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JAPS DEMAND U. S. POLICY REVERSAL

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, Nov. 17.—The public may soon discover this country has a large naval base in northern Ireland. About 800 American naval officers and workmen have been constructing it for several months, near Londonderry, in no particular secrecy. The official explanation has been that they were working for the British.

But they have been using American materials under lend-lease arrangements.

When through - conveying starts, such an American base on British soil will be advantageous in repair, refueling and perhaps air protection to American ships. (A naval air base no doubt adjoins).

Naturally, no official authority here will comment on this extremely delicate subject, yet now that the neutrality wraps are off officially, it may be discovered that we have wisely been building this one all the time for ourselves.

MR. Roosevelt at once shriveled against inquiries as to what he intends to do now that all legal restraints of the neutrality act have been removed, but official evidence of his intentions is available.

Day before the vote, doubtful Representative Casey of Massachusetts visited the White House in such extreme secrecy that attaches denied he was there. Afterwards Mr. Casey made a house speech favoring FDR, predicting the president would convey to England. It is inefficient for us to convey 2600 miles from Boston or New York to Iceland and then turn over the ships to the British for the other 600 miles, he implied the president believes.

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MORE MONEY FOR ARMY SOUGHT BY ROOSEVELT

Washington, Nov. 17.—(AP)—President Roosevelt asked congress today for \$6,678,369,046 additional for the army, more than half of which was earmarked for ordnance.

The estimates included \$386,000,000 for expediting production of defense equipment and supplies and \$269,000,000 for the army of the Philippines.

WHITE UNCHANGED

Portland, Ore., Nov. 17.—(AP)—Major General George A. White, commander of the 41st division, was reported in unchanged condition at his Camp Clackamas home today.

Radio Highlights

By Associated Press.
(Time is Pacific standard)
Tonight, the war—7 MBS; 7:45 CBS-East; 9 NBC CBS; NBC-Blue—6 Radio Forum, Sen. C. L. Herring on "Need Of Legislation In Strikes On Defense Production"; 7:30 Cleveland Boxing, Mello Betina vs. Jimmy Blivins.

Tuesday, the war—8 MBS; 9 MBS; 10:45 NBC; 11 MBS; 12 noon, MBS; 12:55 CBS MBS; 1:45 CBS MBS; 1:55 NBC-Blue; 3 CBS MBS; 3:25 NBC-Red; 3:45 CBS NBC-Blue.

SIDE GLANCES

BY
TRIBUNE REPORTERS

George Field almost running out of gas again, having to coast all the way down the Green Springs and making a fellow duck hunter one hour late for work.

Hob Deuel making a spectacular shot at a duck so high that Herm Burgoyne wondered if he had hit in his shotgun to keep the bird from spilling before it hit the ground.

BRIEF TIME LEFT FOR NEGOTIATION, WARNING BY TOGO

End of Economic Blockade
and Military Encirclement
Among Minimum Demands

By the Associated Press
The destiny of the Pacific stood at a crisis today.

Japan stated her demands for understanding—in effect calling for reversal of the United States' major policies in the Orient—and on their satisfaction may depend peace or war.

With them went a blunt warning that Japan's patience is reaching its end.

While these declarations were being made in Tokyo, a special Japanese envoy in the United States saw President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Hull for what he called a "fighting chance" to avoid war.

But in Washington and elsewhere, on both sides of the world, there was pessimism.

By Max Hill
Tokyo, Nov. 17.—(AP)—Japan's premier, General Hideki Tojo, informed a grave and hushed diet today of the empire's minimum requirements for peace in the Pacific—chiefly, an end to "such measures of hostile character as economic blockade, a halt to "military encirclement," for which he blamed the United States and Britain, and hands off Japan's conflict with China.

He spoke after Foreign Minister Shigenori Togo had warned bluntly that little time was left for negotiations to satisfy those terms.

Peers Approve
The house of peers, to which the ministerial messages were delivered, gave them unanimous, standing votes of approval.

These were the salient points set forth by the premier, before the special extraordinary session of the diet which, in an atmosphere of ominous tension, is expected quickly to vote an extraordinary war fund of 3,800,000,000 yen (nominally \$874,000,000).

"The Japanese government," he said, "expects:

"1. Third powers to refrain from obstructing successful conclusion of the China affair which Japan has in view;

"2. Countries surrounding our empire will not only refrain from presenting a direct military menace but nullify such measures of hostile character as economic blockade and restore economic relations with Japan;

"3. That utmost efforts will be exerted to prevent extension of the European war and spread of disturbances in East Asia."

Tojo charged specifically that the United States, Britain, China and The Netherlands East Indies were responsible for what he called "military encirclement" of Japan which, he said, had risen to a major barrier to far eastern unity.

TWO ARMY FLIERS SMASHUP VICTIMS

Park City, Utah, Nov. 17.—(AP)—Two army airmen, one of them Major R. E. L. Pirtle, 88th reconnaissance squadron, were killed today when a blizzard spun a two-motored bomber into a wooded Wasatch mountain ridge. Five fliers parachuted to safety.

One body, tentatively identified as that of Major Pirtle, a native of Council Grove, Kas., was found two miles from the plane wreckage. Attached to his body was his torn parachute, apparently ripped as he jumped from the plane.

Referring to a body burned with the wreckage of the plane, army authorities at Salt Lake commented "this then, must be Anderson."

Sergeant J. D. Anderson was a resident of Ogden, Utah.

Touchdown?



Japan's special envoy, Saburo Kurusu (above), merely laughed when asked today if he was "near a touchdown" following an hour's conference with President Roosevelt. Kurusu had suggested, upon his arrival in this country Saturday, that he might score a touchdown in his conversations with American officials on the explosive far eastern situation.

KURUSU AND F. R. TALK FOR HOUR; RESULTS VEILED

Washington, Nov. 17.—(AP)—A formal conference brought President Roosevelt and Japan's special envoy, Saburo Kurusu, together for more than an hour today to talk of "many things" centering around the explosive far eastern situation.

But there was no indication immediately whether any satisfactory progress had been made toward achieving a better understanding on Pacific problems between this country and Japan.

Kurusu was accompanied to the White House by the Japanese ambassador, Kichisaburo Nomura, and Secretary of State Hull.

The two Japanese dodged questions about the conversation. As they entered a waiting limousine, reporters pressed them for information.

"Was a satisfactory beginning made?" the ambassador was asked.

Kurusu dug an elbow into Nomura's ribs and admonished against answering. The special envoy merely laughed when he was asked if he was "near a touchdown." He had suggested, upon his arrival in this country Saturday, that he might score a touchdown in his conversations with American officials.

RAIDER REPORTED IN SOUTH PACIFIC

Balboa, C. Z., Nov. 17.—(AP)—The U. S. 15th naval district ordered its patrols on the alert today following receipt in maritime circles of unconfirmed reports that a British-operated Yugoslav ship had been attacked in the Pacific, apparently by an axis raider.

The ship attacked, according to these unconfirmed reports, was the 4,375-ton Olga Topic.

Naval circles reported that officers of a Greek vessel arriving here told of hearing the Olga Topic sending an SOS reporting she was being attacked.

WHITMAN PREXY

Walla Walla, Wash., Nov. 17.—(AP)—Dr. Winslow Samuel Anderson, dean of Rollins college, Orlando, Fla., will become president of Whitman college in June, 1942, succeeding Dr. Walter A. Bratton, D. F. Baker, chairman of the Whitman trustees, announced today. Dr. Anderson, 43, has been connected with the Florida institution since 1925, and is a World war veteran.

MINERS BALK AT OPEN SHOP PACT, LEWIS TELLS F. R.

Negotiation To Keep Pits
Open Proves Failure—
Lewis Blames Grace.

Washington, Nov. 17.—(AP)—Captive coal mines, which supply fuel to the nation's biggest steel companies, generally were closed today by a strike of the United Mine Workers and one Alabama steel blast furnace already had closed down due to lack of coal.

The next move seemed up to President Roosevelt, after John L. Lewis, president of the UMW, notified him that the UMW had refused to accept an open shop agreement in the captive mines.

Washington, Nov. 17.—(AP)—John L. Lewis informed President Roosevelt by letter today that the United Mine Workers had refused to accept an open shop agreement in the captive coal mines because it would "invalidate" other agreements in operation throughout the soft coal mining industry.

He told the president that officers of the union had no authority to execute an open shop agreement, "thereby destroying the assets of the membership represented by existing collective bargaining agreements."

Sole Issue

The union shop was the sole issue in the dispute which culminated in a work stoppage today in the captive mines.

Lewis did not call at the White House, as he had been requested to do when Mr. Roosevelt asked last Friday that negotiations be extended over the week-end in an eleventh-hour attempt to halt the threatened shutdowns in captive mines which supply coal to steel mills.

Commercial coal mines, which unlike the captives, sell their product in the open market, are operating under a union shop agreement.

Blames Grace

At the time that the letter to the president was released, Lewis was telling the UMW policy committee that he blamed the present strife in the coal pits squarely on President Eugene G. Grace of the Bethlehem Steel company.

Lewis, addressing an open meeting of the UMW policy committee, said he was convinced Benjamin Fairless of United States Steel company and Frank Purnell, head of Youngstown Sheet and Tube company were ready to sign the union shop company, but were prevented by "that sinister figure Grace."

California Sales Tax Pulling State Out of Long-Standing Deficit

Sacramento, Calif., Nov. 17.—(AP)—California's government took in \$36,586,000 more than it spent in the four months ending October 31 and is in the best financial condition in three years, Finance Director George Killian said today.

And with Christmas buying expected to exceed all previous records, Killian believes the extraordinary revenues will continue at least until next March and bring about an early wiping out of the state's long-time deficit.

The months of July, August, September and October—the first four in the current biennium—brought general fund revenues of \$79,258,000, the greatest collection for a like period in the history of the state. Expenditures were \$42,672,000.

The wide margin between income and outgo slashed sharply at the state's deficit with the result that on October 31 the net cash deficiency was \$24,030,000; lowest figure since Sept. 30, 1938. It was \$72,000,000 on the same date in 1940.

Rigid rationing in Shanghai, China, has developed a bootleg gasoline trade.

Skidding Car Kills Man in Siskiyou

Lewis and Cohorts Before Parley



Before going to the White House where President Roosevelt told them the "government will never compel" the minority non-union miners affected by their dispute to join the union, John L. Lewis (left), president of the United Mine Workers; Philip Murray (center), president of the CIO, and Thomas Kennedy (right), secretary treasurer of the mine workers, faced 200 members of the union's policy committee in Washington.

Anti-Defense Strike Legislation Due for Early Congress Action

KERCH CAPTURE PROVIDES DOOR TO CAUCASUS OIL

Moscow, Tuesday, Nov. 18.—(AP)—Soviet counterattacks on the outskirts of Tula, Russian munitions center 110 miles south of Moscow, have put German units "into a panic-stricken rout," the Moscow radio announced today.

London, Nov. 17.—(AP)—Soviet troops have dislodged the Germans from positions before Leningrad which they had held for two months, said a Reuters dispatch tonight which gave Tass news agency as its authority.

Berlin, Nov. 17.—(AP)—German and Rumanian forces have captured Kerch, the eastern Crimean stepping-stone to the Caucasus, after a violent battle, the German high command announced in a special communique today.

Seizure of the long and bitterly contested port, separated from the Caucasus only by the narrow strait at the mouth of the Sea of Azov, gave the axis an unopposed domination yesterday in the eastern reaches of the peninsula, the communique asserted.

It declared that the Russians so far had lost 101,600 men in prisoners alone in the Crimea, not counting other heavy losses both in land fighting and in German air bombardments harassing Soviet attempts to cross the Kerch straits to the Caucasus.

The regular war bulletin from Adolf Hitler's headquarters reported bombardments of Moscow and Leningrad again last night as well as strong bomber and dive-bomber attacks by red army troop concentrations, transport columns, air bases and railways in the Moscow and Volga areas.

The announcement that Kerch had been captured followed German reports of street fighting within the city.

Corvallis Cantonment Appraisal Near Done

Corvallis, Nov. 17.—(AP)—Appraisal of 45,000 acres which would be included in the proposed Corvallis army cantonment is nearly completed.

Time Has Come

Washington, Nov. 17.—(AP)—Introducing legislation to permit the president to take over plants where strikes threatened production delays, Senator Connally (D-Tex.) told the senate today that "the time has come to determine whether the government is to be coerced by John L. Lewis."

Connally described Lewis as "a selfish labor leader who wants to build up his own prestige and power by impeding defense production."

Rayburn took the floor last week during debate on the neutrality act to assert that he would "follow or lead" in any movement to deal "sanely" with the labor situation.

Rayburn's press conference statement followed a stormy session of the house rules committee at which the acting chairman, Rep. Cox (D-Ga.), urged swift congressional action to deal with defense strikes without awaiting settlement of the Captive mine dispute on the ground that President Roosevelt "is still in the talking stage."

The committee session was called technically to consider granting right-of-way for the price control bill but Cox asserted that the committee might "put the lid" on that measure until the question of labor legislation was settled.

Delay Sentence Of Rogue River Man

Raymond S. Stevens, middle-aged retired railroad worker of Rogue River, entered a plea of guilty to an indictment charging contributing to the delinquency of a minor last Saturday before Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna.

Passing of sentence was deferred by the court pending an examination by the state eugenic board, to which Stevens has agreed.

Ambassadors' Plane Makes Toheran After Being Missing 5 Days

Teheran, Iran, Nov. 17.—(AP)—A plane bearing Maxim Litvinoff, Soviet ambassador to the United States, and U. S. Ambassador Laurence Steinhardt landed here safely at noon today, five days after departing from Kuibyshev, Russia, in a snowstorm.

The plane also carried Sir Walter Monckton, a British information service officer, and two American journalists, Quentin Reynolds of Colliers Magazine and Alice Moats.

(The party of Americans, British and Russians aboard totaled 12, according to earlier advices from Teheran.)

The plane stopped the first night in Astrakhan, on the Caspian sea, three nights in Baku to the south and last night in Pahlavi, Iran, on the 1,300-mile trip.

Delay in the trip had caused concern for the passengers' safety.

Capt. Bean Doubles Staff for Planning Local Cantonment

The constructing quartermaster's staff was up to 32 members this morning as the force was doubled to carry on the work of the architect-engineer whose advance planning of the proposed Medford army cantonment was brought to an end Saturday excepting for winding up accounting matters.

A few more workers will be added to the staff next week, said Capt. Theron W. Bean, constructing quartermaster. The architect-engineer staff, which last week comprised 55 employees, was reduced to three today, not including the executives. The three were two accountants and a clerk engaged on bringing accounting matters to a close. Changes in plans ordered at Washington will now be carried out by the constructing quartermaster's office.

TRAFFIC VICTIM

Seattle, Nov. 17.—(AP)—Sgt. James Perry Penrod 24, of headquarters battery, 66th field artillery brigade, Fort Lewis, died today of injuries received yesterday when struck by an automobile at a street intersection.

LEG IS SEVERED WHILE STANDING BY OWN MACHINE

Otto J. Boss, Los Angeles
Diamond Appraiser, Mishap Victim—Boy Injured.

Otto J. Boss, 62, of Los Angeles, a diamond appraiser and broker in the firm of Boss and Robison, met death on the Pacific highway a mile this side of the Siskiyou mountain summit about 9:45 a. m. today when he was crushed against the rear bumper of his own car by a skidding automobile operated by Mrs. Evangeline Parker Johnson of Claremont, California.

Boss, whose right leg was severed just above the knee as the skidding machine smashed against him, died in an ambulance en route to the Ashland hospital. He also suffered chest and head injuries.

Boy Injured

Also injured in the accident was Gerald L. Zink, 18, of San Pedro, Calif. He suffered a broken left arm when he was struck by the skidding automobile just before it hit Boss.

State police said that Zink, who had been driving south, and Boss, northbound, had stopped on the shoulder of the highway to view a wreck involving a car operated by Mrs. Essie F. Mills of Summit City, Cal., which had skidded on the icy pavement and plunged over a grade. Mrs. Mills was slightly injured in this accident and was taken to Ashland Community hospital by a passing motorist, Vale O. Ralston of Grenada, Cal. Her 12-year-old daughter, Shirley, was unhurt.

Boss, state police said they learned, was standing against the rear bumper of his car looking down at the Mills machine, and Zink was standing about six feet distant. Mrs. Johnson, police said, evidently put on her brakes as she came down the steep grade, causing the car to skid sideways into Zink, knocking him to the ground.

Pinned By Bumper
The car then swerved around and skidded into the Boss machine, striking Boss with its right rear fender and pinning him against the rear bumper of his auto.

Mrs. Boss, who was seated in the car at the time of the accident, was taken to the Ashland hospital suffering from shock. Mr. Boss, coming to Oregon on a business trip, had a considerable amount of diamonds and other jewels in his possession.

District Attorney George W. Neilson has called an inquest for 7:30 tonight in the Ashland office of C. M. Litwiler, deputy coroner.

National Grange to Hold Next Conclave in Washington State

Worcester, Mass., Nov. 17.—(AP)—The National Grange voted today to hold its 1942 convention in the state of Washington. The convention city will be selected later by the farm organization's executive committee. Seattle was expected to be the choice.

Worcester, Mass., Nov. 17.—(AP)—Albert S. Goss of Washington, D. C., former federal land bank commissioner and former master of the Washington State Grange, today was elected national master of the Grange here at the 75th annual convention. He succeeds Louis J. Taber of Ohio, national master for the past 18 years.

Albert S. Goss' election as national grange master climaxes a career which started in 1901 when, a graduate of Portland, Ore., high school and business college, he began work as a bookkeeper. He got into flour and cereal milling, operated a general store, was connected with a telephone business and did general farming.