NIPPONS CONVERT MANCHURIA INTO BIG ARMED CAMP

Million Troops Stationed Siberia-Manchurian Defense Lines, Is Report.

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Chungking, Dec. 9—(U.P.)—The Japanese have converted Manchuria into a great armed camp, stationing 1,000,000 "cold weather" troops along the Siberia-Manchurian defense lines and extending rigid police control over the civilian population, a traveler from the north reported today.

This informant said the Japanese soldiers in Manchuria were trained for fighting in cold regions such as Siberia, Kamchatka and even Korea. The troops face toward Siberia along a primary defense line extending from Manchuli in the west to Suifenho in the east; and along a secondary defense line from Tsisihar to Harbin, according to this account.

Japanization Rapid

The traveler related that the "Japanization" of Manchuria has proceeded rapidly since the outbreak of the Pacific war. The "Japanization" of Manchuria included:

1. All Manchurian school children, college students, workers and soldiers must bow southeastward each morning toward the imperial palace at Tokyo.

2. Movies and newspapers spread the theory that all inhabitants of Manchuria are descendants of a Japanese crown prince who supposedly escaped from Japan during a civil war thousands of years ago.

3. Japan has increased the number of immigrants to Manchuria to 1,000,000 minimum annually.

4. Japan is encouraging mixed marriages among Japanese, Chinese, Mongols, Manchurians and Koreans.

5. The Japanese burned all books in Manchuria which had the slightest connection with Chinese nationalism or patriotism; and they introduced the theory in all schools that Japanese and Manchurians are of the same racial origin.

6. Civilians in Manchuria presently are under control of one of the world's best organized and cruelest police forces—the "metropolitan Police Headquarters." Chang Chun is the center of this control. Police have "concentrated" communities by burning many smaller ones and leaving villages 15 miles apart to facilitate control. These "concentrated" villages are connected with highways, railways and telephone systems for joint defense against possible uprisings.

7. A rigid Japanese conscription system now forces all able bodied farmers and workers to become either soldiers or join engineering corps consturcting air fields and fortifications. Three hundred thousand Chinese farmers have been moved from Manchuria to various battlefields in the Pacific area.

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The Chief Swings It

There's nothing like dancing to keep you on your toes and Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the U. S. Pacific fleet, is always on his toes. He's shown cutting a rug or two with a member of the cast of the USO variety show at the Waikiki Beach, Hawaii, Navy recreation center's formal opening.

Townsend Club No. 1 Election Is Friday

(Contributed)

Members of Townsend club No. 1 are reminded to attend the club meeting Friday as the annual election of officers will be the main business.

There will also be a program and other items of interest.

The public is always welcome.

ROOSEVELT DENIES MANY HOLD SOFT JOB

Washington, Dec. 9—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt today assailed what he said was the widespread misconception that millions of civilian workers are now enjoying nice, soft government jobs.

Of the 2,500,000 civilians employed by the government, the president said more than 60 per cent—more than 1,500,000—were engaged in actual production of munitions for use by the armed forces.

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FATHER DIVINE IS SUBPOENAED FOR RIKER'S HEARING

"Holy City" Cult Leader Claims Negro Responsible For Arrest on Sedition.

San Francisco, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—Second Lieut. Cherrill Hannon testified at the sedition trial of "Father" William E. Riker today that Riker last February asked him to post literature at Moffett field advocating that the United States make peace with the Axis "minus Japan."

Lieut. Hannon quoted Riker, religious cult leader at Holy City, Cal., as saying that Hitler has "something on the ball" because he did not use negroes in his army; that Hitler's treatment of Jews "shows understanding of life;" and that "we must make slaves of the negroes and orientals."

Subpoena Divine

Hannon was the first government witness as the trial opened before Federal District Judge A. F. St. Sure and a jury of six men and six women. Earlier, at Riker's request, Judge St. Sure issued a subpoena ordering Father Divine, negro religious cult leader, to appear as witness.

Hannon said he hitched a ride with Riker February 3. During the ride, he testified, Riker told him he had "already contacted 50 soldiers," and that they "agreed with him" in principal.

Defense Attorney Melvin Belli said Riker had been misquoted in the indictment.

"We will show that Riker never made any statement that 'we should fight the Japanese only' to the three soldiers named in the indictment. Rather, Riker said, 'we should not fight the German and Italian people after we have knocked out Hitler.'"

Urged Support of F. R.

Belli said Riker had distributed posters saying "to hell with Hitler;" that Riker had advised his own son, Willis, to join the coast guard; and that Riker had spent $1,000 for newspaper ads urging support of the president.

Riker alleged in an affidavit filed in court that Father Divine was responsible for his arrest. Reasserting his innocence of the sedition charge, Riker said he was the victim of "criminal libel" published in Father Divine's "New Day."

Riker, head of the Holy City, Cal., religious community, was charged in a federal indictment with telling at least three U. S. soldiers they had no business fighting Hitler; that Hitler's anti-Jewish crusade was commendable; that America should cooperate with Germany and Italy, and wage was only against Japan.

Reno Worried By Army Rum Order

Reno, Nev., Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—Attempting to work out a compromise agreement with military authorities whereby Reno night clubs and gambling houses will not have to close at 12 midnight, the Reno Bureau of Hotels, Restaurants, Clubs and Purveyors has requested the city council to adopt an ordinance making it unlawful to sell liquor to service men after that hour.

YALE WILL BECOME PRE-FLIGHT SCHOOL

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—President Charles Seymour, president of Yale university, disclosed today that 2,000 officers of the pre-flight training school and 600 regular army personnel will arrive at Yale in January, taking over half the university's living quarters and a third of its classroom facilities.

SANTA CLAUS GIVEN SANCTION OF NAZIS

New York, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—The Office of War Information, quoting a dispatch in the Stockholm newspaper Dagens Nyheter, reported today that Nazi occupation authorities in Norway had ruled that the display of Santa Claus in store windows was not "an illegal or subversive action."

Brazil is to establish price control, a priorities system and other economic measures to strengthen the war effort, the department of commerce says.

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DYE GIVES AID IN DIAGNOSING COLDS

St. Louis —(U.P.)— Scientists have developed a dye which within 60 seconds can prove whether a "cold" is due to infection by common cold germs or to allegic irritation, according to Dr. French K. Hansel of St. Louis.

Dr. Hansel described the dye before a meeting of the American Public Health association. The dye is used to stain a sample of nasal discharge which disclosed tiny particles under a microscope. The particles turn blue if they are germs and red if the irritation is due to allergy.

Confusing the two afflictions during treatment may be harmful, Dr. Hansel said. The dye also is used in diagnosing sinus infections.

He said about 12 per cent of the children who have chronic colds and bronchitis suffer from allergy rather than infections. Many unnecessary operations for removal of tonsils are performed on children because some physicians fail to recognize the presence of an allergy, he said.

NATURAL GAS SHORT

Washington, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—The War Production board today reported that natural gas shortage has developed in areas in Texas, New Mexico and Arizona served by the El Paso Natural Gas Co., and that service to war plants and army camps has been reduced.

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VENTURA MODEL BOMBERS PROVE ABILITY TO RAID

New American Twin-Engined Lockheed-Vega Ships Join in Foray Over Holland.

By Sidney J. Williams
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London, Dec. 9—(U.P.)—The air ministry revealed today that the new American-made Ventura bombers participated in the devastating "zero level" raid Sunday on the Philips radio works at Eindhoven, Holland.

It was the first official announcement that the Venturas were in operation in Britain.

The Ventura is a twin-engined Lockheed-Vega plane, based on the Lockheed Lodestar airliner design, with a quick takeoff and ability to climb swiftly at a very sharp angle. It is faster, the air ministry said, than the Lockheed Hudson bomber and is the bomber command's latest aircraft.

Fly Very Low

Some bombers which raided the Philips works flew so low they brought back on their under-structures all sorts of twigs and even ducks.

The air ministry said "large numbers" of the new weapon already have been delivered in England and that the Ventura is in mass production in the United States.

The Ventura's bomb load is still secret.

(The Lockheed Lodestar was a midwing monoplane designed to carry 14 passengers and a crew of three, powered with Pratt & Whitney or Wright Cyclone radial air-cooled engines, and rated to handle loads up to 6,200 pounds. The horsepower of the Lodestar varied from 1500 to 2100, depending on the type of engines used.)

Several Downed

Led by Wing Commander R. Young, the Venturas went in as the second wave of the 100-bomber attack on the Eindhoven factory. By this time, the air ministry said, German anti-aircraft defenses were fully in action. The bombers were met with a hail of light flak.

"Several Venturas were downed," the air ministry said, "but the squadrons swept in to the target at 'nought fee,' namely, rooftop height, and dropped loads of high explosives and incendiaries right on the target.

"The most experienced pilot said he had never seen a more concentrated or more effective bombing."

Arraignment Set For Bogus Doctor

Sacramento, Dec. 9—(U.P.)—Arraignment of Arthur Osborn Phillips, 48, "bogus" doctor of Chico, on charges of making fraudulent claims to obtain money from a federal agency, today was set for Thursday, Dec. 10, by U. S. District Judge Martin I. Welsh.

The date was moved up three days at the request of Phillips.

Phillips, who recently completed a county jail term in Butte county for practicing medicine without a state license, performed numerous surgical operations while employed at a Chico hospital.

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