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HOUSE VOTES VAST WAR PLANE FUND

News Behind The News

by Paul Mallon

Washington, Jan. 23. — Navy Secretary Knox has been trimmed behind the ears—both in congress and down town—since his speech announcing the Atlantic was clear (a day or so before the Nazi subs appeared), and proclaiming Hitler our major enemy, to the dismay of the Chinese.

A man not so far from Mr. Roosevelt has observed that the subs apparently came from Churchill, "but might get Knox" (meaning, of course, Mr. Knox's official position).

A group of four congressional leaders went so far as to discuss the matter with Mr. Roosevelt. They (Barkley, George, Rayburn and McCormack) talked about issuing a public statement on the "major enemy" angle to let China know officially that Knox should not be taken too literally. It was decided Senator George would compose a short-wave speech to the Chinese people. Mr. Roosevelt made it clear subsequently in his press conference, that the battle of the Far East is being waged harder than the battle of the Atlantic.

Off-heard in congressional cloakroom was the advice that "Knox should run the navy and quit making speeches."

If you are perplexed to understand why labor's No. 1 aggressor, John Lewis, has suddenly sprouted wings of peace, you are not alone. Bill Green, you are not alone. Bill Green's right hand public relations man in AFL, Philip Pearl, is writing with lifted eyebrow, in the current issue of the AFL bulletin:

"What new form of skulduggery is John Lewis up to now?" My guess is that Lewis wanted to remove the political curse

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KNUDSEN NAMING DUE FOR HEARING

Washington, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Chairman Chandler (D-Ky.) said today a military affairs subcommittee had ordered hearings next week on President Roosevelt's nomination of William S. Knudsen, former OPM chief, as a lieutenant general in the army.

Chandler said Senator Austin of Vermont, the assistant Republican leader, had asked that the hearing be held.

Chairman Reynolds (D-N.C.) of the full committee said he had turned over to the subcommittee several telegrams of protest against the Knudsen appointment.

Reynolds said most of these telegrams complained that the elevation of a civilian to the high military post would have an adverse effect on army morale.

Radio Highlights

(Time is Pacific Standard)
Tonight: CBS—8:15, Infantile paralysis drive.
Blue—7:45, Justice Frank Murphy on "Challenge to Our National Character."

Saturday: CBS—1 p. m. St. Paul Winter Carnival, Gov. Stassen.
Blue—8:30 a. m., Ask Young America, forum. MBS—1:30 Palm Beach horse racing.

SIDE GLANCES

BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Chauncey Brewer scraping and painting a buggy that he plans to hitch to his horse and use for transportation, hoping to save on rubber tires.

Ted Crawford giving an advance audition to Craterian employees of organ novelties to be presented at the theatre starting Sunday.

33,000 NEW SHIPS PROVIDED FOR IN OMNIBUS MEASURE

Plant Expansion, Armor, Ammunition and Radio Also Authorized in Bill.

Washington, Jan. 23.—(AP)—An unprecedented \$12,525,872,474 appropriation for 33,000 new war planes was approved by the house with little debate today and sent to the senate.

Passage was on a roll call vote, announced as 389 to 0. No opposition developed in debate to the huge fund, but argument over an additional \$30,000,000 appropriation for the controversial Douglas power dam in the Tennessee Valley Authority delayed for a while passage of the omnibus measure.

About 75 percent of the big appropriation would be spent on planes themselves and the rest would be allocated to plant expansion facilities, armor, ammunition and radio, explosive and incendiary supplies.

At the last minute, the house added \$800,000 for state department foreign service transportation costs.

Opening debate on the unprecedented appropriation—the largest single military fund in the history of congress—Chairman Cannon (D., Mo.) of the house appropriations committee told his colleagues:

"The whole issue of this war depends on taking and holding control of the air in every theater of the war."

"Until we have secured control over the Russian front, the Mediterranean and the Pacific we cannot begin our first step toward winning the war."

TOO MUCH ROWING OVER LEADERSHIP CLUBWOMEN TOLD

Washington, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Mrs. John L. Whitehurst of Baltimore, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, told 1,200 clubwomen from all parts of the nation today that she had "never known the woman to quarrel so bitterly" for places of leadership as they are doing in the war program.

"Selfishness is dominating our people today," Mrs. Whitehurst asserted, and warned that bickering over places of preference could cause the downfall of democracy.

"Hitler has stated many times," she said, "that due to our heterogeneous mass of people we would be easy to conquer, that we would fight among ourselves until we would weaken our defense mechanism."

Mrs. Whitehurst did not spare the men, saying they had the same shortcomings as women.

Mrs. Laflin Dickinson, of Keene, N. H., federation first vice president, urged the women not to hoard.

The club women were called here for a series of defense forums.

MARIE DIONNE HAS AFFLICTION OF LEG

Toronto, Jan. 23.—(Canadian Press)—Premier Mitchell Hepburn said today that the Ontario provincial government had called upon Dr. John Laing McDonald, orthopedic specialist of Toronto, to study a muscular ailment, (suspected atrophy) in the leg of Marie, one of the Dionne quintuplets.

Hepburn said an advance report on the little girl was "not alarming" but was such that the government had decided on a consultation and examination to be held next Sunday at the nursery in Callender.

Tula---Where Nazis Met Up With Winter



German prisoners of war trudge through the snows near Tula, headed for a prison camp. It was here that the Germans met the full blast of winter and Russia points to Tula as the turning point of the invasion tide.

Reds Advance in Snowstorm To Surprise German Forces

London, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Advancing behind the curtain of a blinding snowstorm, red army units tonight were reported to have launched a surprise attack on German positions in the 40-mile sector between Novgorod and the Moscow-Leningrad railway in a drive to flank the Leningrad besiegers.

Coupled with news of this fierce drive, which had developed the new year, came fresh bulletins stating that in the Ukraine Marshal Semyon Timoshenko's forces were continuing to advance along a 100-mile front between Kursk and Kharkov, a Russian Pittsburgh.

One military observer declared this push already might have won back Orel which, he said, "has been nearly encircled for a fortnight."

"The Russian statement that 44 towns and villages have been recaptured in this area should be the forerunner of big news," he added.

No More Rubber for Girdle Manufacture After February 1st

Washington, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Sorry, girls, but the war production board confirmed that bad news about girdles today.

After February 1, an order declared, no more crude rubber or latex may be used in manufacturing girdles or other foundation garments, golf and tennis balls, erasers, bathing suits and caps, lawn and garden hose and hundreds of other common household items.

Extending already strict government control over the rubber industry, the board made public a long list of "essential" products which may be manufactured; established production quotas for each class of products; and directed that use of crude rubber for a wide variety of "essential" civilian goods be reduced about 75 percent below recent annual consumption.

ARGENTINA AGREES TO MODIFIED ACT

Buenos Aires, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Argentina now has agreed to a modified resolution calling for a Pan-American diplomatic break with the axis, a foreign office source said tonight.

The other nation had threatened to vote on the measure tomorrow—whether or not Argentina's support was forthcoming. A compromise again was effected, this source said.

Argentina had sought repeatedly to weaken the declaration to make it a mere recommendation instead of a statement of forthright action in support of the United States' war effort.

London, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Turkey has banned the sale of the German propaganda news magazine Signal, distributed by the millions over Europe. Reuters said today in a dispatch from Ankara.

San Francisco, Jan. 23.—(AP)—California decided today to check up on alien land holdings in the state, with especial reference to the legality of Japanese occupation of farm areas.

Many Japanese occupy truck gardens in the coastal counties, and farms in the rich Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys.

Attorney General Earl Warren announced today he was calling a conference for Feb. 2 of sheriffs and district attorneys of the counties most affected. In this conference an investigation will be launched into the alien land situation.

"There has been a good deal of apathy about the whole thing," Warren said.

Japs Strike at Australia

HEARING ON S. P. POSTPONED UNTIL ARMY CONSULTS

Commissioner Bean Delays Preliminary Meeting Until Presidio Conference.

Grants Pass, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Public Utilities Commissioner Ormond Bean has postponed the preliminary investigation set for January 26 at Salem to hear southern Oregon protests over abandonment of Southern Pacific railroad service earlier this month.

Bean said in Salem today he had been instructed by Governor Charles A. Sprague to confer with army authorities at the Presidio, San Francisco, and there to obtain any testimony which the army might not wish to disclose at a public hearing.

Chambers of commerce, mayors, and county judges of Josephine and Jackson counties have protested abandonment of passenger rail service from the Rogue River valley to California.

Frank Hull, manager of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, said the request for the San Francisco consultation came from headquarters of the fourth army and was relayed by Gov. Sprague. So far as was known here, there has been no change in the plans of the California railroad commission to hold a public hearing in Yreka, Cal., February 9 on discontinuance of the train service.

Hull said he was informed that Bean would issue a clarifying statement after the conference with the army authorities.

Lad Who Killed Trio On Hermiston Ranch Faces Gas Chamber

Pendleton, Ore., Jan. 23.—(AP)—John A. Soto faced the state's lethal gas chamber today for a triple slaying near Hermiston on Sept. 25.

A circuit court jury convicted the 17-year-old escapee from a California reformatory after deliberating two hours and 20 minutes yesterday.

He was charged with first degree murder in the deaths of Mrs. Cora Tobin, farm operator, Kenneth Gorsuch, her son, and Marvin Adams, her nephew.

Shortly after his arrest at Kennewick, Wash., he was quoted as saying, "they found out about me." Sheriff Boad said Soto escaped from the Eldridge, Calif., reformatory on July 7, 1941, where he was serving a term for extortion.

His attorneys asked acquittal on the grounds of insanity.

Tojo Reveals Attempt For Peace With China

Tokyo, Jan. 23.—(Official Broadcast Recorded by AP)—Addressing parliament this afternoon, Premier General Hideki Tojo reiterated Japanese willingness to accept any Chungking overtures for peaceful reconciliation if that regime changes its attitude.

He declared that although Japan has been fighting Chungking for five years, she still regards China as a sister nation and has not changed her mind about receiving Chungking with open arms if she only rectifies her mistaken ideas.

London, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Dr. V. K. Wellington Koo, Chinese ambassador to London, told a press conference today he doubted "very much" the rumors that China might conclude a separate peace with Japan.

Tokyo, Jan. 23.—(Official Broadcast Recorded by AP)—Foreign Minister Shigenori Togo told the house of representatives today that at the very outset of the war in the Pacific Japan had received assurances from the Soviet government that Russia would observe her neutrality pact with Japan to the letter.

The foreign minister spoke a few minutes after Premier General Hideki Tojo said "war is not won by money" and expressed confidence that Japan's resources in trained manpower would offset the material resources of the United States.

He said Japan was assured of further triumphs "in greater east Asia" because she possesses the "manpower, training and materials necessary for prosecution of the war."

"In the first factor, which includes the quantity of men," Tojo said, "Japan tops the world."

"So long as we have men trained in 3,000 years of history, we will not be defeated by America which relies on material strength, because after all war is fought by men."

War Bulletins

London, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Eleven persons, nine of them women or girls, were killed and others wounded and missing in a daylight raid today by a single German bomber on a town in East Anglia. The bombs fell in a congested working class area.

London, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Royal air force bombers carried out a concentrated attack on Muenster last night, the air ministry announced today.

New York, Jan. 23.—(AP)—The British radio relayed today a report that Chinese guerrillas had crossed the Yellow sea and stormed Japanese naval headquarters on Yoko Island, off the coast of Korea. CBS recorded the BBC broadcast.

AXIS RECAPTURES AGEDABIA IN NEW AFRICAN EFFORT

Cairo, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Gen. Erwin Rommel's mechanized desert army, apparently making a desperate new bid for axis conquest of eastern Libya, has recaptured Agedabia in a thrust 90 miles northeast of El Agheila where the axis forces made their stand, the British announced officially today.

Indicating strong serial reinforcements had bolstered Rommel's counter attack, the British headquarters war bulletin said the axis advance was "strongly covered by German and Italian bomber aircraft with fighter protection."

American-built Kittyhawk (Curtis) fighters of the Australian air force attacked the axis formations and brought down three planes, including a dive bomber.

At the same time RAF bombers raided concentrations of axis motor transport in the battle area.

(A Reuters report that there were 400 vehicles in this concentration pointed up the weight of the axis push.)

The communiqué, which said the axis forward movement was continuing, declared that "light covering forces of Britain's eighth army" had withdrawn to positions east of Agedabia.

COMPROMISE ON PRICES GOES OVER TO MONDAY

Washington, Jan. 23.—(AP)—The house today postponed until Monday consideration of the final compromise on price control legislation.

The senate had waited in recess for more than two hours for the house to act on the conference report on the price bill.

BODIES OF THREE FOUND ON WAYSIDE

Baltimore, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Two married sisters, one of them shot and the other stabbed, and an unidentified man, also shot, were found early today on a bush-lined roadside near Catonsville, Baltimore suburb.

Baltimore county police, reporting they found neither knife nor pistol near the scene, said it was possible the women and the man were slain elsewhere and their bodies dumped beside the road.

The women were identified as Mrs. Helen Johnson, 21, and her sister, Mrs. Irene Carter, 32.

Leonard Johnson of Alberton, Mr. husband of Mrs. Johnson, made the identification, police said.

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New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Probably New Britain, In War Front Spread

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In general, the news was dark from fronts in the far Pacific conflict, relieved by word from Washington that the United States was beginning to pour a stream of reinforcements into what has been, until now, a lopsided struggle.

Critical hours again were at hand in the battles of Malaya and Burma.

Dutch heavy bombers and fighters lashed out at the Mikado's invasion hordes swarming into the South Sea Islands, scoring 12 direct hits on eight Japanese warships and transports in the Strait of Macassar, between Dutch Borneo and Celebes Island.

Triple Menace Seen
Military strategists emphasized the triple menace of Japan's newest thrusts:

1. The war has been brought to territory within easy striking distance of Australia.

2. Japan has forged a new link in her chain of bases stretching south and east for 2,500 miles from Tokyo to the Solomon Islands.

3. The united nations' supply lines to the Dutch East Indies, Singapore, Burma and China have been sharply endangered.

From the bases in New Guinea and in the 750-mile-long Solomon chain to the east, Japan may now command the vital Torres Strait between Australia and New Guinea and force allied shipping into a 3,000-mile detour south of the Australia mainland.

In swift alarm, Australia ordered blackouts in all cities, militia units were equipped with full battle dress, and the commonwealth war cabinet was called in emergency session.

Urgent new appeals were sent to Washington and London stressing the need for reinforcements.

Gravity Emphasized
The locale of the Japanese landing in New Guinea was not given, but presumably the invaders put ashore near off-bombard Madang, on the northeast coast, 450 miles airline from Cape York, Australia, and 1,300 miles from Australia's great Port Darwin naval base.

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