revised policy calls for OPA supervision by districts instead of by states, Marsh explained. A new district office will be established at Spokane with jurisdiction over eastern Washington and northern Idaho. Area offices in the Spokane district will be at Spokane, Walla Walla and in the Coeur d'Alene-Pend Oreille area.

Seattle will remain district headquarters for western Washington. Portland, Marsh said, would be the headquarters for northern Oregon, with a new office planned for either Klamath Falls or Medford in southern Oregon.

"The idea is to establish administrative control over war price and rationing roads in accordance with recognized trade areas," Marsh said.

Area offices in the western Washington district will be at Seattle, Tacoma, Bremerton, Everett, Bellingham, Port Angeles and in Island county.

Marsh said the changes would not effect the rationing boards of the state.

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Strike Alibis Out Says Morse

Washington, Jan. 13 (AP)—A formal war labor board opinion written by Public Member Wayne L. Morse said today that servicemen who are "fighting and dying that labor in America may remain free" will not accept alibis for war-time work stoppages.

"No combination of words, no rationalized alibis, no pleas of provocation and extenuating circumstances can be, will be, or should be accepted by our fighting forces as justifying work stoppages resulting from disputes between employers and employees, or between factions within their ranks," Morse wrote.

He paid tribute to the "great production record" achieved

thus far, but said labor should halt strikes and management must refrain from provoking them.

"A united nation, including practically all workers and employers, has accepted the indelible mandate of public opinion that industrial disputes for the duration of the war must be settled by peaceful procedure enforced by government," he said.

His views were written in an opinion involving Miles Laboratories, Inc., of Elkhart, Ind., and a local chapter of District 50, United Mine Workers. The board ruled that machinery provided in an existing contract be used in settling a dispute over discharge of a plant employee.

Silverton—Frank Hubbs, cal business man, is convalescing at the Silverton hospital from major surgery. Glenn Price, under treatment at the hospital, is reported as "about the same." Price is considered seriously ill.

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