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RUSSIA AND CHINA NEAR CRISIS OVER MANCHURIA GRAB

Soviet Aided Chinese Reds In Occupying Northern Area Is Chungking Belief

Chungking, Nov. 16—(U.P.)—Russo-Chinese relations today appeared to be approaching a crisis over growing belief in government circles that Russia deliberately has aided Chinese communists to establish themselves in Manchuria.

There were indications the Chinese communists already have established themselves so strongly in the north that the central government will be unable to dislodge them in Manchuria.

Say Treaty Violated Government circles believed tacit Soviet assistance to the Chinese communists violated at least the spirit if not the letter of the three-month-old Sino-Russian treaty of friendship and alliance.

Reports from the north indicated that the central government may be preparing to withdraw 300 officials from Changchun and abandon the Manchuria capital to the communists.

Chinese observers pointed out that the Russians first allowed communist forces to enter southern Manchuria and entrench themselves along the frontier, thus making it impossible for nationalist troops to come in by land.

The Russians then allowed the communists to occupy the Manchurian seaports, preventing the landing of central government troops by ship.

Air Use Blocked And now they have prevented Chungking from using airfields in Manchuria until the communists could establish themselves in a position to shoot down or disarm any airborne forces which Gen. Chiang Kai-shek might attempt to bring in.

As a result of these developments, observers said they would not be surprised to see a change in relations between Chungking and Moscow.

MARINES TO HIT BACK AT REDS

Shanghai, Nov. 16—(U.P.)—Lt. Gen. A. C. Wedemeyer announced today he has authorized U. S. marine commanders to take "appropriate action" including air attacks, if necessary, to halt attacks upon U. S. marines which have been made from a small village between Tangshan and Chinwangtao.

The village is communist-held and has been a center for attacks against coal trains guarded by U. S. marines.

Wedemeyer said he had directed his commanders to move against the village after taking precautions for the safety of civilians provided the attacks continue to endanger American lives.

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HAROLD LLOYD WINS PLAGIARISM DECISION

Hollywood, Nov. 16—(U.P.)—Universally Picture stole film sequences from silent movie star Harold Lloyd and used them in re-makes, Federal Judge Ben Harrison ruled today.

"This is a deliberate case of plagiarism," he said in announcing his decision.

Attorney Julian Ables, representing Universally, drew Harrison's anger with gestures and an "aggressive manner." The judge warned him "You can't get away with that here."

Victory Loan Drive "E" Quota \$525,000 "E" Sales to Date \$109,662 Remainder to sell \$415,338

SURPRISE WITNESS BLAMES YAMASHITA

Manila, Nov. 16—(U.P.)—Japan's former naval commander in the Philippines made a surprise courtroom appearance today to swear that Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita's Japanese army command alone was responsible for the rape of Manila.

The new witness, Vice Adm. Denshichi Okochi, was brought from a prisoner of war camp to back up the prosecution charge that the Japanese naval troops who committed many of the frightful Manila atrocities actually were under Yamashita's command.

In a trembling voice, Okochi testified that he turned over command of the 20,000 naval officers and men in Manila to Yamashita on Jan. 6, 1945, more than a month before the city fell to the Americans.

Yamashita twisted in amazement as the bald, bespectacled Japanese admiral took the witness stand and he glared angrily at his fellow-commander.

"I notified Yamashita that I was turning over the command to him and was leaving the same day for Baguio," Okochi said, obviously struggling to retain his composure under Yamashita's venomous stare.

Mrs. Beatriz Sapinoso, another witness, said the Japanese dragged her husband off last Dec. 16 and apparently killed him.

She said two Japanese officers tortured her in her home at Imus.

"They stripped me naked, forced me to the floor and burned my entire body with cigarettes, including my vital parts. Then they placed an iron bar across my neck and stepped on the ends, at the same time beating me with a rubber hose.

"When I fainted, they revived me with water and repeated the torture. They laughed."

FORMER INMATE TELLS OF MASS DACHAU TORTURE

Dachau, Nov. 16—(U.P.)—A former inmate of Dachau told a U. S. military court today of nightmarish Nazi experiments on human guinea pigs which caused hundreds of deaths in agony at the notorious concentration camp.

Josef Blaha, graduate of the Prague medical school, who landed in Dachau in 1941 after two years of surveillance by the gestapo, testified at the trial of 40 nazis on charges of murdering countless thousands of brutally mistreated inmates of the camp.

Blaha's testimony was a grisly story of horror on a mass scale. He told of ruthless experiments on living prisoners, of torture rivaling that in the middle ages, and of the "liquidation" of thousands of Russian inmates who were given the worst treatment of all.

Blaha said he saw the bodies of 6,000 to 8,000 Russians carted off to the crematorium. At one time, he said, 96 Soviet generals and colonels were marched to the crematorium, shot through the back of the neck, and their bodies burned. Attendees extracted their gold teeth before the bodies were thrown into the furnaces.

AVIATRIX DIES IN MOUNTAIN CRASH

Issaquah, Wash., Nov. 16—(U.P.)—Blinded by swirling clouds, Seattle Aviatix Mrs. Alice Donohue Wolpert, 25, was killed when she flew her small trainer plane into the wooded peak of a 2,300-foot mountain four miles from here, a 15-year-old farm boy back from the crash scene said today.

Missing since yesterday on a 20-minute flight to the airport here from Kent, Wash., the pretty aviatix was found dead in the plane's wreckage by ground parties after Search Pilot Al Lockwood sighted the wreckage, crumpled near an airline radio beacon on the mountain top.

Grangers Told Parity Plan Should Include All Groups

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 16—(U.P.)—Milton S. Eisenhower, president of Kansas State college, today advocated before the national grange convention expansion of the parity concept to include all major groups in our modern economy.

"American agriculture established the parity idea," Eisenhower said, "which in effect says that farmers should get an income that allows them to buy at fair exchange the goods they need. The parity concept in agriculture has its greatest usefulness in the realm of public understanding and acceptance of a fair goal."

Pointing out that agriculture and industry are interdependent, Eisenhower told the grange it is to the interest of each to see that the other gets a fair return.

"But who among us, as a citizen whose judgment should be paramount, knows what is a fair return for labor, for capital, for management, transportation or professional service?" he asked.

"We must expand the parity concept quickly so that we can know what fair returns are so that all groups can obtain economic justice.

"We require at once a parity formula for American labor. That formula should be so constructed that labor receives its fair share of the national income, no more, no less."

MACARTHUR ACTS TO HALT JAPAN'S BLACK MARKETING

Immediate Order Issued When Government Says Control System Futile

Tokyo, Nov. 16—(U.P.)—The Japanese government said today that a system of price control for foods was "in a state of complete collapse" and one official forecast widespread food riots for next spring in Japanese cities not garrisoned by American troops.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur ordered to immediate operation a Japanese plan to combat the black market by abolishing present price controls on perishable foods, "almost all" of which the government admitted are being sold illegally.

Mayor Tells Need New prices will be higher than present government ceilings but well below the black market, the government said.

The allied order followed by a few hours the arrival in Tokyo of Mayor K. Kanai of Suwa City, a mountain town of 40,000 population in Nagano prefecture where many residents of Tokyo and Yokohama fled for safety from allied bombings during the war.

Kanai said that some of the refugees already had died of starvation and that others had committed suicide rather than buy food after their funds had been exhausted.

Legal moves toward democratization of Japan's totalitarian political and economic structure were reported progressing.

Hundreds of letters from Japanese have been received expressing interest in a series of factual articles being prepared by SCAP on the war which will include accounts of Japanese atrocities, it was stated.

Automotive — United Automobile Workers (CIO) charged the major auto manufacturers with forcing a "costly and terrible" strike throughout the industry, following a halt in wage negotiations with the General Motors Corp.

Steel — CIO steelworkers went ahead with plans for a nationwide strike vote before the end of the month in support of demands for a \$2-a-day wage boost.

Food — A strike of machinists and bakery wagon drivers held up milk and bread deliveries in the San Francisco bay area; San Francisco grocery clerks prepared to walk out tomorrow over demands for a \$6 weekly pay raise.

Lumber — Prospects brightened for settlement of an eight-week work stoppage among AFL lumber workers, who left their jobs eight weeks ago in demands for an industry-wide \$1.10 minimum hourly wage.

Navy Radio Here Expands Power

Enlargement of the naval radio station located near the local fair grounds from 400 watts to 5,000 watts, as was the original intent, is being completed, according to word from the civil aeronautics administration, received yesterday by Frank Rogers, city superintendent.

The station was constructed early in July.

NAZI DOOMED

London, Nov. 16—(U.P.)—Joseph Hoffman, Nazi commandant of the infamous Majdanek prison camp in Poland, has been sentenced to death by the Polish people's court at Lublin, radio Moscow reported last night.

Idaho-Maine Spuds Take Bite Test

One potato, two potatoes get the bite test in age-old spud superiority claim of Idaho and Maine as Gov. H. A. Hildreth of Maine (left) and Gov. Charles G. Gosssett, Idaho, put it up to judges in potato contest held in Senate restaurant, Washington. Judges were ladies of House of Representatives and agricultural experts.



BEND MAN KILLED IN SMASHUP NEAR ASHLAND VIADUCT

Attempt to Pass Log Truck Kills One—Hero Brother Seriously Injured

George W. Mirich, the "one man army" of the Aleutians who won the distinguished service cross on Attu, was injured seriously last night in an automobile accident that killed his brother, Michael W. Mirich, 27, of Bend.

State police said a car driven by the discharged war hero collided with a logging truck near the underpass at Ashland.

Mirich suffered several face lacerations and other injuries, but will recover. His brother was killed instantly. Michael Mirich had just returned from army service in the South Pacific.

George Mirich received his discharge early this year and took over a service station in Salem. He won his second highest American valor medal for a one-man attack on a Japanese strong point on Attu island, and later for leading a squad against a fortified hill on Chicago pass. He was wounded and received the purple heart.

The fighting sergeant was with the 96th division and enlisted from Klamath Falls, Ore. His mother, Mrs. Mildred Mirich, lives in Bend.

According to Deputy Coroner C. W. Litwiller the Mirich car was heading south on Highway 99 at about 45 miles an hour when the driver, George Mirich, attempted to pass a logging truck going the same direction.

In driving too close to the truck, he failed to clear a protruding log, which sheared off the top of the right side of the coupe, crushing his brother's skull and killing him instantly.

The injured driver was rescued from the wreckage by two passing motorists and rushed to the Ashland hospital.

E. H. McNab, Route 2, box 43, Ashland, was also a witness to the accident.

NAVY TO RETAIN ASTORIA STATION

Washington, Nov. 16—(U.P.)—Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher, deputy chief of naval air operations, reported today that the naval air station of Astoria, Ore., was scheduled to be maintained at full operation "as far as I know."

Fate of the station was in question more than two months ago during naval affairs committee hearings. At that time it was agreed that separate hearings would be held on Astoria, but subsequently, on Oct. 17, the station appeared on a "tentative" list of navy surplus facilities.

DeGaulle Denies Resigning Office

Paris, Nov. 16—(U.P.)—Gen. Charles DeGaulle at 6 p. m. tonight issued an official denial that he had yet resigned his office.

DeGaulle issued a formal statement saying he has not yet sent any letter to the president of the assembly, Felix Gouin, and that no official communique has yet been issued by his office.

WAINWRIGHT FOR DEPORTING JAPS

Portland, Ore., Nov. 16—(U.P.)—After his long confinement in Japanese prison camps, Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright hasn't changed his mind about Japs.

Any Japanese who renounced his American citizenship is no different from any other alien Jap who does not have citizenship and "if the government wants to deport them, I'm in favor of it," the defender of Corragidor declared upon his arrival in Portland today.

While unfamiliar with a new legal move of Japanese to regain the citizenship renounced, Wainwright was scornful of the maneuver. He was eager to be informed how 1,000 Japs in the Tule Lake relocation center, who voluntarily gave up citizenship and said they wanted to return to Japan, now had gone into San Francisco federal court to regain their rights.

LANDLORD WOULD EVICT OPA HEAD

Los Angeles, Nov. 16—(U.P.)—Attorney Fred I. Richman today petitioned for permission to evict 377 tenants, including an OPA rent director from three apartment houses he said he can no longer afford to operate.

Richman was the first to act among 1,700 landlords who yesterday announced they would withdraw their apartments from the rental market. Landlords admit the "rent strike" is designed to force the OPA to remove rent restrictions.

The attorney promised that servicemen could stay on rent free. He said he was losing money in the three apartments because of rent ceilings, high tax rates and inability to use rent for improvements because of lack of materials. Later, Richman said, he would enter petitions to withdraw more apartment houses.

UNO HOME OFFERED

London, Nov. 16—(U.P.)—New York City's mayor-elect William O'Dwyer has offered the 1,200-acre site of the 1939 world fair to the United Nations for its future home. It was disclosed today. His invitation was in the hands of the UNO secretariat along with three other late offers—from Atlantic City, N. J., Hyde Park, N. Y., and Denver, Colo.

If you can't afford to buy Victory Loan Bonds outright have your employer deduct an amount each week until enough has accumulated to buy a Victory Bond—and then keep on having that amount deducted.

BEAST OF BELSEN AND AIDES GUILTY

Lueneburg, Germany, Nov. 16 (U.P.)—A British military tribunal today found Joseph Kramer, commandant of the Belsen concentration camp, guilty of war crimes.

Kramer, known as the "Beast of Belsen," was the chief defendant of the 45 on trial before the military tribunal.

He was found guilty on both counts of the indictment brought against him—of mass cruelty and killing of inmates of Belsen and also of inmates of the equally notorious Auschwitz camp.

Sentence Tomorrow Sentence was expected to be imposed upon him tomorrow. There was no doubt that it would be the death penalty.

Dr. Fritz Klein, 58, Rumanian and graduate of the Budapest Medical school, also was found guilty on both charges.

A huge crowd gathered at the courtroom to hear the verdicts. Spectators in the courtroom were searched for arms before being allowed to enter.

Irma Grese, 22, blonde, pistol-packing woman guard at Belsen, and Peter Weingartner, 30-year-old Yugoslav peasant and SS worker, also were found guilty on both counts.

Hoesler Guilty Franz Hoesler, 39, Kramer's chief lieutenant at both Auschwitz and Belsen, was found guilty on the Auschwitz charge. Juana Bormann, known as the "Woman with the Hound" which she set on the prisoners, was found guilty on the Auschwitz charge but not the Belsen charge.

E. Ehlert was found guilty as regards Belsen and George Kraft was acquitted on both counts.

MISS NINA TUTTLE FIRST APPLICANT IN QUEEN CONTEST

To Nina Tuttle, charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Tuttle of Valley View Drive, goes the honor of being first applicant in the Victory Queen contest, being sponsored by Medford Post of the American Legion in the interests of the Victory Loan drive.

Miss Tuttle, a vivacious brunette with many friends in the valley, was selected by the Rotary Club whose membership has pledged wholehearted support in their efforts to send their representative to Portland for the state finals.

Applicants may secure application blanks at the Chamber of Commerce or at the Craterian Theatre.

HUNTERS CHARGED WITH 32 FIRES IN OREGON'S FORESTS

Salem, Ore., Nov. 16—(U.P.)—Now that the shooting is over in the Oregon woods—state and federal forest officials are taking inventory of damage caused by careless nimrods during the month-long hunting season.

Probably the greatest damage—not including the loss of human life—was the result of fire. Hunter's campfires, warming fires and cigarettes kept crews busy long after the regular fire season ended.

32 Fires Charged A total of 32 fires were charged to hunters by state and association units during the first two weeks of the hunting season. These 32 fires burned over a total of 409 acres of forest and grassland and kept 54 state firefighters and numerous hunters on the fire lines.

The national forest took a severe beating from fires during the hunting season. Some individual hunter-caused fires in the national forests burned more than 1,000 acres of forest and brush land before they were controlled.

Damage to future deer crops was done by careless and wanton destruction of does and fawns.

Cattle Shot Cattlemen complain that many of their herds were shot when mistaken for deer.

Nimrods hunting in the pine forests of eastern Oregon reported a serious lack of bucks as compared with previous years. But forest officials are wondering if it wasn't just a problem of a great increase in the size of the red hat brigade.

Then there is the story at forestry headquarters here of now the assistant ranger in the Snow Mountain district of the Ocoee National Forest solved the problem of evacuating hunters from a hazardous area without so much as a small argument.

This unidentified ranger waited until most of the menfolk were out prowling for game. Then he casually dropped into camp still occupied by a few women and indisposed males and hinted that a serious fire was raging nearby and that before long hunters probably would be on the fire line. Returning a little later he found the camp spot inhabited only by a few squirrels and magpies.

Discharge Point Score Cut To 55 For Men; 32 For Wacs

Washington, Nov. 16—(U.P.)—The War department today lowered the discharge point score for male enlisted personnel from 60 to 55, effective Dec. 1.

It also announced other changes in the discharge system which will serve an additional 783,000 servicemen and women eligible for return to civilian life.

The discharge score for enlisted WACS will be reduced on Dec. 1 from 34 to 32 and for male officers from 75 to 73 points. WAC officers still will need 37 points for discharge.

All enlisted men with three or more dependent children under 18 years, and all married WACS who entered the service prior to May 12 will be discharged upon application after Dec. 1.

Previously, WACS had to be married to discharged servicemen to be eligible for separation from the service. Also eligible for discharge on application will be enlisted personnel with four years' service. Details of the new demobilization schedule: Male enlisted personnel will be eligible for discharge if they have (1) 55 points as computed on Sept. 2, 1945, or (2) four years of honorable military service, or (3) three or more children under 18 years of age dependent upon them.

PACIFIC SHIPPING CONVOYED BEFORE JAPANESE ATTACK

Pearl Harbor Probe Shows American Navy Long Expecting Jap Aggressions

Washington, Nov. 16—(U.P.)—The Pearl Harbor investigation developed testimony today that the navy began convoying Pacific shipping 13 days before the Japanese attack on Dec. 7, 1941.

Rear Adm. T. B. Inglis, chief of naval intelligence, testified that Adm. Harold R. Stark, chief of naval operations at the time, ordered escort service for trans-Pacific shipping on Nov. 25, 1941.

Inglis said he did not know why the escort service was ordered.

Messages Intercepted The committee, however, released intercepted Japanese espionage and diplomatic messages which indicated U. S. officials knew well before the convoy order went out that Japan was plotting new aggressions.

In a message to his government on Nov. 10, 1941, Japanese Ambassador Nomura told of a conversation here with an unidentified U. S. cabinet officer who said the American government had received reliable reports that Japan "will be on the move soon."

"Our boss, the president, believes those reports and so does the secretary of state," Nomura quoted the cabinet officer as saying.

This same informant, Nomura's message said, told him that (in Nomura's words) "the United States cannot stop now because if Japan moves something will have to be done since it is a question of the United States saving its face."

Inglis' testimony about the convoy order was brought out through questioning by Sen. Homer Ferguson, R., Mich., early in the second day of public hearings in the congressional investigation into the Pearl Harbor disaster.

MERRILL GUILTY JURY'S VERDICT

Robert Ben Merrill, charged with assault with intent to rob, was found guilty Thursday evening by a circuit court jury, W. C. Blankenship, Medford, foreman. The jury started deliberations at 4:30 p. m., took time out for dinner and returned the verdict at 7:55 p. m.

Merrill, with four felony and eight misdemeanor convictions on his record, took the verdict calmly. Under Oregon law the penalty for his latest conviction is from five to 20 years. He is also under a year's sentence in the county jail on a plea of guilty to jail break last August. Sentence will be passed by Judge Herbert K. Hanna Saturday in the assault conviction.

The trial started last Tuesday with District Attorney George W. Neilson representing the state and Attorney George A. Coddling the defense.

DREAM BOY'S GIRL IS FREED ON BAIL

Los Angeles, Nov. 16—(U.P.)—Sonny Wisecarver's latest married girl friend was freed on bond today, charged with contributing to the 16-year-old great lover's delinquency.

Sonny himself remained in jail downstairs while the 25-year-old Mrs. Eleanor Deveny, mother of two, was arraigned and then freed after her brother posted \$500 to ensure her appearance Nov. 27.

She was demure in manner and dress when Judge A. A. Scott notified her of the charge. In contrast to her previous rapturous statements about the deep and enduring passion Sonny had lavished on her, she murmured: "I've said too much already."

SLAYER PREPARED

Sacramento, Calif., Nov. 16—(U.P.)—Lt. Gov. Frederick F. Houser late last night granted a reprieve to Jan. 25 to Marvin Lindley, convicted slayer of a 13-year-old girl, who was scheduled to die in San Quentin's gas chamber at 10 a. m. today.