

Roosevelt, Cabinet Agreed We Should Fight Jap Aggression

Washington, March 21 (AP)—The late President Roosevelt and his war cabinet agreed 10 days before Pearl Harbor that the United States should fight if Japan invaded southeast Asia, it was revealed today.

The decision was reached at a White House meeting November 28, 1941. It was described in a statement filed by former Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson with congress' Pearl Harbor investigating committee.

On November 25 the war cabinet decided that responsibility for conflict—if it came—should be Japan's. Stimson said it was a matter of how Japan could be maneuvered into firing the first shot without too greatly endangering the United States.

Do-Nothing Ruled Out

The cabinet ruled out both a do-nothing attitude or an attack without warning on the southward-advancing Japanese. This country did not know that another Japanese force was then starting for Pearl Harbor.

Stimson said Maj. Gen. Walter C. Short, who was deposed as army commander in Hawaii soon after the Jap attack, "betrayed a misconception of his real duty which is almost beyond belief."

The committee recently completed three months of public hearings aimed at placing the blame for the disaster to the U. S. fleet when Japan attacked it at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

Report Due June 1

The committee report is due June 1. Stimson, 78 and ailing, filed his statement and excerpts from his private diary in lieu of testimony before the joint house-senate committee.

He said Short, despite some errors by his superiors in Washington, should have been on full alert against the possibility of hostile Japanese action even without a warning from Washington, which he got.

Short has told the committee he alerted his command only against sabotage because that course was indicated in his advices from Washington.

The decision of Mr. Roosevelt and his war cabinet to fight Japan if she invaded southeast Asia was based, Stimson said, on agreement that if a Japanese task force then known to be headed down the China coast got into the Gulf of Siam it would endanger British, Dutch and American interests in the Pacific.

Dads Out by August— If Draft is Extended

Eisenhower, Patterson Support Pay Hike; Claim It Might End Need for Inductions

Washington, March 21 (AP)—General Dwight D. Eisenhower, army chief of staff, said today that if the draft is extended the army will be able to release all fathers "by August or early September." Eisenhower told the house military affairs committee that the draft should be extended indefinitely to help the United States meet its world obligations and to release men who have been in service for a great length of time.

Eisenhower and Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson both urged that, in addition to extending the draft, congress approve legislation giving the armed forces a 20 percent pay increase.

Could Halt Inductions

Patterson told the committee that if the pay increase helped the army obtain a sufficient volunteer strength to match requirements "we would not have to induct any men at all."

Eisenhower said that if congress is willing to extend the draft, the army would be willing to have certain conditions and restrictions included in the act.

He said he would be willing not to induct any more fathers and to set about releasing fathers now in service. He said it would "be perfectly feasible to say that no man shall serve longer than 18 months."



Extension Urged—General Dwight D. Eisenhower urges draft extension as means of releasing all army fathers by September at latest. He says extension would also help U. S. meet its world obligations.

OPA to Allow Price Bulges In Rent, Food

Chicago, March 21 (AP)—OPA Administrator Paul Porter said today that the office of price administration within the next few days would announce some price increase on rents, food and clothing "near the present level."

"The consumer will be afforded maximum protection," Porter said at a news conference in disclosing that the OPA planned to allow the price bulge.

Porter also announced that the OPA within 48 hours will announce price increases on automobiles ranging from \$2 on the low priced cars to a maximum of \$65 on the most expensive models.

Black Market Target

"In a short time we will have a detailed announcement of drastic measures to be taken to control the meat black market, particularly with respect to diversion of live cattle," Porter said.

"We absolutely will not take controls off meat."

"There will be some increases in rent, food and clothing, but we will try to hold them and basic cost of living items at or near the present level," Porter said.

Porter said the increased auto prices will not affect the consumer. He said the OPA was considering passing the price increases on to dealers.

No Ceiling Removal

He emphasized that the OPA has no intention of removing rent ceilings.

"If the ceilings were removed," he said, "it is estimated that rents would go up at least 55 percent."

The OPA chief said he believes the textile problem is being taken care of and predicted that more clothing would reach the market soon.

Porter said many building materials are being diverted from housing to certain types of non-essential commercial construction.



Parade Interests Young Mac (AP)—Arthur MacArthur, son of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, his ears covered, coat buttoned and blanket-wrapped for protection against chill weather, watches wide-eyed as the U. S. 7th regiment parades on the palace grounds in Tokyo. That's Mrs. MacArthur smiling down at the lad.

Residential Properties Have Doubled in Price

By Don Upjohn

Residential property prices in Salem have hit such an ascending scale from prewar days that even those who live off the proceeds from the sales have varying ideas as to where the chalk mark on the chart has reached. While one of the last reports from the realty board to the national association showed a 42% climb, other real estate men have ideas up to 100 percent or better.

A cross-section of reported sales in various parts of the city would indicate that the 100 percent figure is more nearly correct.

Transactions taken from the records at the courthouse from different residential areas are illuminating in this regard.

A place in Kay's second addition which sold for \$4000 in 1941 was resold in 1945 for \$8500. Another in Rosedale addition which sold for \$3900 in 1941 was resold for \$8900 in 1945. A residence in Nob Hill annex sold in 1941 for \$3300 and again in 1945 for \$6000. Another in Nob Hill annex which was sold for \$3900 in 1941 was resold for \$8000 in 1945. On Fairmount hill, where sales have been rather sparse during the war years, a residential piece of property bought in 1942 for \$3700 sold for \$9000 in 1945.

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How to Chase Away Hubby's Business

Los Angeles, March 21 (AP)—Kenneth A. Brainard, Beverly Hills realty broker, winning a divorce from his wife, Ruby, complained that she "harassed my clients by saying she would sue them for alienation of affections."

"She made a practice of darning socks in the office," he added.

Only Truman Can Stay Homma Death Sentence

Tokyo, March 21 (AP)—General MacArthur today decreed a firing-squad death for Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma, his victorious foe in the 1942 battle for Bataan, and disagreed sharply with two U. S. supreme court justice dissenters—one of whom had termed the sentence vengeance rather than justice. Date and details of the execution, which now could be stayed only by President Truman, will be determined in Manila.

Astoria Boat Mooring Okeh

Washington, March 21 (AP)—Construction of a small boat mooring basin at Astoria, Ore., to cost the federal government \$1,044,000 plus \$10,000 annual maintenance received army engineers' approval today.

Lt. Gen. R. A. Wheeler, chief of engineers, notified Rep. Norblad (R., Ore.) today that the government will build a steel pile and sand filled breakwater 2,400 feet long and steel pile shore wings 1,460 feet long. There will be a 20-foot roadway the entire length of the breakwater.

Local interests are required to furnish necessary lands, and rights-of-way and necessary dredging. They also must provide mooring facilities and a public landing space.

The proposition must be approved by Oregon's governor and by congress.

Iran Calls Up 19-Year-Olds

Tehran, March 21 (AP)—Iran's 19-year-olds were summoned to the colors today in the wake of reports that three Iranian army garrisons were under attack by Kurdish tribesmen in the isolated region near the border of Iraq.

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(In Baghdad, a former Iraq diplomat declared Tuesday upon returning from Tehran that the Tudeh party could stage a coup d'etat at any time. He added: "The great fear in Iran today is that if the Iranians officially announce that they will take the matter to the UNO, then the communists will be given the word to strike.")

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Army to Tighten Its Belt Too

Washington, March 21 (AP)—In line with President Truman's food conservation plan to help feed a hungry world, the army is tightening its belt.

The quartermaster corps has revised its master menu to cut by six and one half pounds for each vegetable the amounts of canned asparagus, beans, spinach and tomatoes served to 100 men.

Mess cooks in preparing meals for 100 men will fix only 10 pounds of beef instead of 15; 20 pounds of cabbage instead of 25 and 65 pounds of potatoes instead of 75.

Bread has been cut from 15 pounds to 12 for each 100 men at each meal. There are also smaller portions of breakfast foods.

**Doolittle Raid
Damage Defended**

Shanghai, March 21 (AP)—Lt. Gen. James Doolittle in a deposition submitted today in the trial of four Japanese officers charged with executing three American Tokyo raiders asserted that any civilian damage caused by the famous raid was "unpremeditated."

The deposition was presented to counter any defense attempt to contend that the Tokyo residential area was intentionally bombed.

Doolittle said he was certain that any civilian damage was due merely to normal hazards of warfare.

Negotiations Postponed

San Francisco, March 21 (AP)—Political negotiations between Dutch and Indonesian representatives in Batavia were under postponement today, it was reported by radio Australia.

Truman Reports Monday's Meeting Will Not Be Postponed; Britain Also Opposed; Complications May Be Result, Russia's Ambassador Declares

Washington, March 21 (AP)—Soviet Ambassador Andrei A. Gromyko said today that any hasty action by the United Nations security council on the Iranian dispute would merely complicate it.

His comment was made shortly after a statement by President Truman that next Monday's UNO meeting will not be postponed.

Mr. Truman told his news conference today that the United States delegation will press for action in the explosive controversy despite Moscow's request for a 16-day delay.

(According to United Press, the British government today also opposed the request by Russia for a 16-day postponement. A foreign office spokesman said there was "no inclination on the part of his majesty's government to support the Russian request" for the council postponement.)

Gromyko talked with reporters at the state department after a hurriedly-arranged 20-minute conference with Secretary Byrnes. The Soviet ambassador, who returned unexpectedly last night from New York, declined to tell newsmen what he said to Byrnes, but he reiterated that Russia believes the Iranian case unquestionably should be delayed because negotiations are now under way between Iran and Russia.

Asked in what way these negotiations are taking place he replied they were being carried on through diplomatic channels and that for the security council to take any hasty action now would complicate the situation.

A Courtesy Call

An inquiry put to officials familiar with the nature of Gromyko's talk with Byrnes brought the comment that it had been purely a courtesy call. They said Gromyko actually had not taken up any of the wide range of critical problems in Soviet-American relations, including the Iranian case, Manchuria and the possibility of an American loan to Russia.

The Soviet ambassador left some doubt on whether he personally will attend the United Nations council meeting, despite an embassy statement several days ago that he will be a member of the Russian delegation though not necessarily its chief.

The Soviets have asked for a 16-day delay on the ground they need time to prepare their answer.

What Will Happen?

Reminded of the Russian request for a postponement, the president was asked what will happen Monday if the Soviets insist on their plea.

The president told his questioner he had better attend the meeting and find out.

Mr. Truman again announced that he was not seeking another meeting of the "Big Three" to deal with differences between Russia and other members of the United Nations.

The United Nations organization, he said, is supposed to take over things that formerly were discussed by the Big Three.

A three power conference was suggested in the senate yesterday by Senator Pepper (D., Fla.).

Mr. Truman told newsmen he would be glad to see any or all members of the UNO at any time. He simply is not asking for a Big Three meeting.

The president said Secretary of State Byrnes will carry to Monday's session in New York his own (Mr. Truman's) address of welcome.

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Can't Make a Party Behave

Washington, March 21 (AP)—Politics figured in the president's news conference today when Mr. Truman was asked whether he agreed with Secretary Wallace that party members who get out of line should be disciplined.

The president laughed and said that he and Wallace never had discussed that. But it is necessary, he added, to hold the party in power in line to get its program over.

There is no set way of doing that, he said, although several plans have been tried — none successfully.

Broken Propellor Caused Crackup

Truckee, Calif., Mar. 21 (AP)—A broken propellor blade which set up a vibration that caused the right wing of any army C-47 transport to break off in mid-air apparently was responsible for the violent deaths of 23 passengers and three crewmen near here Tuesday, army officials disclosed today.

**Dinners Expensive
But Fare Skimpy**

Washington, Mar. 21 (AP)—Democrats at the \$100-a-plate Jackson day dinner here Saturday are going to get the least food for their money that has ever been served "for the price in the United States."

That's what Democratic Leader Barkley (Ky.) told the senate today. A speech by President Truman will be an extra added attraction for the diners here.

Russian Submarines Reported Off Java

Batavia, March 21 (AP)—Reports circulated here today that Russian submarines were lying off the south coast of Java.

The supreme allied command and the command of allied forces in Batavia made no comment.

(A similar dispatch was transmitted from Batavia by the official Netherlands news agency Aneta, crediting "apparently reliable reports" and circulated in Great Britain by Reuters).

Korea Sessions More Friendly

Seoul, Korea, March 21 (AP)—Delegates to the joint United States-Soviet commission have reached agreement on procedural details and delegates expect to work harmoniously in the task of setting up a provisional government for Korea.

Maj. Gen. A. V. Arnold, American delegate, said today.

Arnold told a press conference that discussions at the initial meeting yesterday appeared to be on a more friendly basis than at a joint preparatory conference last month that left Russians and Americans split on several questions.

Arnold pointed out that many members of the commission also served at the conference. Delegates were optimistic that they would be able to work well with one another in solving the problem of Korea, he added.

English Teachers Observe: Even Churchill Slips Up

New Haven, Conn., March 21 (AP)—Winston Churchill, man of action, plans to dictate part of his memoirs while resting in bed.

The former British prime minister, who sailed for home this morning aboard the Queen Mary took with him two electronic recording sets equipped with a special lapel microphone to be used alternately at the bedside and while pacing up and down.

He also purchased 1,000 plastic discs, enough to record 250,000 words of the story of his life.

Workers at the Soundsciber Corp. plant here put in overtime to complete the equipment—including a loud buzzer to remind him to change discs in the event he was carried away by his words.

Churchill left a special recording for the workmen, thanking "those at the factory who gave up their week-end leisure to help get this finished in time," and ending with this remarkable—for Churchill—sentence:

"This is me, Winston Churchill, speaking himself to you, and I am so glad to be able to thank you in this remarkable way."

Russia Demobilizing More Enlisted Men

Moscow, Mar. 21 (AP)—Six more classes of red army and air force enlisted men will be demobilized between May and September of this year under a decree of the presidium of the Supreme Soviet published today.

Westinghouse Strikers Fight

(By the United Press)

Fighting broke out in the Westinghouse Electric corporation dispute today and cleanup and maintenance men returned to work at 46 of General Motors' 92 strikebound auto plants.

Several persons were slightly injured when 2000 strikers closed in on two workers who tried to enter a Westinghouse plant at East Pittsburgh, Pa.

International Harvester company, meanwhile, announced it had offered the CIO farm equipment workers an 18-cent hourly pay boost contingent on settlement of other contract issues after strikers return to their jobs.

Company and union officials will meet today to discuss the offer.

Thirty thousand Harvester workers have been on strike for 59 days over a 30 per cent wage increase demand.

The 121-day-old United Auto Workers (CIO) strike against GM kept 175,000 workers idle, and 75,000 Westinghouse workers stayed away from their jobs for the 66th day. Other strikes across the nation affected more than 160,000 workers.

Top UAW officials rejected a General Motors demand that all locals be ordered to end the strike immediately. GM said that non-union maintenance and cleanup men would return only to those plants where union locals have settled plant grievances.

The corporation warned that none of the production workers would be recalled while any of the union locals continued to strike.

Offer 'Joker', Says Bridges

San Francisco, March 21 (AP)—An hourly pay increase of 23 cents, five cents of which would be in lieu of an annual vacation, has been rejected by Pacific Coast CIO Longshore Leader Harry Bridges.

The increase, which would bring hourly pay to \$1.38 and overtime to \$2.07, was offered by Pacific Coast waterfront employers yesterday as a counter offer to demands by the dock workers for \$1.50.

Bridges quickly informed employees he was "definitely not interested" and "charged that the offer was "double talk."

"They offer five cents more provided we give up annual vacations," the longshore leader said. "The employers seek to make their offer look big to the public by means of headlines that say '23 cents.' They bank on the public failing to see the most crude joker ever invented."

An employer spokesman explained the offer was made because "the casual nature of longshore work" makes it "virtually impossible to include a standard vacation pay provision."

The present contract with the dock workers contains no vacation provision.

\$25,000 Goal For Statues

Portland, March 21 (AP)—A committee authorized by the 1945 legislature has set \$25,000 as goal for the financing of two statues which will represent Oregon in Statuary Hall, Washington, D. C.

Dr. Burt Brown Barker, University of Oregon vice-president, is chairman for the state-wide financial drive. The statues, of Dr. John McLoughlin, Hudson's Bay company factor, and Jason Lee, pioneer Methodist missionary, will stand seven to eight feet tall.

After receiving sculptors' bids varying from \$12,000 for a statue of Lee to \$60,000 for both, the committee postponed the decision on who will execute the figures.

London to Erect Roosevelt Statue

London, March 21 (AP)—The Pilgrims Society of Great Britain announced today appointment of a committee to raise funds for erection of a statue of the late President Roosevelt in London.

The statue would be the third memorial to a United States president in the British capital. A statue of George Washington stands outside the national gallery and one of Abraham Lincoln is situated near Westminster abbey.

Mexico City, March 21 (AP)—The permanent committee of congress announced today plans for formal observance on April 12 of the first anniversary of President Roosevelt's death. The program will include laying of the cornerstone for a monument in Monterey, where President Roosevelt and President Avila Camacho met.

Navy Claims Held Not True

Washington, March 21 (AP)—President Truman told a news conference today that a navy statement on its need for funds was not in line with the facts.

The president did not identify the statement. But he said there had been a misunderstanding that ought to be cleared up and that Budget Director Harold Smith would explain the whole thing.

Two days ago Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, chief of naval operations, told the house naval committee that a proposed \$2,100,000,000 budget cut in navy funds would "jeopardize the influence of our nation in world affairs and the defense of our homeland."

Today, Vice Adm. Louis E. Denfeld, chief of the navy bureau of personnel, told the same committee that the cut would force the placing of many Pacific bases on a "caretaker basis" so they could not be properly defended against attack.

The committee is inquiring into the effects of the budget slash on fleet strength and the nation's security.

I'm Forever (Burp) Blowing Bubbles

Los Angeles, March 21 (AP)—Eight-month-old George Robert Logan, who gulped a bottle of shampoo, was still blowing bubbles today.

Mrs. May Logan said she found the baby yesterday covered from head to foot with soap suds and gurgling happily over the bubbles streaming from his nose and mouth. Her other son, William, 2, proudly held an empty shampoo bottle.

George, treated with a stomach pump, was all right today except for an occasional burp.

Alumina Workers Await Decision

No strike will be called at the Salem alumina plant at least until next Tuesday when a decision may be reached in Seattle on the wage grievance of the chemical workers union which will be before the 12th regional stabilization board.

This was the decision, reported to have been a stormy one, at the Salem labor temple Wednesday afternoon.

The Weather

(Released by the United States Weather Bureau)

Forecast for Salem and Vicinity: Mostly cloudy tonight and Friday with occasional very light rains tonight and scattered showers Friday. Lowest temperature tonight, 42. Max. yesterday, 63. Min. today, 33. Mean temperature yesterday, 46, which was 1 below normal. Total 24-hour precipitation to 11:30 a.m. today, 0. Total precipitation for the month, 4.11, which is 1.23 inches above normal. Willamette river height, 6.4 ft.