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VIOLENT QUAKE VISITS N. A. SUBURBS

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, Nov. 14.—Thunder-bolt conjurer John L. Lewis threw a few underhand blasts around inside the government after his new personal declaration of war. They were in the form of indirect threats designed to frighten officialdom, and frankly, they set a few knees to knocking.

Biggest threat was that the Detroit C. I. O. convention Monday would be turned into a beglam of new deal opposition which might culminate in a general strike. Easier to believe, however, was the one that the captive miners would walk out on schedule Saturday and tie up steel production; or that the 400,000 United Mine Workers would join them and tie up all defense. Thus, there was no doubt early in the game, Lewis was trying to edge Mr. Roosevelt into negotiating a captive mine agreement before the Saturday deadline and the Monday convention.

White House was both advised, however, that both congress and the country were fully behind Mr. Roosevelt. Congressional leaders gave personal assurance congress would pass any preventative legislation Mr. Roosevelt wanted, nothing without his leadership.

THE Labor Mediation board which voted against Lewis is a closed-shop board. Its membership favors 7 to 4 the closed-shop principle in general.

Real unexplained reason why it voted against Lewis is that

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Radio Highlights

KMED will broadcast the Texas-Texas Christian football game Saturday afternoon starting at noon, but will not air a Pacific Coast conference contest.

By Associated Press

(Time is Pacific Standard)
Another hour broadcast via all networks is being set up for Sunday morning at 10:30 a. m., for the benefit of the annual Red Cross roll call.

The program will consist of the dramatized tone poem, "Narrative in Red and White," with Paul Muni as narrator. Actors are to include Lionel Barrymore, Raymond Massey, Ray Collins and Judith Anderson.

Saturday's football schedule: NBC-Red and CBS 11:15, Notre Dame vs. Northwestern; NBC Blue 12:15, Texas vs. Texas Christian; MBS 11:15, Minnesota vs. Iowa, followed by Nebraska vs. Pittsburgh and then by Stanford vs. Washington State.

Tonight: NBC-Blue, 5:30, civilian defense, "Eyes for America"; 7:45 talk, Melvyn Douglas, auspices Fight for Freedom committee.

MBS, 7, boxing, Gus Lesnevich vs. Tomi Mauriello.

Saturday: NBC-Blue, 8:30 a. m., Our Barn; 9:30 a. m., National Grange Diamond Jubilee; "London Calling" Oregon; Bundles for Britain Thank You program, Friday 8:25 p. m. PST short wave from BBC.

SIDE GLANCES

BY
TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Billy Bauman arranging to borrow a pup, the owners being curious about his undisciplined purpose.

Editor Ned Liebman proudly passing out this week's issue of Medford Hitches.

Oliver Starcher offering suggestions as to disposal of a broken MT chair, she refusing to take it home as an antique piece.

WORST TEMBLOR IN EIGHT YEARS CAUSES DAMAGE

Midnight Visitation Strongest in Torrance, Gardena And Long Beach Sections

Los Angeles, Nov. 14.—(AP)—A violent earthquake, the most severe in eight years, toppled bricks and cornices from buildings in suburban Los Angeles, sent guests fleeing from one damaged hotel, split a 55,000 gallon oil tank and damaged gas and power lines today.

Guests fled the 30-room Hotel Torrance in the suburb of Torrance as the temblor showered bricks from the two-story structure into the street. Fire inspectors condemned the building and ordered the guests (their number was not available) to find lodgings elsewhere. They said a few other buildings would be condemned today and ordered torn down.

No Deaths
Amazed police said that despite uncounted thousands of dollars damage, not a single death or injury was reported.

Torrance city officials, surveying hastily after dawn, set a preliminary figure of \$1,000,000 loss. Among the most seriously damaged structures was the fire departments' building. Schools were closed pending a detailed inspection.

The quake occurred at 12:42 a. m. (3:42 a. m. EST) and lasted from a few seconds to 18 or 20 in Torrance, Gardena and Long Beach, the hardest hit areas.

One wall of the Torrance theater collapsed, but patrons and employees had been gone some time. Bricks and plate glass from half a dozen damaged buildings littered the streets.

American Legion members were called out to prevent the curious from venturing too close to damaged buildings.

Heavy fog badly hampered investigators and slowed traffic to a few miles an hour. The quake knocked out telephone lines and delayed news of the extent of damage in Torrance.

Men, women and children who rushed outdoors huddled in automobiles for warmth as they hesitated to return to their homes until they felt it would be safe. Another slight shock was felt in Torrance at 1:35 a. m. but apparently did not extend to nearby towns.

In Gardena, Katsumi Tamura and his brother, Yukio Tamura, narrowly escaped as their small store collapsed while they slept inside. The tower of the justice court building was knocked off and thrown through the roof of a nearby store building. The Bank of America branch and half a dozen stores in Gardena were damaged and stocks of goods was strewn on floors.

An eight-inch natural gas pipeline burst in Wilmington, but the flow was shut off quickly and the fire threat averted.

The temblor was the third in Los Angeles county in five months and the worst since a 1933 temblor killed 130 persons.

TROUTDALE PLANT CONTRACT IS LET

Pittsburgh, Nov. 14.—(AP)—Officials of the Aluminum Company of America announced today that a contract for the construction of a 90,000,000 pound annual capacity aluminum plant at Troutdale, Ore., had been awarded to the Ross B. Hammond company of Portland, Ore.

The new plant, nine miles east of Portland on the Columbia river, will include a carbon plant to supply carbon for the electrolytic reduction of aluminum. Cost of the site and construction work will total about \$12,000,000, officials said.

Three units, each with an annual capacity of 30,000,000 pounds, will make up the plant. The first unit is expected to be completed in May, the second in June and the third by the first of August.

Finland to Continue Fight



Finland rejected a U. S. warning to cease fighting Russia and insisted she still was waging a defensive war. Map shows Finnish territorial losses (dotted areas), in the 1939-40 war with Russia. Finns said they had regained most of the territory, except two vital areas, the Fisher and Hango peninsulas (circled), which still are in Russian hands. Black arrows indicate directions of Axis drives on Leningrad and Moscow.

Kurusu Reaches San Francisco; Holds Hope for Rapprochement

San Francisco, Nov. 14.—(AP)—Saburo Kurusu, one of Japan's top diplomats, said today if he didn't hold a hope for peace in the Pacific "why do you think I came such a long way?" He was hurrying to Washington for conferences with President Roosevelt.

"I came to offer my all-out assistance to my colleague Ambassador Nomura in Washington," he said. "I fully realize the difficulty of my task."

"But I hope to break through the line and make a touchdown."

"A diplomat with an important mission, I am not in position to say much," he commented as he left a clipper plane after a flight from Tokyo.

Some believe that upon his conversations with President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Hull will depend the future of the Pacific—peace or war.

"All talking must be done in Washington," he smiled. And pressed further for comment: "All ambassadors have some instructions."

Kurusu will leave by United Air Lines at 2 p. m. (PST) today for Los Angeles. He will take the 6 p. m. TWA plane east. He will arrive in Washington at 10:04 a. m. tomorrow.

JAPAN BOLSTERS WAR MACHINE IN FACE OF CRISIS

Tokyo, Nov. 14.—(AP)—Japan strengthened her war machine today on the eve of a special session of parliament opening tomorrow in one of the gravest crises of her modern history.

The cabinet approved for submission to the diet an extraordinary war fund of 3,800,000,000 yen (nominally \$844,000,000) and the war office announced a drastic revision of conscription regulations, making scores of thousands of men hitherto exempted liable to early summons for military service.

These steps were taken as Domei quoted well-informed Japanese circles as saying that revision of the U. S. neutrality law "certainly aggravates the situation, not only in the Atlantic but in the Pacific."

NAIIS NEEDED Chicago, Nov. 14.—(AP)—Concerned about restrictions on building materials, directors of the National Lumber Manufacturers association asked the government today to make enough nails available for "ordinary construction requirements."

M'NARY DELAYS FINAL ACTION ON NEUTRALITY ACT

Washington, Nov. 14.—(AP)—American merchantmen regained complete freedom of the seas today by act of congress, and with it the right to mount guns and shoot if attacked.

The house finished the legislative job yesterday by scrapping the neutrality act amendments which since 1939 have prohibited American shipping from entering the combat zones or belligerent harbors.

The vote, 212 to 194, climaxed the hardest battle yet waged to uphold President Roosevelt's hand in a matter affecting foreign policy.

Just as soon as the legislation was approved, Speaker Rayburn quickly affixed his signature. There remained the formality of adding the signature of Vice President Wallace before the measure could go to the White House for the final name: Franklin D. Roosevelt.

However, an objection by Senator McNary (R., Ore.), the minority leader, made it necessary for Wallace to wait until the senate reconvenes Monday before signing.

The record showed 189 Democrats, 22 Republicans and one American-Labor party member voting for the resolution; 53 Democrats, 137 Republicans, one Farm-Laborite and three Progressives voted against it.

Mott, Angell Oppose Repealing Neutrality

Washington, Nov. 14.—(AP)—The Washington and Oregon house delegations were split among themselves in the vote to repeal the restrictive clauses of the neutrality bill.

They voted:
For repeal: Washington—Jackson, Leavy and Magnuson; Smith was paired for repeal.

Against: Washington—Coffee and Hill; Oregon, Angell and Mott.

Ark Royal Sunk --- (This Time It's True)

HAPPY MUZHIKS CLAIM VICTORIES ON ALL FRONTS

Crimea Only Critical Situation—Nazis Admit Reds Attacking In Force.

By the Associated Press
Russia's Red armies claimed the most extensive series of victories in the war with Germany today, covering every major theater from Rostov-on-Don in the far south to the frozen Arctic regions of Murmansk.

Only in the Crimea, by Soviet accounts, was the situation still critical.

Before Moscow, the Red armies pressing a furious counter-offensive, were reported to have stormed and recaptured 20 villages in the past 24 hours in the Kalinin sector, and German military dispatches admitted that the Russians were attacking "in considerable force" with tanks and infantry.

Leningrad Line Broken

In the battle of Leningrad, the Soviet Red said Russian troops had broken through the Nazi siege lines around the old czarist capital, which the Germans had said was virtually sealed off from the rest of the U.S.S.R.

At Rostov, guarding the northern approach to the Caucasus, the Russians said they had routed a motorized division of Hitler's Elite guards. The entire Nazi drive in that key sector was reported all but stalled.

Tass, the Soviet news agency, reported also that tank-led German shock troops had been thrown back from the outskirts of Tula, 100 miles south of Moscow, after a bloody two-weeks battle.

"The Germans were here yesterday. Today only their corpses are here," Tass said.

The news agency said the Germans hurled 15 consecutive tank attacks at the little village of Rodezhny, on the southern outskirts of Tula, and gained a temporary foothold before being smashed back with heavy casualties.

Poverty - Ridden Japs Allowed Few Matches; Wear Fibre Clothing

Portland, Nov. 14.—(AP)—Japan has become a nation of poverty, where citizens are limited to five matches a day and clothing is made of wood fibre, Robert McClelland told an interviewer today.

McClelland, a resident of Japan for 10 years and steamship company representative there until credits were frozen, predicted, however, that there would be no revolution in Japan because of fanatical loyalty to the emperor and government.

"If it were this country, there would have been a revolution long ago," because conditions are so bad, McClelland added.

Neutrality Revision Brings Bitter Reaction in Axis Nation Capitals

(By Associated Press)

Bitter reaction exploded in the capitals of the axis alliance today over revision of the United States neutrality act, with the Germans declaring bluntly that the next few days would show what a dangerous path the American congress had taken.

In Rome, Fascist quarters voiced a similar theme, asserting that congress' action in permitting U. S. ships to enter the blockade zones soon would result in attacks on those vessels.

In Tokyo, Japan's attitude was expressed by the news agency Domei, which quoted well-in-

CIO GETS REBUFF FROM ROOSEVELT ON CLOSED SHOP

President Says Government Will Never Compel Minority Workers Join Union.

Washington, Nov. 14.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, asking the CIO United Mine Workers and steel company heads to continue negotiations to avert a strike in the captive coal mines, told them today that "the government will never compel" the minority non-union miners affected by the dispute to join the union.

"I tell you frankly," he said, "that the government of the United States will not order, nor will congress pass legislation ordering, a so-called closed shop."

The union is asking a union shop in the mines, which supply coal to steel mills busy on defense orders. Such an arrangement would require that all employees become members of the union after a probationary period.

Report Asked

The closed shop, in labor parlance, provides that the employer may not hire any man who is not a union member.

The president asked the mine union leaders and the steel representatives to give him a report on an agreement to continue production by Monday, or at least a progress report.

A spokesman for the mine workers announced soon afterward that they would accede to the request for three days of direct negotiation on the dispute.

Mr. Roosevelt told the conference that it was the "indispensable obligation" of the president to see that "necessary coal production be continued and not stopped."

And, he remarked, if legislation became necessary, congress would be asked for it without question.

"I am telling you this," the president declared, "with absolutely no element of threat. To this conference I am stating, that you will work out some method for the continued production of coal."

The UMW spokesman said afterward that "all we have ever wanted is a chance to negotiate directly with the steel people on this question" of the union shop.

The direct negotiations between steel executives and the UMW chiefs are to be carried on continuously this afternoon, Saturday, Sunday and probably Monday until the time arrives for a report to the chief executive, it was said at the UMW headquarters.

BOY FOUND SHOT

Eugene, Ore., Nov. 14.—(AP)—Lester Cameron, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cameron, of Upper Camas Swale district west of Creswell, was found dead in the woods near his home Thursday, with a side-charged 22 rifle by his side and a bullet wound in his forehead. He had gone hunting alone the previous afternoon, and his body was located after an all night search.

War Bulletins

Calcutta, India, Nov. 14.—(AP)—The Bengal government disclosed today it was studying the problem of evacuating part of the population of Calcutta, India's biggest city, in the event of air attack.

The city is within range of Japanese bombing planes based on French Indo-China.

Rome, Nov. 14.—(AP)—Fierce fighting in several sectors of the Gondar front, where the Italians are making a last stand in Ethiopia, was officially reported today. The high command reported Italian outposts in north Africa were active and that five British planes were lost in air actions.

PUBLIC WEDDING DRAWS PROTESTS; PLAN IS DROPPED

There will be no public wedding ceremony to highlight the Christmas opening of Medford stores.

This new feature of the annual Christmas opening celebration was definitely shelved at a special meeting of the Medford Merchants association this morning because of numerous protests received from various organizations and individuals.

"We will have a better feature to announce in a day or so," said Ray Baker, chairman of the merchants' group, after this morning's meeting.

The Christmas opening is scheduled for November 26. Plans thus far point to one of the most colorful celebrations in many years.

U. S. TO WITHDRAW MARINES IN CHINA

Washington, Nov. 14.—(AP)—President Roosevelt announced today the United States government had decided to withdraw American marines from Shanghai, Tientsin and Peiping, China.

That will take all the American marines out of China, the chief executive told a press conference. Nine hundred seventy of them have been stationed in the three cities. The president would not discuss capital speculation about the withdrawal of these troops being linked with efforts to obtain a better understanding between this country and Japan.

He said he had no definite plans yet to see Japan's special envoy, Saburo Kurusu, who is flying to the United States to discuss the far eastern situation.

Asked whether he thought war could be avoided in the Pacific, Mr. Roosevelt said he certainly hoped so.

Portland, Ore., Nov. 4.—(AP)—The condition of Maj. Gen. George A. White, commander of the 41st division, remained critical today, physicians at his home at Camp Clackamas reported. He is ill with an intestinal ailment.

BRITISH CARRIER BELIEVED VICTIM OF ITALIAN SUB

Ship Limping To Gibraltar When Claimed By Waves—Number Lost Unknown

La Linea, Spain, Nov. 14.—(AP)—Thirty-two men are known to have been killed and more than 80 injured in the loss of the British aircraft carrier Ark Royal, said reports reaching this border town just opposite Gibraltar tonight.

These reports, from Gibraltar, said the big warship went down about 45 miles east of Gibraltar.

By the Associated Press
London, Nov. 14.—The three-year-old, \$16,000,000 aircraft carrier Ark Royal was torpedoed late yesterday east of Gibraltar, probably by an Italian submarine, and sank early today despite a desperate effort to bring the listing giant safely to port.

She carried down with her an undisclosed number of her crew of about 1,600 men who remained aboard in the struggle to save the ship.

"A very large number of the ship's company was taken off," the admiralty said, and indications were that personnel losses were "fortunately not heavy."

En Route To Port
The story of the sinking, pieced together from the admiralty's brief announcement and word in authoritative quarters was that the Ark Royal was not in action when she was torpedoed and that she was en route to Gibraltar.

The strong suggestion was that an Italian submarine was the victor, although there was no positive identification.

Many of the company remained aboard after the hit or hits and helped to keep the Ark Royal afloat, in tow, during the hours of darkness as she listed further and the very end. She finally rolled under the sea short of Gibraltar and safety.

The loss was belated fulfillment of a long German claim, since the carrier had been sunk, that the beginning had been sunk, the vessel was under the command of Capt. L. E. H. Maund, but whether the casualties were among the casualties was not made public.

Third To Be Sunk

She was the third aircraft carrier lost by Britain in the war and the newest of them all. The other carriers sunk were the 22,500-ton Courageous which was torpedoed by a U-boat September 17, 1939, just two weeks after the outbreak of the war, and her sister ship, the Glorious, which went down June 8, 1940, off northern Norway in a sea battle with the German battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau.

They were built in 1916.

NO REPORT FROM STEINHARDT PLANE

Teheran, Iran, Nov. 14.—(AP)—The soviet embassy said this evening that it still had no news of the plane in which U. S. Ambassador Laurence A. Steinhardt, Russian Ambassador Maxim Litvinoff and about a dozen others are reported missing en route here from Kuibyshev, Russia.

The British legation here reported that an American woman journalist, Alice Moats, and an American magazine writer, Quentin Reynolds, were among the passengers.

London, Nov. 14.—(AP)—The Earl of Kenmare, 80, fifth holder of the title and owner of estates estimated at 140,000 acres, died today.