

Turner Blames Kimmel for Harbor Losses

Says Admiral Did Not Comply With Entirely Clear Orders

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—Adm. R. K. Turner asserted today that Adm. Husband E. Kimmel did not comply with "entirely clear" orders and expressed the opinion that if Kimmel had done so losses at Pearl Harbor would have been cut "materially."

Turner also told a senate-house committee investigating the December 7, 1941, disaster that the Pacific fleet under Kimmel had been prepared for "just such an attack" and was "ready for war."

The navy department, Turner said, had given Kimmel "perfectly specific and entirely clear" orders to take the necessary measures against a Japanese attack.

Did Not Comply
"Did Kimmel comply, in your opinion?" asked Vice Chairman Cooper (D., Tenn.).
"He did not, in my opinion," said Turner.

Turner, as chief of the navy war plans division had prepared a November 27, 1941, "war warning" message for Pacific commanders.

If Kimmel had complied, pursued Cooper, "would the disastrous effects not have occurred or have been materially reduced?"

"I think they would have been materially reduced," Turner replied, "and there was a good chance we could have inflicted considerable damage on the Japanese fleet."

Plenty of Aircraft
"We know now from experience," Turner added, "that a carrier based attack is difficult to stop, and a considerable portion of the attack might have gotten in. But it could have been broken up and have had considerably less effect."

(The Japanese bombers and torpedo bombers sank or badly damaged all the major units in the fleet at Pearl Harbor.)

"We had there a total of 185 fighter aircraft. The Japanese had, according to my information, 112 and a portion of these and a portion of their reconnaissance planes were maintained over the carrier group as protection."

"Even if only a considerable portion of our fighters had been in the air... I believe the Japanese attack would have been much less severe in its results."

Warning Adequate
Also, Turner noted, there were some land-based bombers available to the defenders of Pearl Harbor.

Turner upheld his warning message of Nov. 27 as entirely adequate. He said it was not necessary to send anything additional to Kimmel.

Turner said he had had "the utmost respect for his (Kimmel's) ability," and added that he believed this estimate of Kimmel was shared throughout the navy.

90 Deaths Due To Cold Wave

(By the Associated Press)
Relief from the season's first cold weather, which has touched nearly every section of the country in the last two weeks, was in prospect for the south today, but sub-zero temperatures continued to chill parts of the northern plains and northeastern states.

Federal forecasters in Chicago said chilly weather prevailed over most of the southern states early today and temperatures of near freezing and below were reported in widely scattered areas except in Texas and Florida.

Miami's early morning reading, however, was under 50 compared to a high of 68 yesterday.

The current cold wave has caused at least 90 deaths in 18 states.

Forecasters said temperatures in the south would moderate "quite rapidly" today, especially over the western half of the Gulf states and over the remainder of the area tonight and tomorrow.

Readings were expected to be back around normal over the southern tier of states by tomorrow.

No such relief, however, was in the immediate offing for the country's cold belt. Early morning temperatures in the Dakotas and Minnesota, as for the past several days, remained below zero.

The Weather
(Released by the United States Weather Bureau)
Forecast for Salem and vicinity: Cloudy with frequent light rains tonight and Saturday. Lowest tonight, 35. Little change Saturday. Max. yesterday, 34. Min. today, 32. Mean temperature yesterday, 30, which was 11 below normal. Total 24-hour precipitation to 11:30 a.m. today, .51. Total precipitation for the month, 2.91, which is 1.21 inches below normal. Willamette river height, 9 ft.

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Protest Against Soviet Denied By MacArthur

Tokyo, Dec. 21 (AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur denied today a radio report that he had threatened to resign if he was not "let alone" in Japan.

(An American Broadcasting Company broadcast from Tokyo yesterday reported that MacArthur had disagreed with the Soviets over which Japanese home island they should occupy and that he had notified the state department he would quit if he was not let alone and if the Russians were allowed further participation in occupation affairs.)

He declared today that the question of Russian participation is "matter for other decision than my own."

In a formal statement denying the radio broadcast report, he said:

Formal Statement
"The statement purported to have been made by Larry Tighe of the American Broadcasting Corporation has absolutely no basis in fact."

"For the second time in recent weeks, it becomes necessary for me to deny the allegation that I have threatened to resign."

"I am here to serve, not hinder or obstruct the American government. It is my full purpose to see the thing through. The question of Russian participation is a matter for other decision than my own."

"If Tighe made the statement he is alleged to have broadcast from Tokyo, someone must have been feeding him a funny type of 'hoop' being peddled around Tokyo on the black market."

(In a broadcast after MacArthur's denial, Tighe said:

Tighe Sticks by Story
"I received this information from a reliable and honest source, and I still consider it both reliable and honest."

"The word 'MacArthur' has come to be regarded as a word denoting authoritative statements from his headquarters rather than from him personally."

"I did not imply that the supreme commander, himself, indulged in name calling and recriminations with the Russians. However, I reaffirm the story which I previously broadcast that the express desire of the commander of this area is that Russian troops not be allowed to take over the Japanese island of Hokkaido.")

\$12,000 a Year Salary for Eleanor

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—Rep. Bennett (R., Mo.), emphasizing that he was not speaking sarcastically, remarked today that Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt apparently will be well taken care of by the government.

Commenting on her selection to the United Nations delegation, Bennett told a reporter that like other delegates, she will draw \$12,000 a year salary and receive expenses and allowances.

He said that congress has given her the right to frank mail, postage free, and in addition would approve a \$5,000 a year pension for her as it had for widows of other presidents in the last 40 years.

Bennett said that on the whole, he thought the UNO delegates were good appointments.

Woman Assists in Robbery of Second Taxi Driver by 'Fares'

Twice in two nights drivers for the Salem Taxi Service have been held up and robbed by their "fares," and a net take to the robbers of around \$50 and a taxicab which was soon recovered.

The two crimes were not committed by the same heisters, the first having been pulled by two men and the second, between 2 and 3 o'clock Friday morning, by a man and a woman.

At 2:15 Friday morning Ralph Colvin, cab driver, was cruising west on State street, when, at Church street, he was hailed by the man and woman. They asked to be driven to Fairgrounds road. Both were in the rear seat.

At Smith street, in the 2400 block on Fairgrounds, the man told Colvin to turn into Smith. As they approached the Southern Pacific grade crossing the man told Colvin to turn around.

"This isn't where we want to go," he said.

As the driver was turning the man put a gun to his back.

"This is it," he said. He demanded Colvin's wallet.

Housing Plans To Go in Effect On January 15

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—The government's program to spur home construction will go into effect Jan. 15, John D. Small announced today. The chief of the civilian production administration ordered that dwellings costing \$10,000 or less be offered first to veterans and told a news conference that the top rent on these dwellings will be \$80 a month.

Small stated that at least 400,000 homes will be built under the program in 1946.

"We expect," he added, "that a substantial number of these will sell at considerably less than \$10,000."

This means, Small said, that a great many of the new dwellings will rent for under \$80 a month.

Priorities Restored
The OPA chief outlined a new regulation restoring 10 kinds of critically scarce building materials to a priority system and announced that the federal housing administration will handle applications for these through its 52 field offices.

Beginning Jan. 15, home builders who qualify will be assigned a so-called "H.H." rating for these materials.

Ratings will be awarded either to individual veterans who wish to build for themselves, or to builders desiring to erect one or more buildings.

Housing already under way may be brought within the program. Small said, if it meets the \$10,000 price limit, it is offered first to veterans, and meets other standards outlined in the regulation.

To Favor Veterans
All applicants for priorities assistance in obtaining materials must agree to make the housing available to veterans during the period of construction and for 30 days thereafter.

At the conclusion of that period it may be sold or rented to a non-veteran at the same sale price or rental applicable to veterans.

Valley Escapes Silver Thaw

Portland, Ore., Dec. 21 (AP)—A solid sheet of ice, increasing with more freezing rain, covered the Columbia river gorge today, but western Oregon valleys gained a respite from the cold spell.

Only an occasional chain-equipped truck was able to move along the glassy Columbia river highway. The Washington side of the highway was closed beyond Washougal, delaying stages for hours. A bus due here at 11:25 last night finally rolled in at 8 this morning.

Stages were arriving on time through the Willamette valley, however, where rising temperatures melted ice. Some trains were coming in far behind schedule.

Freezing rain was reported east of here to The Dalles, and several county schools closed in the face of impassable roads. The sheriff's office reported several cars in ditches. A number of Portlanders slipped on icy streets and were taken to hospitals.

In Portland, where ice still sheathed higher levels, the weather bureau forecast steadily rising temperatures. The mercury is expected to reach 36 today, remain above freezing throughout the night, and hit 39 tomorrow.

Barbey Sent to Atlantic Post

Shanghai, Dec. 21 (AP)—Vice Adm. Daniel E. Barbey, commander of the U. S. Seventh fleet, announced today that he has been named commander of Atlantic amphibious forces and will leave Shanghai early in January.

His headquarters probably will be somewhere on the American east coast, he said. Adm. C. M. Cook will succeed him as commander of the Seventh fleet.

Barbey added that about Dec. 22, the famed Seventh amphibious force, which under his command landed approximately 1,000,000 men in nearly 60 war-time invasions, will go out of existence.

It will cease to exist, he said, when ships of the old Seventh amphibious force pass through the Panama Canal into the Atlantic to become part of the new Atlantic amphibious force.

Russians Hang 6 Nazis
Moscow, Dec. 21 (AP)—Seven German S.S. (elite guard) members were hanged yesterday at Smolensk following their conviction as war criminals. Three others received prison terms ranging from 12 to 20 years for atrocities committed against residents of Smolensk.



They May Not Be Home for Christmas (AP)—Pacific veterans jam the USS Leonard Wood in San Francisco—typical of scenes aboard troop ships arriving as "Operation Santa Claus" hits a critical peak with thousands of soldiers apparently not destined to be home for Christmas because of transportation problems.

Vets Stranded at Ports Voice Disappointment

San Francisco, Dec. 21 (AP)—"It's the same old army," said Corporal A. L. Holzman, of Long Island, N. Y. "Hurry up and wait." Holzman was one of nearly 100,000 veterans from the Pacific who today appeared likely to be stranded at west coast ports on Christmas day because of lack of transportation. Nearly 120,000 veterans were stymied at the ports today, and ships were scheduled to dump an additional 15,000 more daily on harassed army and navy transportation officials, a far larger number than they expected to have transportation for.

"We had hopes of getting home by Christmas," said Pfc. Julius P. Brenner, of Hudson, N. Y. "Nobody promised us we would. We just hoped we would. I've been overseas only 25 months. Lots of these fellow-loner."

Brenner sent a telegram to his parents:
"Living aboard ship because of transportation tieup. Have no idea when I'll get home."
Men required to stay aboard ship—there were four "floating barracks" here today—were given an information sheet explaining the reason for the delay. The paper also listed entertainment and sightseeing possibilities in San Francisco.

"Sure, this is good," said Sergeant Louis Jaffe of New York City, a ship-bound veteran of 20 months in the western Pacific. "No mud, no filth, no duties—but it isn't home."

A spokesman from the office of Major General Homer Groninger, commander of the port of embarkation here, said:
"Our 'Operation Santa Claus' (the name the army gave its plan for handling returning veterans) has been too successful. We've brought back more men than the railroads can handle."

Wit more than 51,000 unhappy servicemen on their hands, army and navy authorities at San Francisco were liberal with leave passes. Sightseeing tours were organized and port officers planned Christmas parties with Red Cross bags of gifts.

2 Crippled Ships Being Towed to Port

San Francisco, Dec. 21 (AP)—Two crippled ships were reported by coast guard headquarters off the California coast today, one of them under tow by a coast guard cutter.

The army transport Imperial, which left here yesterday bound for Seattle, was reported without power off Cape Mendocino and being towed to San Francisco by the cutter, Shawnee. The coast guard said she was not in danger. She carried army troops.

LST 224, which nearly floundered late yesterday 33 1/2 miles west of the Golden Gate, was also reported out of danger.

Mexico Finds Charges Against U. S. False

Mexico City, Dec. 21 (AP)—Foreign Minister Francisco Castillo Najera said yesterday that Labor Leader Vicente Lombardo Toledano had failed to substantiate his charges that United States "imperialists" were passing weapons across the border to foment a revolution.

As a result, the foreign minister said, the Mexican government would take no further cognizance of the charges. The war department also said Lombardo Toledano's assertion apparently was without foundation.

Optimism Rules Big Conversations

Moscow, Dec. 21 (AP)—The exploratory conversations of the foreign ministers of Britain, Russia and the United States appear to have brought the three countries closer together than they were before the meeting, informed foreign quarters said today.

Certain suspicions are believed to have a good chance of being dispelled, it was reported.

On the sixth day of the big three foreign ministers' meeting and the 66th birthday of Generalissimo Stalin, this appeared to be the situation on the basis of reports from informed foreign quarters:

Some Results Certain
There is a strong feeling that some results will come from the meeting and these results may be better than originally expected, but every difference among the three is not likely to be settled at this meeting.

Byrnes and Bevin are believed anxious not to raise the hopes and expectations of the American and British people too much.

The foreign ministers of the big three have no desire or intention of dominating the United Nations Organization or of bypassing it.

UNO Collaboration
However, big three collaboration was applauded during the war and considerable good can be accomplished through such collaboration. If the United Nations Organization was expected to handle all matters there would be no need for the nations to have ambassadors and foreign ministers.

As a result of the current conference the big three foreign ministers probably will meet in Washington in the spring, as suggested by Byrnes.

Stalin, tanned and rested after his long vacation, was reported to be spending the day at his desk in the Kremlin, according to his custom of pursuing his regular schedule on his birthday.

Chinese Reds Ask Armistice

Chungking, Dec. 21 (AP)—A Chinese communist spokesman at Chungking today asserted his party would put officially into writing its proposal for an immediate, unconditional armistice in China's internal war, with both sides "frozen" in their present positions.

His assertion followed government comments that the proposal was merely "propaganda" because it had been made verbally at a social function.

The red spokesman, voicing surprise at this, declared that Gen. Chou En-Lai of the Chinese red delegation had formally requested that the truce proposal be forwarded to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek. Chou made the proposal to Shao Li-Tzu, member of the government delegation to the forthcoming unity conference.

"We want an armistice," the communist spokesman said. "We considered our proposal as official and formal, but as the government wants it in writing, we are going to oblige."

The verbal proposal was announced by communists at the very moment General Marshall, the peacemaker, stepped from his plane at Shanghai yesterday, and there were indications that both sides are prepared to make genuine concessions in efforts to end the strife.

Supreme Court Upholds Short Form of Income Tax Returns

Oregon citizens next year will be able to use the simplified state income tax returns provided by the 1945 legislature, the state supreme court ruling, 5 to 2, today that the law calling for the new forms is valid. The suit against the state tax commission was filed by F. H. Young, Portland, manager of Oregon Business and Tax Research, Inc., who contended that the law was invalid because a legislative committee inserted the wrong amendments in the bill. Hence, Young argued, the law is not the same as that passed by the legislature.

The majority opinion, by Justice J. O. Bailey, denied Young's contention, asserting that the senate and house journals did not show affirmatively that any mistake had been made.

The majority, which upheld Circuit Judge George R. Duncan of Marion county, said that a bill signed by the presiding officers of both houses and signed by the governor is presumed to be valid, unless it

General Patton Dies from Injuries Received in Traffic Accident As Heart Weakens from Pneumonia

Brilliant American Combat Leader of Third Army, Who Served As Acting Commander of Occupation Forces, Passes Dozen Days After Crash

Heidelberg, Dec. 21 (AP)—Hard-fighting Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., died peacefully in a hospital bed tonight from an automobile accident which he described as "a hell of a way to die."

He died in his sleep from a blood clot.

The 60-year-old former cavalry officer who became one of the most brilliant exponents of armored warfare the world has known was injured 12 days ago when his sedan collided with an army truck on one of the superhighways Hitler built for conquest. Patton was going pheasant shooting.

He complained at the time of an injured neck and told soldiers who lifted him into the ambulance: "This is a hell of a way to die."

The most skilled army surgeons in Europe found that his neck was broken. His body was paralyzed from the shoulders down. But the same indomitable spirit which led him and his famous 3rd army on the victorious dash from Normandy across the Rhine and Germany into Czechoslovakia seemed at first to be beating away the death that came at 5:50 p.m. (8:50 a.m. PST).

Wife at Bedside
His wife was at the bedside when death came.

It was only yesterday that he took his first turn for the worse. Pulmonary complications developed which today weakened his heart.

Patton at once was one of the most successful military leaders and one of the most controversial. His swashbuckling campaigns in Africa and Sicily first brought him to world attention.

But in the heart of the Sicilian campaign, he slapped a hospitalized soldier, and then publicly apologized to all units in his command.

Gen. Eisenhower still believed in the two-gunned commander, and when Gen. Omar Bradley's First Army broke through German lines in Normandy, Patton was placed in command of the famous Third Army which poured through the breach, set up the capture of Paris and the liberation of France and drove straight up to the Siegfried line.

Battle of Bulge
One of Patton's greatest triumphs occurred almost exactly a year before his death. When the Germans made their last bid for victory in the Ardennes breakthrough, Patton's army was thrown into the gap and it was largely Third army pressure on the south side of the bulge which drove the Germans back.

When the final campaign of the war started a few months later, he led his Third army across the Rhine and advanced virtually at will through the decaying German armies.

Col. R. G. Spurling, war department medical specialist, said the medical facts of the case were these:

Bronchial Trouble
"Until the morning of Dec. 19, Patton made very satisfactory progress. His general condition was good and he was confident he would recover."

"The first untoward sign was when he had difficulty raising secretions from his bronchial tubes.

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Many Vets to Spend Xmas in Hospitals

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—More veterans will spend this Christmas in hospital beds than ever before in American history and the capacity for caring for them has reached a near crisis.

Maj. Gen. Paul R. Mawley, acting surgeon general of the veterans' administration, told a reporter today there are approximately 90,000 veterans, of all wars, under treatment in hospitals or at homes.

The peak of World War I veterans is expected within a year or two. The peak of World War II will not be reached until 1975, experts have predicted. They say as many as 250,000 veterans may become patients.



This portrait of General George S. Patton, Jr., wearing his 4-starred helmet and campaign ribbons was made at his last press conference in the ETO.

Indonesian War Continuing

Batavia, Java, Dec. 21 (AP)—British Lt. Gen. Sir Miles C. Dempsey and Air Chief Marshal Sir Keith Park made a flying visit to Batavia today as British forces campaigned against Indonesian troops east of Bandoeng, the summer capital.

Dempsey is the allied ground forces commander and Park the chief allied air officer for the southeast Asia theater. They took off again only a few hours later and nothing authoritative could be learned about the purpose of their trip.

The Dutch news agency Aneta speculated that they were to discuss with Lt. Gen. Sir Philip Christison, allied commander in the Netherlands Indies, the decisions reached at the recent conference of British and Dutch leaders in Singapore.

High sources in Batavia said December 8 that the British had decided to move in whatever reinforcements were necessary to restore order and guarantee Dutch sovereignty in the East Indies.

(J. H. A. Logemann, Netherlands minister for overseas territory, told the lower house of the Dutch parliament at The Hague today that full use will be made of Netherlands troops in the islands.)

Nine Batavia-based RAF planes blasted roadblocks and nationalist strongpoints east of Bandoeng to clear the line of march for British ground troops.

Belgian Cross for Ninth Air Force

Brussels, Belgium, Dec. 21 (AP)—The Belgian Croix de Guerre will be pinned tomorrow to the colors of the Ninth tactical command of the Ninth air force, constituting one of the largest mass decorations in history. The ceremony commemorates events one year ago when Belgian skies cleared and the airmen launched their famous attack on Nazi armored columns that had broken through the Ardennes. All men in the command at that time will be entitled to wear the green and red decoration on their shoulders.

Cancer Toll Above War

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—The census bureau said today nearly twice as many persons died of cancer in this country during 1942-43-44 as the armed services lost by enemy action in World War II. Cancer deaths in the period totaled 501,419, the bureau said, while recent army and navy figures placed combat losses at 273,000.

In a similar case a few months ago, the supreme court threw out the 1945 local budget law on grounds of a legislative error.

Justices Percy R. Kelly and James T. Brand, who wrote separate dissenting opinions, said they failed to see the difference between the budget case and the tax case, so that the tax law should be thrown out, too. Both justices said the court's action in today's case is contradictory and inconsistent.

The court rushed its decision to enable the tax commission to prepare and distribute the new short forms, which will be used for 1946 tax payments on incomes earned in 1945.



BUY Christmas SEALS